



*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*

**SPECIAL COURT SESSION
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OF ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS
MAY 26, 2026**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Orange County, Texas, will meet on **Tuesday, May 26, 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. Discussion and possible action regarding the Orange County Commissioners' Court issuing a Proclamation recognizing the month of June as Elder Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. (Tracey Belin, DFPS of Texas)
3. Discussion and possible action on Amendment No. 1 of the Chapter 312 Tax Abatement Agreement between Orange County and USG Paper, LLC. (Megan Layne, Orange County Economic Development Director)

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4. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the monthly reports from the County Treasurer for month ending April 30, 2026, and recording in the minutes of the court:
 - A) Approval of Investments in the amount of \$181,817.89
 - B) Approval of Interest Earned to date in the amount of \$1,144,445.94
 - C) Treasurer's Report of revenues received and disbursed in accordance with the Local Government Code 114.026(d) and affidavit of approval the court. This report will be available on the county's web site for viewing.
 - D) Pledged Security Collateral for a total of \$21,737,354.41 summary as follows:
 - Wells Fargo Bank \$ 14,833,940.44
 - 1st Financial Bank \$ 6,903,413.97

(Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)

5. 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 \$ 803,587.73. These funds represent the ½-cent Sales and Use Allocation for the month of March 2026 and have been credited to the General Operating Fund. (Christy Khoury, County Treasurer)
6. Acknowledgement for recording in the minutes regarding payment of bills approved by the County Auditor for **May 19, 2026**.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding payment of **May 26, 2026** bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:
 - a. \$115,855.86 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Texas Association of Counties HEBP for group medical, dental, life-under age 65 for May 2026.
 - b. \$98,837.29 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Amwins Group Benefits, Inc. for insurance for retirees age 65 and over for June 2026.
 - c. \$15,000.00 from the General Fund (001-111-54105) for Annual Audit Billing FY 2025.
 - d. \$450.00 from the General Fund (001-115-57550) to Arceneaux, Wilson & Cole, L.L.C. for Project LS26-080 FEMA Elevation Certificate Services 05/05/2026 – 05/08/2026.
 - e. \$3,450.00 from the General Fund (001-111-54290) to Claybar Funeral Home for indigent funeral expenses.
 - f. \$172,721.88 from the TDRA/GLO/Recovery Grants Fund (073-936-53003) to Experts Underground Solutions, L.L.C. for Tulane Drainage Improvements 03/01/2026 – 03/31/2026.

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- g. \$112,955.00 from the TDRA/GLO/Recovery Grants Fund (073-936-53002) to T Johnson Industries for Pay App #6, Draw #9 – Imelda Kinard Estates drainage project.
- h. \$4,725.00 from the Special Grants Fund (081-927-53000) to Architects, Inc. for construction administration work through 04/30/2026 – Health Services Building.
- i. \$12,000.00 from the TDRA/GLO/Recovery Grants Fund (073-936-53002) to Orange County Drainage District for expenses on Kinard Estates drainage project that are not covered by Kinard Estate Drainage Project Grant.

(Pennee Schmitt, County Auditor)

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

COUNTY JUDGE

From:	001-111-53830 (Contingency)	(\$12,000.00)
To:	073-936-53002 (TDRA/GLO/Recovery Grants Fund)	\$12,000.00

Purpose: To replenish line item for Kinard Estates non grant expenses.

(John Gothia, County Judge)

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

TRANSPORTATION

From:	001-601-51140 (Extra Help Salaries)	(\$8,000.00)
To:	001-601-51120 (Overtime Salaries)	\$8,000.00

Purpose: To provide funds for the remainder of the fiscal year.

(Janell Dischler, Director)

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

ROAD & BRIDGE

From:	002-573-52500 (Road Materials)	(\$76,971.12)
To:	036-952-52500 (Road Materials).....	\$76,971.12

Purpose: To move materials expense for Hurricane Harvey PA small projects.

(Tracy Leach, Administrator)

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

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 002-573-57590 (Equip. > \$5,000)(\$1,000.00)
To: 002-573-57500 (Equip. Non-inventory < \$2,000)..... \$1,000.00`

Purpose: To provide funds to cover Jack Plate(s) and Propeller for the new boat that will be used at swing bridge.

(Tracy Leach, Road Administrator)

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

HEALTH SERVICES

From: 001-111-53830 (Contingency).....(\$100,000.00)
To: 001-450-54130 (Contracted Services & Maintenance) \$100,000.00

Purpose: To provide additional funding for change orders related to the construction of the new Orange County Health Services Building.

(Jennifer Blankenship, Director)

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

CONSTABLE PRECINCT #3

From: 001-777-52100 (Office Supplies)(\$200.00)
To: 001-777-52110 (Public Safety Supplies & Uniforms)..... \$200.00

Purpose: County vehicle equipment, floor mats.

(Brad Frye, Constable)

14. Discussion and possible action regarding the re-naming of IP Way in Pct 1.
(Johnny Trahan, Comm Pct 1)

15. Discussion and possible action regarding the Four Oak Ranch Road and the Neches River washout project. (Robert Viator, Comm Pct 4)

16. Discussion and possible action regarding approving the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids Steel Sheet Piling project for Road and Bridge.
(Michelle Carroll, Purchasing Agent)

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17. 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 County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (This item was previously approved on 03.10.2026. The designated signer is changing from Chief Howard to County Judge or Judge Pro-Tem.) (Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)
18. 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 County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (This item was previously approved on 03.10.2026. The designated signer is changing from Chief Howard to County Judge or Judge Pro-Tem.) (Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)
19. Discussion and possible action authorizing by signature a Resolution for grant application for the 2026 Project Safe Neighborhoods Program - License Plate Reader (LPR) Camera Deployment Project. Possible action may include authorizing County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (Richard Howard, Chief Deputy)
20. Discussion and possible action regarding adjourning Commissioners' Court meeting.

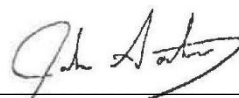
THE MEETING WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN MEETINGS LAW" AS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551.

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 CONVENED.

Dated the 21st day of May 2026.
Posted at 1:00 p.m.



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