

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ORANGE

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Regular Court Session was held on Tuesday, October 7, 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
Chris Sowell,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Kirk F. Roccaforte,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Robert Viator Jr.,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

Absent was: Johnny A. Trahan, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

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

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 John Gothia said he hoped everyone had a chance to go out to Orangetoberfest this past weekend. It was a great turn out. It's great to have good activities for families to enjoy in our town.
2. TEXPOOL SERVICES Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to add Andrea Bilbo as a transactional authorized user to TexPool Services and authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.
3. AUTHORIZE DELEGATES Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to approve a Resolution for authorization of delegates on existing account with First Financial Bank.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

4. **BILLS**

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve payment of October 7, 2025 bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:

- a. \$21,652.83 from the General Fund (001-111-54235) to U.T.M.B. for contract payment due October 2025.

GENERAL FUND	\$175,481.39
ROAD & BRIDGE	1,432.55
MOSQUITO CONTROL	-
ADULT PROBATION	381.75
AIRPORT	306.66
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS	-

TOTAL FOR PAYMENT	\$177,602.35

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

5. **ADOPT
SPECIAL
BUDGET**

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to accept a donation from Golden Pass LNG of \$25,000 for use in purchasing automated external defibrillators (AED's) by the County Sheriff's Office and additionally, to approve a special budget pursuant to Local Government Code §111.0108, revenue received after the start of the fiscal year, is requested to allow for the funding to be added to the financials.

Revenues:	001-000-44064	Donations – Directed	(\$25,000)
All Expenses:			\$25,000

Purpose: To recognize and establish a budget for funds donated for the purchase of automated external defibrillators (AED's) by the Sheriff's Office.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

6. **ADOPT
SPECIAL
BUDGET**

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to adopt a special budget certified by the County Auditor pursuant to LGC §111.0106 of \$500,000 plus estimated interest for the Rural Law Enforcement Grant on behalf of the Orange County Sheriff's Office.

Revenue:	008-000-49165	Rural Law Enforcement Grant Revenue	(\$500,000)
	008-000-43510	Interest	(\$ 3,000)
All Expenses:			\$503,000

Purpose: To recognize and establish budgets for grant funds received after adoption of the county budget.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

7. ADOPT
SPECIAL
BUDGET

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to adopt a special budget certified by the County Auditor pursuant to LGC §111.0106 of \$275,000 plus estimated interest for the Rural Law Enforcement Grant on behalf of the Orange County District Attorney's Office.

Revenue:	010-000-46165 Rural Law Enforcement Grant Revenue	(\$275,000)
	010-000-43510 Interest	(\$ 1,500)
All Expenses:		\$276,500

Purpose: To recognize and establish budgets for grant funds received after adoption of the county budget.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

8. LINE ITEM
TRANSFER

Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte approving the line item transfer as follows:

GENERAL

From:	001-111-54092 (Court Appointed Attorney/CPS/Others).....	(\$1,630.00)
To:	001-111-54093 (Court Appointed Attorney CCAL Adult).....	\$ 880.00
	001-111-53203 (Sheriff Criminal Bonds Returned).....	\$ 750.00

Purpose: To provide funds for payment of remaining FY2024-2025 invoices.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

9. ACCEPT
CERTIFI-
CATION

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator accepting the certification of the September 2025 Collection Report for the Tax Office as required under PTC 31.10.

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

10. ACCEPT
CERTIFI-
CATION

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte accepting the certification of the Annual Report Summary Collections for Year Ending September 2025 for the Tax Office as required under PTC 31.10.

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

11. HOLIDAY
LUNCHEON

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to set the Orange County Employee Holiday Luncheon during a three hour window to be determined by each Department Head and/or Elected Official on December 12, 2025.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

12. SART
TEAM

Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte approving the appointment of members to the Orange County Sexual Assault Response Team (OCSART) in accordance with Local Government Code Sec. 351.252.

2025 SART Team Members:

- Orange County Sheriff Bobby Smith
- Orange County District Attorney Krispen Winfree
- Orange Police Department Chief Lane Martin
- Orange County Victim's Assistance Coordinator Rebeca Patterson
- Child Abuse & Forensic Services, Inc. Program Director Brenda Garison RN, CA/CP SANE
- Orange County Sheriff's Office Sexual Assault Investigator Bianca Cowart
- Spindletop Behavioral Health Coordinator Tommy Smith
- Orange County Sheriff's Office PIO Lauree Chapman

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

13. INDIGENT
DEFENSE
GRANT

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte approving the 2026 Orange County Resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program and authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign same.

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

14. VETERAN'S
OFFICER
QUARTERLY
REPORT

Mark Hammer, Claims Director, stated they had 413 appointments and walk-ins. He also stated the back log of veterans waiting on VA benefits is down 37% since January 20, 2025 but due to government shut down, the regional office in Houston is closed and minimum staffing is available for claims. The Texas Veterans Commission is working remotely. It is still budgeted to keep in movement. The VA Healthcare in Houston is open but certain community care departments are shut down for right now. The Beaumont Outpatient Clinic is still open and everything is operating as normal.

15. APPROVE
PLAT

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte approving the Maxcy Subdivision Minor Replat of a 3.00 -acre tract of land being all of Lot Number 38 of the Maxcy Subdivision Phase 1, Orange County, Texas, recorded in Volume 10, Page 51, Orange County, Texas same being out of the John Maxcy Survey, Abstract No. 425 located in Pct. 2 and being the same tract of land conveyed to Robert Trimmell by deed recorded in Orange County, Clerk File Number 552614 of the Official Public Records into Lot Numbers 38A, 38B, and 38C. This final plat has been reviewed and approved by the Orange County Engineering and the Orange County Drainage District. The proper filing and reproduction fees have been paid and a tax statement has been provided.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.
(See Maps. Volume 16, Page 45)

16. APPROVE
RENEWAL

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell approving the renewal of IFB-23002-Mowing Services for various Orange County properties contract between Orange County, Texas and Lightfoot Enterprises, Inc. and authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign. This is the (2nd) second of three renewals available under the contract and the prices will remain the same.

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

17. APPROVE
RENEWAL

Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte approving the renewal of IFB-23004-Bulk Prescription Drugs for the Orange County Correctional Facility and authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. This is the (2nd) second renewal of three renewals available under the contract and the prices will remain the same.

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

18. AWARD
CONTRACT

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to award by resolution a contract for grant administration services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the County's FY2025 Post Fire Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) grants from the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign same.

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

19. AWARD
CONTRACT
- Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Robert Viator to award by resolution a contract for engineering services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the County's FY2025 Post Fire Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) grants from the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign same.

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

20. APPROVE
UPDATED
AGREEMENT
- Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell approving an updated Master Grant Agreement for Year 2022-2026 between Orange County and SETRPC and authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same.

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

21. APPROVE
CONTRACT
- Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell approving the yearly contract for FY 2025-2026 between Orange County and SETRPC and authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same.

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

22. RENEW
MEDICAL
PLAN
- Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Chris Sowell to participate in the County Choice Silver Health Plan for Orange County Retirees over 65 years of age by renewing the 2025 medical program.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

ADDENDUM NUMBER ONE:

1. USE OF
PARKING
LOT
- Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator approving the Orange County Sheriff's Association to once again host the 3rd Annual Trunk-R-Treat in the county parking lot between the Orange County Courthouse and the Administration Building.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

23. ADJOURN
MEETING

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator 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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