

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ORANGE

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Regular Court Session was held on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, 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

Absent was: 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

Lynn McCarver, Orange County, asked about posting the budget on website in color to see graphs and charts better.
Cheryl Warren, Orange County, asked about considering scheduling a meeting regarding the budget in the evening.
2. PROCLAMATION

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell proclaiming the months of September and October “**National Ovarian and Breast Cancer**” Awareness months, respectively, and to allow the Gift of Life to place a freestanding, eight-foot banner on the Courthouse Lawn for Ovarian Cancer/Breast Cancer Awareness in Orange County, Texas.

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

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte authorizing the Proclamation acknowledging September as **Adult Literacy Month** in Orange County. Greater Orange Area Literacy Services (GOALS) is a nonprofit in Orange that serves the county. We help adults learn to read, help prepare for the GED and teach English as a second language. All services are provided free to the clients.

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

4. **BILLS**

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell approving payment of September 30, 2025 bills approved by County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:

- a. \$92,453.10 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Amwins Group Benefits, Inc. for insurance for retirees age 65 and over for October 2025.
- b. \$37.50 from the Special Grants Fund (081-927-53000) to Atlas Technical Consultants, L.L.C. for professional services from 7/26/2025 – 8/29/2025 for Project 250093.00: New Health Services Building.
- c. \$179,739.00 from the Special Grants Fund (081-927-53003) to McInnis Construction, Inc. for Pay App #8 – PODS 1 and 3.

GENERAL FUND	\$238,336.99
ROAD & BRIDGE	79,012.48
MOSQUITO CONTROL	27,108.63
ADULT PROBATION	86.00
AIRPORT	706.42
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS	10,000.00
ARPA	179,776.50

TOTAL FOR PAYMENT	\$535,027.02

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

5. **ADOPT
SPECIAL
BUDGET**

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte approving the adoption of a Special Budget with the provisions of Local Government Code §111.0108:

Revenue:	010-000-43510	Interest	(\$1,040.00)
Expense:	010-951-51115	DASB-22 Grant Pay	\$ 915.00
	010-951-52345	DASB-22 Workers Compensation	\$ 125.00

Purpose: To recognize additional interest received on SB-22 Grant Funds.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

6. ADOPT
SPECIAL
BUDGET

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte approving the adoption of a Special Budget with the provisions of Local Government Code §111.0108:

Revenue:	008-000-43510	Interest	(\$2,200.00)
Expense:	008-950-53000	SOSB-22 Grant Expenditures	\$2,200.00

Purpose: To recognize additional interest received on SB-22 Grant Funds.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

7. AUDITOR'S
MONTHLY
REPORTS

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to accept the County Auditor's Monthly Financial Reports.

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

8. LINE ITEM
TRANSFER

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to authorize the line item transfer as follows:

DASB-22

From:	010-951-51210 (DASB-22 Social Security).....	(\$ 185.65)
	010-951-51230 (DASB-22 Retirement).....	(\$ 853.41)
	010-951-53000 (DASB-22 Grant Expenditures).....	(\$ 484.00)
To:	010-951-51115 (DASB-22 Grant Pay).....	\$1,521.44
	010-951-51250 (DASB-22 Unemployment).....	\$ 1.62

Purpose: To realign budget for proper grant distribution.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

9. LINE ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to authorize the line item transfer as follows:

SOSB-22

From: 008-950-51115 (SOSB-22 Grant Pay).....(\$51,500.00)
008-950-51210 (SOSB-22 Social Security).....(\$ 4,620.00)
008-950-51230 (SOSB-22 Retirement).....(\$ 9,280.00)
008-950-51250 (SOSB-22 Unemployment).....(\$ 101.00)
To: 008-950-53000 (SOSB-22 Grant Expenditures).....\$60,651.00
008-950-52345 (SOSB-22 Workers Compensation).....\$ 4,850.00

Purpose: To realign budget for proper grant distribution.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

10. LINE ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to authorize the line item transfer as follows:

GENERAL

From: 001-111-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....(\$26,217.00)
To: 001-217-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....\$ 7,090.00
001-665-51270 (Group Health, Life & Dental).....\$ 6,115.00
001-787-51250 (Unemployment).....\$ 12.00
001-101-52345 (Workers Compensation).....\$13,000.00

Purpose: To supply funds for processing end-of-year payroll.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

11. LINE ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to authorize the line item transfer as follows:

INDEPENDENT JUDICIAL SERVICES

From: 001-205-59999 (Other).....(\$10.00)
To: 001-205-51210 (Social Security).....\$10.00

Purpose: To cover expenses at the end of the year.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

12. LINE ITEM TRANSFER

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to authorize the line item transfer as follows:

