

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ORANGE

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Special Court Session was held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Orange County Administration Building with the following in attendance:

John H. Gothia,	County Judge
Johnny A. Trahan,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Chris Sowell,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Kirk F. Roccaforte,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Robert Viator Jr.,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M., Chaplain Mike Eaves, gave the invocation, John Gothia led in the Pledge of Allegiance and the following business was transacted, to-wit:

Agenda Items are in order they were taken in the meeting.

1. COMMENTS

Joel Ardoin- Wanted to publicly Thank and acknowledge the American Red Cross and Salvation Army for setting up a shelter for this cold weather snap we had.

Johnny Trahan – Today marks the 1-year anniversary of his last surgery. He can't thank enough people for all the prayers. A special appreciation to his wife for taking care of him and lining up all the IV's and antibiotics he had to do. Lots of appreciation to everyone during that time. Last year was a year of recovery, this year is a year of growth.

Chris Sowell – Wants to piggyback on to what Joel said, wants to publicly appreciate Entergy. Not a single outage in our area, we didn't get the ice we expected, but part of that is due to them being proactive. They've worked very hard for the last few years, clearing lines, we need to tell them thank you for that.

Kirk Roccaforte – Having a good football season so far.

John Gothia – Thanks to Red Cross. It's been good to have Johnny back in full recovery.

2. TREASURER
MONTHLY
REPORT

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve the monthly reports from the County Treasurer for month ending December 31, 2025, and recording in the minutes of the Court:

a) Approval of Investments in the amount \$6,320,263.08

b) Approval of Interest Earned to date in the amount of \$420,879.89

c) Treasurer's Report of revenues received and disbursed in accordance with the Local Government Code §114.026(d) and affidavit of approval by court. This report will be available on the county's website for viewing.

d) Pledged Security Collateral for a total of \$51,107,900.99 summary as follows:

- Wells Fargo Bank \$44,580,177.41
- 1st Financial Bank \$ 6,527,723.58

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)

3. TREASURER QUARTERLY REPORT Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to file in the minutes of the Court the County Treasurer's quarterly investment report as required by HB 2459, Public Funds Investment Act. This report is for Quarter ending December 31, 2025, and will be available for viewing on the County's website.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)

4. DIRECT DEPOSIT Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to file in the minutes of the Court a direct deposit from the State Comptroller of Public Accounts in the amount of \$700,305.17. These funds represent the ½-cent Sales and Use Allocation for the month of November 2025 and have been credited to the General Operating Fund.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

5. ADOPT POLICY Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to adopt, by resolution of the Court, the 2026 Investment Policy as required by Government Code Chapter 2256.005(e), which is required to be reviewed and adopted by the Court annually.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)

6. BILLS

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to record in the minutes Payment of bills approved by the County Auditor for January 20, 2026.

GENERAL FUND	\$81,933.05
ROAD & BRIDGE	525.62
MOSQUITO CONTROL	-
ADULT PROBATION	21,464.55
AIRPORT	1,699.50
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS	-

TOTAL FOR PAYMENT	\$105,622.72

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)

7. BILLS

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve payment of January 27, 2026 bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:

- a. \$109,823.50 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Texas Association of Counties HEBP for group medical, dental, life-under age 65 for January 2026.
- b. \$96,921.30 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Amwins Group Benefits, Inc. For insurance for retirees age 65 and over for February 2026.
- c. \$51,300.35 from the Improvements Grants Fund (026-983-53000) to Planet Three Elevation for 2019 FMA Elevations – Draw #3.
- d. \$58,375.00 from the TDRA/GLO/Recovery Grants Fund (073-936-53003) to Gary R. Traylor & Associates; Inc. for services 06/01/2024-11/10/2025: Contract #24-064-031-E219: - Tulane Street improvements.
- e. \$35,100.00 from the TDLA/GLO/Recovery Grants Funds (073-936-53003) to Arceneaux, Wilson & Cole, L.L.C. for services 08/01/2025-08/31/2025: Contract #24-064-031-E219 (Draw #4) – Tulane drainage improvement.

GENERAL FUND	\$787,887.18
ROAD & BRIDGE	468,073.09
MOSQUITO CONTROL	1,043.44
ADULT PROBATION	-
AIRPORT	2,645.37
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS	17,359.56

TOTAL FOR PAYMENT	\$1,277,008.64

IN ADDITION TO:
STATE CRIMINAL COSTS AND FEES
QUARTER ENDING 12/31/25 \$142,009.27

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)

8. ANNUAL RENEWAL Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Johnny Trahan to approve the annual renewal of the Order to Regulate the Sale of Retail Fireworks in Orange County, Texas pursuant to §2154.202(g) and (h) of the Texas Occupations Code. This order shall allow retail fireworks permit holders to sell fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Orange County, Texas as follows:
- a. Beginning February 25, 2026 and ending at midnight on March 2, 2026
 - b. Beginning April 15, 2026 and ending at midnight on April 20, 2026
 - c. Beginning May 20, 2026 before the last Monday in May and ending at midnight on the last Monday, May 25, 2026.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

9. MARDI GRAS Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to authorize the use of the Administration Building parking lot by the City of Orange for Mardi Gras activities.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

10. SET WORKSHOP Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to set a workshop on March 10, 2026 at 9am for Commissioners Court to hear an appeal from Parkwood Land Company on a violation that exists on Old Highway 90 in Rose City, Texas.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

