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**SPECIAL COURT SESSION
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OF ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS
APRIL 28, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Orange County, Texas, will meet on **Tuesday, April 28, 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. Presentation and acknowledgement of a Proclamation for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease.
3. Acknowledge and announce the Economic Development Week of May 4th through May 8th 2026. Where professionals work as stewards of progress, connecting residents, business leaders, elected officials, industry executives, and educational institutions to advance job creation, community investment, infrastructure improvements, and long-term opportunity. (Megan Layne, Executive Director, Orange County Economic Development Corporation)
4. Discussion and possible action regarding filing in the minutes of the court revenue received from City of Pine Forest, Check #4097, in the amount of \$942.47. These funds are reimbursement for road materials. (Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)
5. Acknowledgement for recording in the minutes regarding payment of bills approved by the County Auditor for **April 21, 2026**.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding payment of **April 28, 2026** bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:

- a. \$119,446.42 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Texas Association of Counties HEBP for group medical, dental, life-under age 65 for April 2026.
- b. \$99,360.23 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Amwins Group Benefits, Inc. for insurance for retirees age 65 and over for May 2026.
- c. \$1,150.00 from the General Fund (001-111-54290) to Claybar Funeral Home for indigent funeral expenses.
- d. \$1,150.00 from the General Fund (001-111-54290) to Dorman Funeral Home for indigent funeral expenses.
- e. \$4,500.00 from the Road & Bridge Fund (002-573-54120) to Arceneaux, Wilson & Cole, L.L.C. for services rendered 10/2025 – 04/2026: Project ORC-090 2019 FMA Elevations projects.
- f. \$21,671.34 from the Improvement Grants Fund (026-983-53000) to Planet Three Elevations for Draw #4: 2019 FMA Elevations projects.
- g. \$64,125.00 from the TDRA/GLO/Recovery Grants Fund (073-936-53002) to T Johnson Industries for Pay App #5, Draw #8: Imelda Kinard Estates Drainage Project 02/14/2026 – 03/17/2026.
- h. \$346,210.76 from the Special Grants Fund (081-927-53002) to G & G Enterprises for Application #8: Health Services Building construction invoice.
- i. \$37,600.00 from the General Fund (001-681-53022) to Sign Doctor for materials for ballpark lights at Claiborne Park.

(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

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

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

From:	001-111-53830 (Contingency)	(\$231,000.00)
To:	001-115-52700 (Utilities)	\$158,000.00
	001-115-57550 (Repairs/Rentals/Constr./Etc.).....	\$ 68,000.00
	001-115-52730 (Cellular/Internet Expense)	\$ 5,000.00

Purpose: To provide funds for the remainder of the year.
(Kurt Guidry, Director)

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

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 001-111-53830 (Contingency).....(\$10,622.23)
To: 002-573-57550 (Repairs/Rentals/Constr./Etc.)..... \$10,622.23

Purpose: To provide funds for the cost associated with extending water to the Precinct #3 Barn. The City of Bridge City will install and test the line.
(Tracy Leach, Administrator)

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

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 002-573-53021 (R&B Mechanic Shop Construction)(\$7,500.00)
To: 002-573-54551 (CDL Education Expense) \$7,500.00

Purpose: To cover additional CDL Expenses needed for new hires.
(Tracy Leach, Administrator)

10. Discussion and possible action regarding the adoption of the local option homestead exemptions for the 2026 tax year. (Octavia Guzman, Tax Assessor Collector)

11. Discussion and possible action regarding updates to the travel policy clarification for Special Law Enforcement and Probation travel concerning:

- a. Use of county-issued cards for meals during overnight travel
- b. Rental car insurance coverage guidelines
- c. Eligibility and requirements for overnight stays following events
- d. Inmate/Probationer meal limitations

(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

12. Acknowledgement for recording in the minutes regarding the receipt of the Orange County Appraisal District 2025 Financial Audit. (John Gothia, County Judge)

13. Discussion and possible regarding authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign a request for Unclaimed Property Capital Credits for the State Comptroller's Office.
(John Gothia, County Judge)

14. Discussion and possible action regarding an Amendment #3 to Viapath Technologies agreement for the "2025 FCC" mandated rate changes governing incarcerated people's communications services. (Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)

15. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval and acceptance of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness-Hazards contract extension between Orange County and the Department of State Health Services and authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same via Docu Sign. (Jennifer Blankenship, Health Services Director)

