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**SPECIAL COURT SESSION
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OF ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS
OCTOBER 21, 2025**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Orange County, Texas, will meet on **Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 10 a.m.** in the Commissioners' Courtroom located at 123 S. 6th Street for the following purposes to-wit:

SPECIAL COURT SESSION AGENDA

***Invocation
U.S. Pledge
Texas Pledge***

1. Open Court session for comments from Court and citizens on items which may or may not need to be placed on the following week(s) agenda for consideration. Each person addressing the Court may be limited to three (3) minutes.
2. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the monthly reports from the County Treasurer for month ending September 30, 2025, and recording in the minutes of the court:
 - a. Approval of Investments in the amount of \$357,725.73
 - b. Approval of Interest Earned to date in the amount of \$2,275,989.97
 - c. Treasurer's Report of revenues received and disbursed in accordance with the Local Government Code 114.026(d) and affidavit of approval by court. This report will be available on the county's web site for viewing.
 - d. Pledged Security Collateral for a total of \$26,399,223.68 summary as follows:
 - Wells Fargo Bank \$19,758,819.73
 - 1st Financial Bank \$ 6,640,403.95

(Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)

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3. Discussion and possible action regarding filing in the minutes of the Court the County Treasurer's quarterly investment report as required by Public Funds Investment Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2256. This report is for Quarter ending September 30, 2025, and will be available for viewing on the County's web site. (Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)
4. Discussion and possible action regarding filing in the minutes of the Court a direct deposit from the State Comptroller of Public Accounts in the amount of \$664,306.94. These funds represent the ½-cent Sales and Use Allocation for the month of July 2025 and have been credited to the General Operating Fund. (Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)
5. Acknowledgement for recording in the minutes regarding payment of bills approved by the County Auditor for **October 14, 2025**. (Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)
6. Discussion and possible action regarding payment of **October 21, 2025**, bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:
 - a. \$115,401.06 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Texas Association of Counties HEBP for group medical, dental, life-under age 65 for October 2025.
 - b. \$93,945.72 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Amwins Group Benefits, Inc. for insurance for retirees 65 and over for November 2025.
 - c. \$20,985.00 from the General Fund (001-681-53023) to Arceneaux, Wilson & Cole, L.L.C. for professional services 08/01/2025-09/30/2025: Bailey Camp Lake Street Fishing Project ORC-080.
 - d. \$4,725.00 from the Special Grants Fund (081-927-53000) to Architects, Inc. for professional services through 09/30/2025: Public Health Building.
 - e. \$2,800.00 from the Special Grants Fund (081-927-53020) to Capital Plumbing for 3805 Hwy. 12, Vidor, Texas - water line project.
 - f. \$250.00 from the Special Grants Fund (081-927-53000) to Atlas Technical Consultants, L.L.C. for professional services 08/30/2025-09/26/2025 Project 250093.00: New Health Services Building.
 - g. \$1,150.00 from the General Fund (001-111-54290) to Claybar Funeral Home for indigent funeral expenses.

(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

7. Discussion and possible action regarding a line item transfer:

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From: 001-743-57500 (Equip. Non-inventory < \$2,000).....(\$62,500.00)
To: 001-743-57590 (Equip. > \$5,000) \$62,072.00
001-743-57595 (Equip. Between \$2,000 & \$4,999)..... \$ 428.00

Purpose: To move approved capital outlay for new jail camera system to proper line item and cover remaining amount for purchase of shredder due to increased quote.

(Richard Howard, Chief Deputy).

8. Discussion and possible action regarding an engagement letter from Pattillo, Brown, & Hill, LLP. Possible action may include authorization for the County Auditor to sign the same. (Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)
9. Discussion and possible action regarding an engagement letter from CapRisk Consulting Group to provide actuarial services related to the Orange County retirement plan for “other (than pension) postemployment benefits” (OPEB). Possible action may include authorization for the County Auditor to sign the same. (Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)
10. Discussion and possible action regarding extending the prohibition or restriction on any outdoor burning in all or part of the unincorporated areas of the county. (John H. Gothia, County Judge)
11. Discussion and possible action regarding a Space Lease between Orange County and Sabine Federal Credit Union. The 5-year lease provides dedicated space for a Sabine FCU ITM machine within the Orange County Administration Building. Possible action may include authorization for the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (John H. Gothia, Orange County Judge)
12. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of the Hotel Occupancy Tax funds allotment for FY 2025-2026 from recommendations from the EDC Board as discussed in prior workshop. (Megan Layne, OCEDC Director)
13. Discussion and possible action regarding the Appriss Service Agreement Renewal Contract. This is the Certification for SAVNS (Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service) and VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) Program, which alerts victims of offender release, maintenance grant. This grant contract is between Orange County and the Office of Attorney General of Texas and all future reports pertaining to the contract for reporting purposes, and covers the period from September 01, 2025, to August 31, 2026. Possible action may include authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)