11. APPROVE
PLAT
- Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve Minor Plat of Riley Estates Subdivision of a 1.038 acres tract of land into four lots – Lots 1, Lot 2, Lot 3 and Lot 4 in the Theron Strong Survey Abstract No. 26, Orange County Texas. This plat has been reviewed and approved by the City of Pinehurst and the Orange County Drainage District. The proper review, filing and reproduction fees have been paid and proof of tax payment has been provided.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
(See Maps. Volume 16, Page 60)
12. APPROVE
PLAT
- Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Johnny Trahan to approve Minor Plat of Texla Askew Addition Lots 1-3 a 34.22 acre tract f land recorded in Cerks File No. 529095 of the Official Public Records of Orange County, Texas lying in the Edward Hurst Survey Section No. 10, Abstract 99, Orange County, Texas. This plat has been reviewed and approved by the Orange County Road and Bridge and the Orange County Drainage District. The proper review, filing and reproduction fees have been paid and proof of tax payment has been provided.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
(See Maps. Volume 16, Page 61)
13. BUDGET
INCREASE
- Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve an item budget increase for the Road and Bridge boat, motor, and trailer requested under capital outlay for the 25/26 budget year. The final quote was \$3,995 more than originally budgeted. All other capital outlay items have been purchased or encumbered and there is enough budget in account 002-573-57590 Equipment > \$5000 to cover the overage.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
14. APPROVE
PURCHASE
- Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to approve the purchase of 1 Pharmacy Grade Freezer at \$2,654.10 plus \$236.55 for shipping for a total of \$2,890.65, from account 081-938-53000-LATCF funds.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
15. EDC BOARD
APPOINTMENT
- Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to appoint Robbie Hood to the Orange County EDC board as the City of Pinehurst representative. This was approved by the OCEDC board on 1/5/2026.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

16. CONTRACT RENEWAL Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Johnny Trahan to renew the IFB-22006 with DSI and authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. This is the third renewal available under the contract. No price increase.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

17. CONTRACT RENEWAL Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign renewal contract for environmental consulting services provided by LJA Engineering to meet annual requirements for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality District Pesticide General Permit TXG870000. TCEQ PGP requirements include Mosquito Control District pesticide applications and Road and Bridge Department herbicide applications. These services have been provided to Orange, Jefferson and Chambers County's by LJA since the implementation of TCEQ PCP in 2012. Funds for payment of services are included in Mosquito Control District budget.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

18a. APPROVE RV PARK Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve a Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park application for property located at 13535 Highway 62, Orange, Texas. All requirements have been reviewed and approved by the Orange County Drainage District, Orange County Road and Bridge Department, and the Orange County Environmental Health And Code Compliance Department.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

19. APPROVE RV PARK Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to review and approve a Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park application for property located at 16648 Highway 62, Orange, Texas. All requirements have been reviewed and approved by the Orange County Drainage District, Orange County Road and Bridge Department, and Orange County Environmental Health and Code Compliance Department.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

20. TRANSFER ASSET Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to transfer the following items:

ASSET	DESCRIPTION	VIN/SERIAL	FROM	TO
17372	ICE MACHINE MODEL C033010MA 1A		R&B PCT 4	SURPLUS
18035	WASHER, MILNOR	9022743	S/O	SURPLUS
19266	2018 FORD EXPD UNIT 646	1FMJU1FT8JEA05690	S/O	SURPLUS
19375	2018 CHEV TAHOE UNIT 655	1GNLCDEC2JR164093	S/O	SURPLUS

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

18b. RESCIND VOTE Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Johnny Trahan to rescind the vote on agenda Item #18a, "motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve a Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park application for property located at 13535 Highway 62, Orange, Texas. All requirements have been reviewed and approved by the Orange County Drainage District, Orange County Road and Bridge Department, and the Orange County Environmental Health and Code Compliance Department".

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

18c. APPROVE RV PARK Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Robert Viator to approve Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park application for property located at 13535 Highway 62, Orange, Texas. All requirements have been reviewed and approved by the Orange County Drainage District, Orange County Road and Bridge Department, and the Orange County Environmental Health And Code Compliance Department.

Voted AYE: Johnny Trahan, Kirk Roccaforte, Robert Viator, John Gothia
 Voted NAY: Chris Sowell
 Motion carried.

21. TRANSFER ASSET Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to delete the following items:

ASSET	DESCRIPTION	VIN/SERIAL	FROM	TO
16314	TABLET	611968-R2	S/O	DESTROY

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

22. CLOSED MEETING Closed Meeting held pursuant to Tex. Gov. §551.071, to discuss with Assistant County Attorney one or more discrete and unrelated matters regarding pending or threatened litigation.

The Court went into closed meeting. The meeting was not recorded.

23. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting.

NO ACTION No action taken on closed meeting, held pursuant to Tex. Gov. §551.071, to discuss with Assistant County Attorney one or more discrete and unrelated matters regarding pending or threatened litigation.

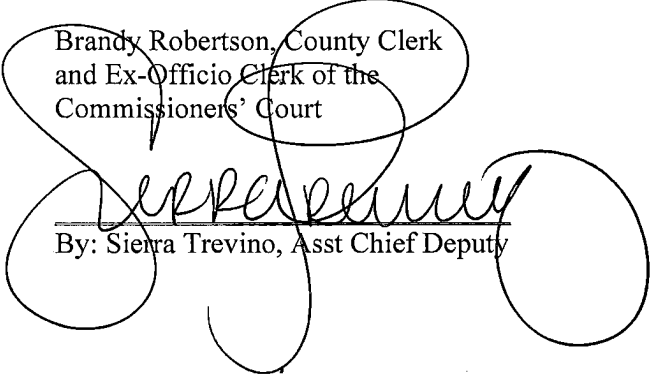
24. ADJOURN
MEETING

There being no further business, a motion was made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to adjourn Commissioners' Court meeting.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.
John Gothia adjourned the Commissioners' Court meeting.

ATTEST:

Brandy Robertson, County Clerk
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the
Commissioners' Court



By: Sierra Trevino, Asst Chief Deputy

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