16. Discussion and possible action regarding REPLAT OF 1.39 ACRES BEING OUT OF PARCEL NO. 5, OF GREEN ACRES, A SUBDIVISION OF RECORD ON VOLUME 5, PAGE 111, OF THE O.C.M.R. IN TO LOT 1 & 2 IN THE WILLIAM CHISHOLM SURVEY Abstract No. 289, 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)
17. Discussion and possible action regarding a restroom at Collection Station and the steps to move forward with septic/water application. (Tracy Leach, Road Administrator)
18. Discussion and possible action regarding the renewal of IFB-24010 Solid Waste Collection & Recycling Services with Republic Services. This is the first (1st) renewal of three renewals available under the contract and the prices will remain the same. Further action of the Court may authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)
19. Discussion and possible action regarding awarding IFB-26003, Road Signs. Action by the court shall include approval for Orange County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)
20. Discussion and possible action regarding the Purchasing Agent to RE advertise for bids on IFB-26002-A Fire Extinguisher & Inspections. (Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)
21. Discussion and possible action regarding awarding by resolution a contract for engineering/architectural services under RFQ-MC-2026-1 for post-award services of the County's DR-4332-038 Critical County Facilities Retrofit Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) grant from the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). Possible action by the court may include approval for Orange County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)

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

ASSET	DESCRIPTION	VIN OR SERIAL#	FROM	TO
19454	READER	429293	RECORDS	SURPLUS
17744	DELL XEON SERVER	9L13GD1	JUV PROB	SURPLUS
17739	SERVER CACHE	9XV4Z71	SHERIFF	SURPLUS
17743	SERVER POWERSHIELD	4LH5Z71	SHERIFF	SURPLUS
17740	TAPE AUTO LOADER	87100169	SHERIFF	SURPLUS
17750	SECURITY EYE MULTI CAM	CUSTOM	CH SECURITY	SURPLUS
17264	2007 FORD F150 (86,050k)	1FTVX12577NA65344	MAINTENANCE	SURPLUS
19487	DELL 7400 LATITUDE LAPTOP	CDZGP13	JP3	SURPLUS
16965	DELL LATITUDE LAPTOP	C10MLF1	MIS	SURPLUS
17178	DELL LATITUDE LAPTOP	HL2NN1	MIS	SURPLUS
18850	DELL LATITUDE LAPTOP	JKQWNY1	MIS	SURPLUS
15993	WATCHGUARD FIRE BOX	80C802940CCCE	MIS	SURPLUS
17736	WATCHGUARD FIRE BOX	WG5153T	MIS	SURPLUS
17530	INSPIRON LAPTOP	13PG541	MIS	SURPLUS
17840	INSPIRON LAPTOP	7MYPT91	MIS	SURPLUS
15636	DELL LAPTOP	4V5W9T1	MIS	SURPLUS
17529	DELL LAPTOP	89F9TK1	MIS	SURPLUS
17384	DELL LAPTOP	2S72DC1	MIS	SURPLUS
17778	DELL LAPTOP	7DBJBK1	MIS	SURPLUS
16903	LATITUDE LAPTOP	5T72DC1	MIS	SURPLUS
18296	DELL SERVER QUAD	IRHJLD1	MIS	SURPLUS
15467	DELL POWER VAULT	2M4W0Q1	MIS	SURPLUS
17746	DELL SERVER	6RBTKF1	MIS	SURPLUS
17737	SONY TAPE AUTOLOAD	2653930	MIS	SURPLUS
17738	SONY CV COMPLIANCE	1INTR4VLXA3AYDDHSWH-	MIS	SURPLUS
15639	DELL LAPTOP	96M0HV1	MIS	SURPLUS
15408	IBM TOWER MODEL 8202	10687FR	MIS	SURPLUS
17745	DELL SERVER 2950	BRBTKF1	MIS	SURPLUS
19444	WATCHGUARD FIREWALL	80D602F14-698A	MIS	SURPLUS
17732	WATCHGUARD FIREWALL	808203176-AD05	MIS	SURPLUS
17735	SUPERSTACK II SWITCH	7WM8012209	MIS	SURPLUS
15638	DELL LAPTOP	4V5V9T1	MIS	SURPLUS
16779	HP PRINTER E 4350	CNRXR59448	MIS	SURPLUS
15992	SECURITY SYSTEM DRAWBRIDGE LIGHTS AND MONITORS	CUSTOM MADE	R & B	SURPLUS
17146	RUGGBY 3208G W/ROD EYE	67113/125363	R & B	SURPLUS
17328	SIGN PLOTTER	30962562/ MODEL CE3000-60	R & B	SURPLUS
19305	SANDBAG CHUTE	1342	R & B	SURPLUS
19306	SANDBAG CHUTE	1343	R & B	SURPLUS
19308	SANDBAG CHUTE	1344	R & B	SURPLUS
19307	SANDBAG CHUTE	1345	R & B	SURPLUS
19309	SANDBAG CHUTE	1346	R & B	SURPLUS
17317	2000 FORD F 250	1FTNF2YEC85240	R & B	SURPLUS

(Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)

23. Discussion and possible action regarding approving the following tax abatements for the City of Vidor: Please take notice that the City intends to enter into the enclosed Agreements for tax abatement with the following property owners regarding the respective properties located at:

- RTC Homes. LLC 195 Teal, Vidor, Texas
- James C. Havard and Evelyn Havard at 265 Teal, Vidor, Texas
- Premier PMC LLC at 266 Pine Burr, Vidor, Texas
- Israel Sanchez at 270 N. Dewitt, Vidor, Texas
- Darin Kevin Hargrove and Lauren Franklin Hargrove at 275 Teal, Vidor, Texas
- Lori Smith at 340 W. Courtland, Vidor, Texas
- Rock Builders LLC at 350 Texas St., Vidor, Texas
- Brandy Lynn Jones at 383 N. Lakeside, Vidor, Texas
- Wesley Noel at 395 Lakewood, Vidor, Texas
- Tim Franklin at 405 Lakewood, Vidor, Texas
- Nick Lagusis at 415 W. Park, Vidor, Texas
- McPayne Real Estate. LLC at 430 Needles, Vidor, Texas
- Orange County Builders. LLC at Lakewood Estates, 435 Lakewood, Vidor, Texas
- Orange County Builders, LLC at Lakewood Estates, 490 Lakewood, Vidor, Texas
- Julie Lightfoot at 535 Rosewood St., Vidor, Texas
- Bryce Roder and Brynn Baker at 560 Elgie St., Vidor, Texas
- Don Lightfoot at 625 Cherry, Vidor, Texas
- Joshua D. Johnsrude at 660 North Oakland St., Vidor, Texas
- Ty Weaver at 705 Pinecrest, Vidor, Texas
- Premier PMC LLC at 760 Hillside, Vidor, Texas
- Teri Lynn Riley at 800 Reynolds St., Vidor, Texas
- JN Custom Homes LLC at as 805 Strickland, Vidor, Texas
- Ryan Nicholson at 815 Strickland, Vidor, Texas
- Chan Smith at 820 Reynolds St., Vidor, Texas
- Adrien Green and Brenden Willaimson at 825 Strickland, Vidor, Texas
- Lucas David Ward and Shelby Ward at 835 Strickland, Vidor, Texas
- Madison Murdock at 845 Strickland, Vidor, Texas
- Katie Fox and Justin Fox at 870 Kent, Vidor, Texas
- John Paul Castilaw Sr. and Cynthia Castilaw at 1150 Dogwood Dr., Vidor, Texas
- RTC Homes. LLC at 1180 Pine St., Vidor,
- Carlin Bailey at 1190 Pine St., Vidor, Texas
- Dayne Taylor Sauceman and Jaley Sauceman at 1200 Pine St., Vidor, Texas
- RTC Homes. LLC at 1215 Pine St., Vidor, Texas
- Stuart W. Austin and Nancy Austin at 1223 Pine St., Vidor, Texas
- DJM Contractors. Ltd. at 1255 SS Brewer, Vidor, Texas
- DJM Contractors, Ltd. at 1270 SS Brewer,
- Curtis Pelton and Mary Pelton at 3315 Ward St., Vidor, Texas
- Todd Barker and Jessica Barker at 985 Old Spanish Trail, Vidor, Texas

(John Gothia, County Judge)

24. 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)
25. Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting. (Denise Gremillion, Assistant County Attorney)
26. Discussion and possible action regarding adjourning Commissioners' Court meeting.

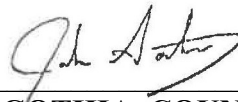
THE MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN MEETINGS LAW" AS REQUIRED BY V.T.C.A. GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551.

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 23rd day of April 2026.
Posted at 1:00 p.m.



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