

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ORANGE

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Special Court Session was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Orange County Administration Building with the following in attendance:

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| 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 10:07 A.M., and the following business was transacted, to-wit:

1. COMMENTS

Johnny Trahan – Illegal dumping is terrible in this county; we need to do something about it. He suggests if you see someone doing something they shouldn't be doing, get some pictures so we can get them to the sheriff's office or the constable to do something about it. Pictures of seeing who is actually doing it, is worth everything.

Chris Sowell – This past Friday, he attended the 180th class of State Troopers to graduate from DPS academy, and today we have two of them in the audience with us. I would like to introduce, Trooper Sowell and Trooper Quebedeaux, these two men are both graduates of Orange County, raised in Orange County, have been here their whole lives. One he was blessed to see take his first breath and just honored today to have them here to recognize them and introduce them to the county they will be stationed in on April 12th.

John Gothia – As well, it's another good thing to have our students who grow up here, learn here, go off and come back to Orange County. That is a rarity that they get to come back to their home town, but it is great to have them back in Orange County. As well, we have another good thing that happens today, and that is with our Mosquito Control Director, Patrick Beebe. He has known Patrick for a long, long, long time. He started with the county 41 years ago, and our longest serving employee. Patrick has done a fantastic job over all these years. He presented Patrick with a plaque for his 41 years of service.

Johnny Trahan – Patrick has always worked with a great deal of professionalism and has always appreciated him working with them and helping them with the questions they get. Patrick Beebe- Thank you for this plaque and he appreciates the support and allowing him to serve for the last 41 years. It has been both challenging and rewarding at the same time. He's worked with some great people. Lastly, he would like to thank his wife and daughter for sharing him with the work and forgiving him for not being present when he should be but couldn't be because of the job.

2. PROCLAMATION

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Johnny Trahan to acknowledge for 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.

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

3. PROCLAMATION

Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to acknowledge for 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.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

4. PRESENTATION

John Gothia, County Judge, presented Johnny Trahan, Commissioner Pct 1, with his Certificate of Completion for the Commissioner Court Advanced Curriculum.

5. MONTHLY TREASURER REPORT

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve the monthly reports from the County Treasurer for the month ending February 28, 2026, and record in the 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 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 total of \$77,345,403.23, summary as follows:
 - Wells Fargo Bank \$70,833,767.53
 - 1st Financial Bank \$6,511,635.70

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

6. DIRECT DEPOSIT

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to file 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.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

7. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve payment of bills approved by the County Auditor for March 17, 2026.

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| GENERAL FUND | \$ 71,350.76 |
| ROAD & BRIDGE | - |
| MOSQUITO CONTROL | - |
| ADULT PROBATION | 1,877.46 |
| AIRPORT | 1,489.06 |
| CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS | - |
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| TOTAL FOR PAYMENT | \$74,717.28 |

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

8. BILLS

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve 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 (001-101-5170) 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.

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| GENERAL FUND | \$ 601,493.88 |
| ROAD & BRIDGE | 436,653.55 |
| MOSQUITO CONTROL | 3,603.41 |
| ADULT PROBATION | 17,983.28 |
| AIRPORT | 2,183.29 |
| CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS | 12,024.40 |
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| TOTAL FOR PAYMENT | \$1,073,941.81 |

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

9. LINE-ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve 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.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

10. LINE-ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Johnny Trahan to approve line-item transfer for:

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 001-111-53830 (Contingency).....(\$41,550.00)
To: 002-573-57590 (Equip. > \$5,000.00).....\$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.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

11. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Johnny Trahan to receive the County Auditors Monthly Financial Reports.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

12. ACCEPT EXPENDITURE STATEMENT Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Johnny Trahan to authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign and accept the 2026 Expenditure Statement (2025 data), as related to the Tobacco Settlement Distribution Program, for submittal to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.

13. NO ACTION No action was taken to accept and approve the revisions suggest for the 2026 Travel Policy and Procedures as discussed in prior Workshop on this date.

20. APPROVE AMENDMENT Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve 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.

21. CLOSED MEETING Closed Meeting held 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.

The Court went into a closed meeting. This meeting was recorded.

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

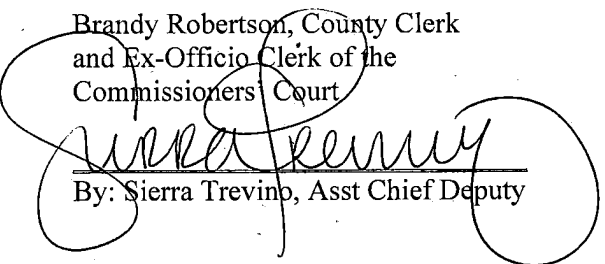
NO ACTION No action taken on closed meeting pursuant to Section §551.087 of the Texas Local Government Code. Deliberation regarding commercial or financial information that the Orange County Economic Development Corporation has received from a business prospect that the Commissioner's Court seeks to 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 Projects.

23. ADJOURN COURT There being no further business, a motion was made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to adjourn the 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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