CITIZENS COLLECTION STATION

From:	001-470-57550 (Repairs/Rentals/Constr/Etc.).....	(\$ 6,000.00)
	001-470-57595 (Equip between \$2,000 & \$4,999).....	(\$ 5,000.00)
	001-470-57500 (Equip Non-Inv < \$2,000).....	(\$ 1,000.00)
	001-470-51140 (Extra Help).....	(\$ 2,400.00)
	002-573-57550 (Repairs/Rentals/Constr/Etc.).....	(\$25,000.00)
To:	001-470-54250 (Waste Disposal Fee).....	\$39,400.00

Purpose: To cover end-of-year costs.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

13. LINE ITEM TRANSFER

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to authorize the line item transfer as follows:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

From:	081-927-53000 (ARPA Grant Expenditures).....	(\$2,217.35)
To:	081-927-53020 (OSSF and 1 st Time Sewer Expenditures).....	\$2,217.35

Purpose: To provide funds for labor and materials to run water line from meter to home required for the completion of the first-time sewer connection.

From:	081-927-53000 (ARPA Grant Expenditures).....	(\$4,950.00)
To:	081-927-53003 (ARPA PODS).....	\$4,950.00

Purpose: To provide funds to excavate and grade new swale on the east side of the new Precinct 1 POD building per new drawing.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

14. LINE ITEM TRANSFER

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Johnny Trahan to authorize the line item transfer as follows:

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & CODE

From:	001-908-57500 (Equip Non-Inv < \$2,000).....	(\$570.00)
To:	001-908-54550 (Travel/Reg./Dues/Etc.).....	\$570.00

Purpose: To provide funds to cover travel at end of year.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

15. LINE ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to authorize the line item transfer as follows:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

From: 001-740-57500 (Equip Non-Inv < \$2,000).....(\$500.00)
To: 001-740-52100 (Office Supplies).....\$500.00

Purpose: To provide funds to cover end-of-year costs.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

16. LINE ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Johnny Trahan to authorize the line item transfer as follows:

HEALTH SERVICES

From: 082-939-53000 (PHEP Grant Expense).....(\$5,770.00)
To: 082-939-51110 (Regular Salaries).....\$5,446.00
082-939-51210 (Social Security).....\$ 316.00
082-939-51250 (Unemployment).....\$ 8.00

Purpose: To supply funds for processing end of year payroll.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

17. LINE ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to authorize the line item transfer as follows:

COUNTY AUDITOR

From: 001-303-54550 (Travel/Reg./Dues/Etc.).....(\$935.00)
To: 001-303-51120 (Overtime Salaries).....\$765.00
001-303-51210 (Social Security).....\$ 60.00
001-303-51230 (Retirement).....\$105.00
001-303-51250 (Unemployment).....\$ 5.00

Purpose: To provide additional overtime to cover processing of account payable at the end of the year with an employee out on maternity leave.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

18. APPROVE
ORDER
- Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve the Order for Setting the Regular Commissioners' Court Dates for 2025-2026 pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §81.005(a) and authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign.
- All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)
19. APPROVE
PURCHASE
- Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve the purchase of a vehicle including additional equipment and supplies needed in the vehicle for the Orange County Sheriff's Department out of the remaining SB22 grant funds.
- All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.
20. SET
HEARING
- Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Johnny Trahan to set the public hearing date for November 4, 2025 at 9:30A.M. regarding the speed limit in Parkview Addition.
- All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.
21. APPROVE
AGREEMENT
- Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Johnny Trahan to approve and execute an agreement between Orange County and OCV, L.L.C. and to authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign same. Execution of this agreement will facilitate development, set up, activation, and multi-year maintenance of mobile applications designed to support opioid abuse prevention efforts in the county, using available funds from Opioid Settlement(s) as approved by Commissioners' Court 7/22/2025.
- All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)
22. APPROVE
AGREEMENT
- Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve, execute, receive and file an agreement #0000170745 with Thomson Reuters (Westlaw) for a West Proflex online subscription for adding additional user, Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 in accordance with TX MSA DIR-CPO-5258 (TXM1) and to authorize Judge Courtney Arkeen to sign same.
- All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

23. APPROVE
AGREEMENT

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell approving the proposed Facility & Tower Lease Agreement between Orange County and L3Harris Technologies, Inc. relating to the Radio Tower site at the Orange County Airport, in conjunction with and support of the FAA Prime Contract with L3Harris and authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign same. The lease involves no new construction at this time.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

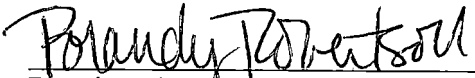
24. ADJOURN
MEETING

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Johnny Trahan 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

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