



*John H. Gothia, County Judge
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Chris Sowell, Commissioner, Precinct Two
Kirk Roccaforte, Commissioner, Precinct Three
Robert L. Viator, Commissioner, Precinct Four*

**REGULAR COURT SESSION
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OF ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS
FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Orange County, Texas, will meet on **Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 10 a.m.** in the Commissioners' Courtroom located at 123 S. 6th Street for the following purposes to-wit:

REGULAR 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 accepting a check in the amount of \$135,000.00, check number 3650, from the Orange County Economic Development Corporation (OCEDC). The check represents funds from a grant awarded on behalf of DOW to Orange County Health Services for the future Public Health Facility. (Jennifer Blankenship, Health Services)
3. Acknowledgement for recording in the minutes regarding payment of bills approved by the County Auditor for February 03, 2026. (Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

4. Discussion and possible action regarding payment of February 10, 2026 bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:

- a. \$21,652.83 from the General Fund (001-111-54235) to U.T.M.B. for contract payment due February 2026.
- b. \$86,502.72 from the TDRA/GLO/Recovery Grants Fund (073-936-53002) to T Johnson Industries for Imelda Kinard Estates: Drainage Project - Pay Apps #2 & #3.
- c. \$19,426.00 from the Special Grants Fund (081-927-53003) to LED Partners for Contract #678-22: Signage for PODS – final payment.

(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

5. Discussion and possible action regarding receiving the County Auditor’s Monthly Financial Report(s). (Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

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

SHERIFF’S OFFICE

From: 001-743-57550 (Repairs/Rentals/Constr./Etc.).....(\$3,000.00)

To: 001-743-52110 (Public Safety Supplies & Uniforms)..... \$3,000.00

Purpose: To purchase jackets and other needed uniforms for the jail officers.
(Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)

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

TRANSPORTATION

From: 001-111-53830 (Contingency).....(\$51,567.00)

To: 001-111-53880 (Regional Activities) \$51,567.00

Purpose: To provide matching funds to the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission, to purchase a new vehicle which replaces a bus deemed a total loss in 2024.
(Janell Dischler, Transportation Director)

8. Acknowledge for the Court the receipt of Spindletop Center Single Audit Report for 2025.
(John Gothia, County Judge)

9. Discussion and possible action concerning Precinct 2 building repairs or consideration to relocate JP 2 office to a different County owned property as discussed in workshop session.
(Chris Sowell, Commissioner Pct 2)

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10. Discussion and possible action to acknowledge the Orange County Sheriff's Office's filing of its 2025 Racial Profiling Report with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). (Bobby Smith, Orange County Sheriff)
11. Discussion and possible action regarding the adoption of a Resolution confirming appropriations compliance in support of the Orange County Sheriff's Office's grant application under Government Code Chapter 753. (Bobby Smith, Orange County Sheriff)
12. Discussion and possible action regarding the adoption of a Resolution authorizing submission of the 2026 Project Safe Neighborhoods Program Grant Application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division. (Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)
13. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval and acceptance of the payment terms and services agreement between The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and Orange County and authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. This is a one-time agreement. (Jennifer Blankenship, Health Services)
14. Discussion and possible action allowing the Environmental Health and Code Compliance Department to apply for the National Environmental Health Association- US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Retail Flexible Funding Model Grant Program:
 - \$5,000.00 for completing projects within the Program Standards
 - \$7,500.00 for Training/ Staff Development
 - \$24,000.00 for a Mentor/Mentee ProgramThis grant will focus on advancing conformance with the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards. No local matching funds are required.
(Joel D. Ardoin, Emergency Management Coordinator)
15. Discussion and possible action to receive and act upon projects as presented by the Maintenance Department. (Kurt Guidry, Maintenance Director)
16. Discussion and possible action to receive and act upon projects as presented by the Road & Bridge Department. (Tracy Leach, County Road Administrator)
17. Discussion and possible action renewing the Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracking Service (ARTS) from Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool. This program will produce the forms required by IRS Sections 6055/6056 (Forms 1095C and 1094C) for calendar year 2026 for Orange County, assuming this reporting continues to be a requirement. As Orange County provides health benefits through TAC HEBP, ARTS will continue to be available at no cost in 2026. We have participated in the program since 2018 when the program began with TAC. (Lori Ardoin, Human Resources Director)
18. Closed meeting, held pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code §§ 551.072 and 551.0725, to deliberate a proposed contract regarding real property, where deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the County in negotiations.
(Denise Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)

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19. Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting. (Denise I. Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)
20. Closed meeting held pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code §551.071, to discuss with Assistant County Attorney one or more discrete and unrelated matters regarding pending or threatened litigation, as well as to seek or receive information and advice from Assistant County Attorney on legal matters that are not related to litigation or settlement of litigation but are matters in which the duty of the attorney to the Court otherwise conflicts with Chapter 551. (Denise Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)
21. Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting.
(Denise Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)
22. 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 V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551.

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

THE ORANGE COUNTY 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 this 5th day of February 2026.
Posted at 10:00 a.m.



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