



*John H. Gothia, County Judge
Johnny A. Trahan, Commissioner, Precinct One
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
MARCH 10, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Orange County, Texas, will meet on **Tuesday, March 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 the Proclamation of March 2026 as American Red Cross Month. We are honored to once again celebrate all those who answer the call to help others by donating blood or platelets, responding to disasters, teaching lifesaving skills, or providing comfort to military members, veterans, and their families.
(Kimberly Cline, Executive Director Southeast Deep East Chapter,
American Red Cross - Texas Gulf Coast Region)
3. Discussion and possible action regarding the acknowledgment of a Proclamation from CASA, Sabine Neches Region, for Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. Possible action may include granting permission to place the pinwheels on the courthouse lawn to be displayed throughout the month of April. Also to grant permission on April 2, 2026 to hold a vigil on the courthouse lawn at 6:00 p.m. (Lori McGee, Director of Advocate Services)

4. Acknowledgement for recording in the minutes regarding payment of bills approved by the County Auditor for **March 03, 2026**. (Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

5. Discussion and possible action regarding payment of **March 10, 2026**, bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:
 - a. \$64,078.80 from the General Fund (001-740-57590) to Silsbee Ford for a 2025 Ford Explorer – Unit 722 (VIN: 1FM5K8AB9SGC52138).
 - b. \$52,995.50 from the General Fund (001-101-52345) to Texas Association of Counties for Workers Compensation Quarter #2 payment.
 - c. \$21,652.83 from the General Fund (001-111-54235) to U.T.M.B. for contract payment due March 2026.
 - d. \$65,014.01 from the Improvement Grants Fund (026-983-53000) to Planet Three Elevation for 2019 FMA Elevations: Draw #3.
 - e. \$136,201.50 from the TDRA/GLO/Recovery Grants Fund (073-936-53002) to T Johnson Industries for Imelda Kinard Estates drainage project
 - f. \$186,695.60 from the General Fund (001-111-54110) to Orange County Appraisal District for 2026 2nd Quarter funding.
 - g. \$63,941.76 from the General Fund (001-111-53880) to the City of Orange for Radio System annual cost 10/2025 – 09/2026.
 - h. \$582,794.20 from the Special Grants Fund (081-927-53002) to G & G Enterprises for Health Services Building: Construction Invoice Pay Application #7.
 - i. \$100,000.00 from the General Fund (001-111-53020) to Orange County Economic
 - j. Development Corporation for OCEDC membership 2025-2026.

(Pennee Schmitt, Auditor)

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

TRANSPORTATION

From: 001-601-59999 (Other) (\$1,700.00)
To: 001-601-54550 (Travel/Reg/Dues/Etc.) \$1,700.00

Purpose: To cover expenses to attend the Drug and Alcohol Conference and to provide funds for the remainder of the year. (Janell Dischler, Director)

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

RECORDS

From: 001-117-59999 (Other)(\$383.77)
To: 001-117-54130 (Contracted Services & Maintenance) \$383.77

Purpose: To provide funds to pay Function4, Invoice #1275246 - maintenance contract for SHARP copier. (Kay Abbott, Director)

8. Discussion and possible action regarding the certification of the February 2026 Collection Report for the Tax Office as required under PTC 31.10. (Octavia Guzman, Tax Assessor Collector)
9. Discuss and take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in a presentation to the Court by Parkwood Land Company during a workshop scheduled this date. (John Gothia, County Judge)
10. Discussion and possible action regarding the Orange County Vessel Turn-In Program in association with the General Land Office and Texas Parks and Wildlife will take place at the Orange County Citizen Collection Station (11265 FM 1442, Orange, Texas 77630) from 10 am to 6 pm on May 2nd, 5th, 7th and 9th. The Vessel Turn In Program offers owners a free and voluntary method to dispose of their vessels and boats. The GLO sponsors the removal of all fuel, oil and batteries. TPWD verifies ownership and clears the vessels for disposal. Then Orange County Road and Bridge disposes of the vessels and boats. (John Gothia, Orange County Judge)
11. Discussion and possible action regarding the swing bridge on E Roundbunch. (Kirk Roccaforte, Comm Pct 3/ Tracy Leach, Road Administrator)
12. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of an Interlocal Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and the Orange County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement support at the Interstate 10 livestock inspection station. Possible action would be to approve the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to execute the agreement and any related documents. (Bobby Smith, Sheriff)
13. Discussion and possible action authorizing by signature a Resolution grant application for countywide school emergency-response mapping project (SHSP-L) State Homeland Security Program, that will serve all 24 campuses across the five school districts in Orange County. Possible action may include authorizing Chief Howard, County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)
14. Discussion and possible action authorizing by signature a Resolution for grant application for Orange County Thermal sUAS Capability for Port, Infrastructure, and Soft-Target Protection project SHSPR FFY 2026. Possible action may include authorizing Chief Howard, County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)

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15. Discussion and possible action regarding approval for travel and flight arrangements to be made for Janell Dischler and Vonda Browning to attend the DOT FTA 2026 Drug and Alcohol Conference in Portland Oregon. Funds are available in current budget to cover travel expenses. (Janell Dischler, Transportation Director)
16. Discussion and possible action to receive and act upon projects as presented by the Maintenance Department. (Kurt Guidry, Maintenance Director)
17. Discussion and possible action to receive and act upon projects as presented by the Road & Bridge Department. (Tracy Leach, Road Administrator)
18. Discussion and possible action on adopting a Resolution authorizing the submission of the application to the Office of the Governor for the 2026 Regional Homeland Security Grant and authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (Joel Ardoin, Emergency Management)
19. Discussion and possible action regarding approving the Purchasing Agent to advertise for proposals for engineering/architectural services for the County's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) DR-4332-038 Critical County Facilities Retrofit grant under RFQ-MC-2026-1. Further action may include the appointment of a selection committee.

COMMITTEE:

(Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent) (Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Department)

20. Discussion and possible action regarding the transfer of the following items:

ASSET	DESCRIPTION	VIN OR SERIAL#	FROM	TO
16616	MINOLTA MS6000 MICROFILM READER	33007427	COUNTY CLERK	SURPLUS
18030	DRYER, MILNOR	558983	SHERIFF OFFICE	SURPLUS

(Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Department)

21. Discussion and possible action regarding the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids on IFB-26004 Uniform Cleaning Services. (Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)
22. Discussion and possible action regarding the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids on IFB-26002 Fire Extinguisher & Inspections. (Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)
23. Discussion and possible action regarding the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids on IFB-26003 Road Signs (Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)
24. Discussion and possible action regarding approving the Purchasing Agent to advertise for proposals for Disaster Recovery Services for Orange County. (Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)

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25. Discussion and possible action regarding approving the Purchasing Agent to advertise for proposals for Debris Monitoring Services for Orange County.
(Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)
26. Closed meeting held pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code §551.074, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or to hear a complaint or a charge against one or more officers or employees.
(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. Closed meeting, held pursuant to the Tex. Gov. Code §551.071, to discuss with Assistant County Attorney matters regarding pending or threatened litigation.
(Denise Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)
29. Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting. (Denise Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)
30. 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 March 2026.
Posted at 1:00 p.m.



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