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14. Discussion and possible action regarding entering a multi-jurisdictional Interlocal Agreement for Southeast Texas Auto Theft Task Force, to participate in a combined task force funded by the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) of the State of Texas for FY 2026 Senate Bill 224 Grant. Possible action may include authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)
15. Discussion and possible action regarding entering a multi-jurisdictional Interlocal Agreement for FY 2026 Southeast Texas Auto Theft Task Force, to participate in a combined task force funded by the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) of the State of Texas. Possible action may include authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)
16. Discussion and possible action regarding an extension of terms for an Interlocal Cooperation Contract for Jail Based Competency Restoration Services between Orange County and Spindletop Center for the period of September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026. Possible action may include authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign same. (Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)
17. Discussion and possible action regarding Revision 5 to extend terms to the Interlocal Cooperation Contract for Jail Services between Orange County and Spindletop Center. The amendment extends the existing agreement for one (1) year, from September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026, and will automatically renew on a year-to-year basis at the same amount as the initial term of the agreement. Possible action may include authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign same. (Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)
18. Discussion and possible action regarding Amendment # 1 of the Interlocal Cooperative Contract between Orange County and Spindletop Center for the additional Mental Health Liaison Program through the DOJ Federal Program. Effective dates are October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026. Possible action may include authorizing County Judge or Judge Pro Tern to sign the same. (Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)
19. Discussion and possible action regarding the Interlocal Cooperative Contract between Orange County and Spindletop Center for Mental Health Liaison Program through the State Program. Effective dates are September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026. Possible action may include County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (Richard Howard, Deputy Chief)
20. Discussion and possible action to receive and act upon projects as presented by the Road & Bridge Department. (Tracy Leach, County Roadway Administrator)
21. Discussion and possible action to receive and act upon projects as presented by the Maintenance Department. (Kurt Guidry, Maintenance Director)
22. Please consider for discussion and possible action to provide emergency funding for the cost of the ARCGIS cloud migration in the amount of \$9,974.84. (Lisa Reeves, MIS Director)

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23. Please consider for discussion and possible action to provide emergency funding for the cost to replace the Spillman server, which has reached end of life, and the Spillman Software Maintenance. Funding for the Spillman Server can come from the MIS line item 001.105.52115. We are requesting the Spillman Software Maintenance come from Contingency. Please authorize County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign said Maintenance agreement. (Lisa Reeves, MIS Director)
24. Please consider for discussion and possible action to provide emergency funding for the cost of the VMWare maintenance in the amount of \$10,848.60. (Lisa Reeves, MIS Director)
25. Please consider for discussion and possible action, the purchase of a Ford F250 truck for \$56,909.20 from line item 001-681-57590 (EQUIP > \$5000). This purchase was initially approved for purchase for \$56,000 but the price increased with the updated quote. (Denisha LaFleur, Parks Director)
26. Closed meeting held pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code §551.071, to discuss with Assistant County Attorney matters regarding pending or threatened litigation. Multiple discrete matters will be discussed. (Denise I. Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)
27. Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting. (Denise I. Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)
28. Discussion and possible action regarding adjourning Commissioners' Court meeting.

THE MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN MEETINGS LAW" AS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551.

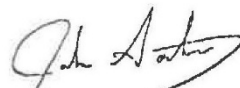
THIS NOTICE SHALL BE POSTED FOR AT LEAST SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS PRECEDING THE SCHEDULED TIME OF SUCH MEETING.

THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONVENE A CLOSED SESSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA WHERE ANY EXCEPTION EXISTS UNDER THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

THE RIGHT TO CONVENE SUCH A CLOSED SESSION SHALL EXIST REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THE AGENDA ITEM OR ITEMS EXPRESSLY STATE THAT A CLOSED MEETING WILL BE CONVENEED.

Dated October 16, 2025.

Posted at 10:00 a.m.



JOHN H. GOTHIA, COUNTY JUDGE
ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT