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Chris Sowell, Commissioner, Precinct Two
Kirk Roccaforte, Commissioner, Precinct Three
Robert L. Viator, Commissioner, Precinct Four

**SPECIAL COURT SESSION
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OF ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS
March 24, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Orange County, Texas, will meet on **Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 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. Acknowledge for the record a Proclamation for the 2026 Sexual Assault Awareness Month April is nationally recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness of actions and behaviors that place children at risk of harm. (Ashley Hasson, Education Specialist)
3. Acknowledge for the record a Proclamation to recognize April 8, 2026, as Interference with Child Custody Awareness Day, highlighting the importance of parents respecting their court-ordered custody arrangements, and to encourage greater consistency and improved custody exchanges for the youth of Orange County. In turn this will ensure a brighter future for the youth and families of our community. (Daniel Campise, Black Diamond Custody Solutions)
4. Acknowledge a presentation to Commissioner Johnny Trahan, Precinct 1, for his Certificate of Completion for the Commissioner Court Advanced Curriculum. (John Gothia, County Judge)

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5. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the monthly reports from the County Treasurer for the month ending February 28, 2026, and recording minutes of the court:
 - A) Approval of Investments in the amount of \$16,667,893.58
 - B) Approval of Interest Earned to date in the amount of \$746,347.89
 - C) Treasurer's Report of revenues received and disbursed in accordance with the Local Government Code 14.026(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 \$77,345,403.23 summary as follows:
 - Wells Fargo Bank \$ 70,833,767.53
 - 151 Financial Bank \$ 6,511,635.70

(Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)
6. Discussion and possible action regarding filing a direct deposit from the State Comptroller of Public Accounts in the minutes of the Court a direct deposit from the State Comptroller of Public Accounts in the amount of \$ 687,795.66. These funds represent the ½-cent Sales and Use Allocation for January 2026 and are credited to the General Operating Fund. (Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)
7. Acknowledgement for recording in the minutes regarding payment of bills approved by the County Auditor for **March 17, 2026**. (Penny Schmitt, County Auditor)
8. Discussion and possible action regarding payment of **March 24, 2026**, bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:
 - a. \$115,598.68 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Texas Association of Counties HEBP for group medical, dental, and life - under age 65 for March 2026.
 - b. \$97,240.17 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Amwins Group Benefits, Inc. for insurance for retirees age 65 and over.
 - c. \$2,300.00 from the General Fund (001-111-54290) to Claybar Funeral Home for indigent funeral expenses.

(Penny Schmitt, County Auditor)
9. Discussion and possible action regarding a line-item transfer for:

TRANSPORTATION

From: 001-602-51140 (Extra Help Salaries)(\$6,862.00)
To: 001-602-51110 (Regular Salaries)..... \$6,818.00
001-602-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental)..... \$ 44.00

Purpose: To provide funds for the remainder of the year.
(Janell Dischler, Director)

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

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 001-111-53830 (Contingency) (\$41,550.00)
To: 002-573-57590 (Equip. > \$5,000) \$41,550.00

Purpose: To provide funds for the purchase of a camera system for the Swing Bridge built to withstand the weather conditions and provide the functionality needed to operate the bridge safely and effectively.

(Tracy Leach, Administrator)

11. Discussion and possible action regarding receiving the County Auditor's Monthly Financial Report(s). (Penny Schmitt, County Auditor)

12. Consideration and possible action regarding acceptance of the 2026 Expenditure Statement (2025 data), as related to the Tobacco Settlement Distribution Program, for submittal to the Texas Department of State Health Services, and to authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (Penny Schmitt, County Auditor)

13. Discussion and possible action to accept and approved the revisions suggested for the 2026 Travel Policy and Procedures as discussed in prior Workshop this date. (John Gothia, County Judge)

14. Discussion and possible action regarding concrete paving at all Orange County Emergency Distribution Centers in all precincts. Quote provided. (Johnny Trahan, Comm Pct 1)

15. Discussion and possible action to review and approve a County Culvert Policy amendment. (Johnny Trahan, Pct 1)

16. Acknowledgement of the Constable Precinct 4 filing of the Racial Profiling Report 2025. (Joey Jacobs, Constable Pct 4)

17. Discussion and possible action to increase the filing fee for filing maps into the Map Records of Orange County. (Brandy Robertson, County Clerk)

18. Discussion and possible action regarding MINOR PLAT OF TRACTS 1 &2 OUT OF TRACT N0.11 (a 61.655-acre tract of land) Recorded in Clerk's File no. 439562 of the Official Public Records of Orange County, Texas. Lying in the Eugen Wood Survey, Abstract No. 477, Orange County, Texas. This plat has been reviewed and approved by Orange County Road and Bridge and the Orange County Drainage District. The proper review, filing and reproductions fees have been paid, and proof of tax payment has been provided. (Tracy Leach, Road Administrator)

19. Discussion and possible action to receive and act upon projects as presented by Orange County Airport. (Missy Pillsbury, Director)

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20. Discussion and possible action regarding Amendment No.1 and No. 2 Between Orange County, Texas and Traylor & Associates, Inc. Administration/Professional Services Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Project Nos. DR 4485-0024 / DR 4485-0118
These changes are administrative in nature and do not impact on the scope of services or overall contract terms. (Joel Ardoin, EM Coordinator)
21. Closed meeting pursuant to Section §551.087 of the Texas Local Government Code Deliberation regarding commercial or financial information that the Orange County Economic Development Corporation has received from a business prospect that the Commissioners' Court seeks to locate, stay or expand in or near the territory of Orange County and with which the Commissioners' Court is conducting economic development negotiations, or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to such a business prospect, under section 551.087 of the Act, regarding any current confidential Orange County Economic Development Corporation Projects. (Megan Layne, Orange County Economic Development Corporation Director)
22. Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting. (Megan Layne, Orange County Economic Development Corporation Director)
23. Discussion and possible action regarding adjourning Commissioners' Court meeting.

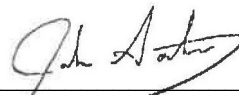
THE MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN MEETINGS LAW" AS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551.

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

THE 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 19th day of March 2026.
Posted at 1:00 p.m.



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