

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ORANGE

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Special Court Session was held on Tuesday, March 10, 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:

1. COMMENTS  
Johnny Trahan- Went to Washington DC and visited the Arlington Cemetery, wanted to give some appreciation to the soldiers who fight for our freedom and way of life.  
Kirk Roccaforte- had a meeting with TxDOT, they're going to start doing something.  
John Gothia- burn ban was put in last week, burn bans are not always about conditions being dry and not a lot of rain, but also the wind conditions and how fast the fire can get away. With that being said, he is lifting the burn ban, effective today.
2. NO ACTION  
No 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 life savings skills, or providing comfort to military members, veterans, and their families.
3. PROCLAMATION  
Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to acknowledge and approve the Proclamation from CASA, Sabine Neches Region, for Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month and grant permission to place the pinwheels on the courthouse lawn to be displayed throughout the month of April and grant permission on April 2, 2026, to hold a vigil on the courthouse lawn at 6:00 p.m.  
  
All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.  
(See Exhibits for this date.)



- i. \$100,000.00 from the General Fund (001-111-53020) to Orange County Economic Development Corporation for OCEDC membership 2025-2026.

GENERAL FUND	\$ 1,033,569.15
ROAD & BRIDGE	203,906.37
MOSQUITO CONTROL	1,004.98
ADULT PROBATION	2,295.33
AIRPORT	1,236.99
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS	595,081.81
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TOTAL FOR PAYMENT	\$1,837,094.63

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

6. LINE-ITEM  
TRANSFER

Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve 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.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

7. LINE- ITEM  
TRANSFER

Motion was made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to approve 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.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

8. COLLECTION REPORT  
Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve the certification of the February 2026 Collection Report for the Tax Office as required under PTC 31.10.  
  
All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.  
(See Exhibits for this date.)
9. NO ACTION  
No action taken on presentation to the Court by Parkwood Land Company during a workshop scheduled this date.
10. VESSEL TURN IN PROGRAM  
Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Johnny Trahan to approve 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 6pm on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.  
  
All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
11. APPROVE PURCHASE  
Motion was made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve purchasing camera system for the swing bridge on E Roundbunch.  
  
All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.  
(See Exhibits for this date.)
12. APPROVE AGREE-MENT  
Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to approve the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to execute the agreement and any related documents 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.  
  
All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
13. RESOLUTION  
Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to authorize Chief Howard, County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign 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.  
  
All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

14. RESOLUTION      Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Johnny Trahan to authorize Chief Howard, County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign by signature a Resolution for grant application for Orange County Thermal sUAS Capability for Port, Infrastructure, and Soft-Target Protection project SHSPR FFY 2026.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
15. APPROVE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS      Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve 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 the current budget to cover travel expenses.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.
16. NO ACTION      No action to receive and act upon projects presented by the Maintenance Department.
17. ROAD & BRIDGE      Tracy Leach, Road Administrator, updated the court on Road & Bridge projects. Culvert fees collected, \$5,055. Bridge openings, 16. Citizen Collection Station, 1,126 participants. Collections receipts were \$13,993. Recycling receipts \$2,354.70. Still working on the Harvey Roads since October, 9.9 complete.
18. RESOLUTION      Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of the application to the Office of the Governor for the 2026 Regional Homeland Security Grant.
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.  
(See Exhibits for this date.)
19. ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS      Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to approve 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 and appoint a selection committee.
- COMMITTEE: Johnny Trahan, Chris Sowell, Kurt Guidry, Joel Ardoin, Morgan Turner
- All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

20. APPROVE TRANSFER Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Johnny Trahan to approve 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

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

21. ADVERTISE FOR BIDS Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte approve the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids on IFB-26004 Uniform Cleaning Services.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

22. ADVERTISE FOR BIDS Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to approve the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids on IFB-26002 Fire Extinguisher & Inspections.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

23. ADVERTISE FOR BIDS Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Robert Viator to approve the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids on IFB-26003 Road Signs.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

24. ADVERTISE FOR PRO-POSAL Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Johnny Trahan to approve the Purchasing Agent to advertise for proposals for Disaster Recovery Services for Orange County.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

25. ADVERTISE FOR PRO-POSAL Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve the Purchasing Agent to advertise for proposals for Debris Monitoring Services for Orange County.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

26. CLOSED MEETING 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.

The court went into closed meeting. This meeting was recorded.

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

APPOINT DIRECTOR Motion was made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to name Devin Wilson as the interim Mosquito Control Director for six months, effective April 1, 2026, and to allow her to hire a seasonal part time person as her admin for that same six-month period, and hire her at an E2, with her years of service and will relook at this with the new budget.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

28. CLOSED MEETING Closed meeting held pursuant to the Tex. Gov. Code §551.071, to discuss with Assistant County Attorney matters regarding pending or threatened litigation.

The court went into closed meeting. This meeting was not recorded.

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

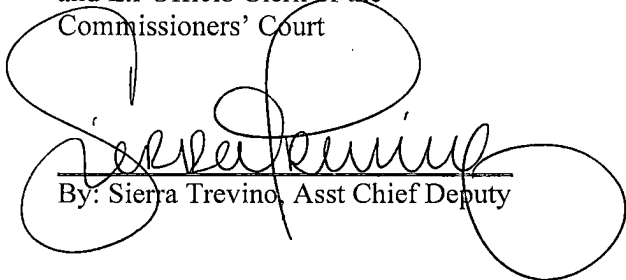
NO ACTION No action taken on closed meeting held pursuant to the Tex. Gov. Code §551.071, to Discuss with Assistant County Attorney matters regarding pending or threatened litigation.

30. 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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