

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ORANGE

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Special Court Session was held on Tuesday, April 28, 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 spoke about his mother, Gladys Trahan's 91st birthday. He stated he appreciates her and wishes her a Happy Birthday.

Chris Sowell thanked the community and the teams that came out to support the Crawfish Festival. They cooked 16,000 pounds of crawfish and 500 pounds of shrimp. It was a huge success.

Kirk Roccaforte said it was a great event. They did a great job.
2. PROCLAMATION

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell approving a Proclamation for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease.

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

Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte approving a Proclamation proclaiming Economic Development Week, May 4th through May 8th, 2026, where professionals work as stewards of progress, connecting residents, business leaders, elected officials, industry executives, and educational institutions to advance job creation, community investment, infrastructure improvements, and long-term opportunity.

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

4. REVENUE RECEIVED

Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to file in the minutes of the Court revenue received from City of Pine Forest, Check #4097, in the amount of \$942.47. These funds are reimbursement for road materials.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to record in the minutes regarding payment of bills approved by the County Auditor for April 21, 2026.

GENERAL FUND	\$75,569.71
ROAD & BRIDGE	525.54
MOSQUITO CONTROL	-
ADULT PROBATION	14,022.59
AIRPORT	442.36
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS	-

TOTAL FOR PAYMENT	\$90,560.20

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

6. BILLS

Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to approve payment of April 28, 2026 bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:

- a. \$119,446.42 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Texas Association of Counties HEBP for group medical, dental, life-under age 65 for April 2026.
- b. \$99,360.23 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Amwins Group Benefits, Inc. for for insurance for retirees age 65 and over for May 2026.
- c. \$1,150.00 from the General Fund (001-111-54290) to Claybar Funeral Home for indigent funeral expenses.
- d. \$1,150.00 from the General Fund (001-111-54290) to Dorman Funeral Home for indigent funeral expenses.
- e. \$4,500.00 from the Road & Bridge Fund (002-573-54120) to Arceneaux, Wilson & Cole, L.L.C. for services rendered 10/2025 – 4/2026: Project ORC-090 2019 FMA Elevations projects.
- f. \$21,671.34 from the Improvement Grants Fund (026-983-53000) to Planet Three Elevations for Draw #4: 2019 FMA Elevations projects.

- g. \$64,125.00 from the TDRA/GLO/Recovery Grants Fund (073-936-53002) to T Johnson Industries to Pay App #5, Draw #8: Imelda Kinard Estates Drainage Project 2/14/2026 – 3/17/2026.
- h. \$346,210.76 from the Special Grants Fund (081-927-53002) to G & G Enterprises for Application #8: Health Services Building construction invoice.
- i. \$37,600.00 from the General Fund (001-681-53022) to Sign Doctor for materials for ballpark lights at Claiborne Park.

GENERAL FUND	\$563,298.21
ROAD & BRIDGE	143,934.41
MOSQUITO CONTROL	32,412.41
ADULT PROBATION	3,137.64
AIRPORT	4,715.01
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS	366,311.74

TOTAL FOR PAYMENT	\$1,113,809.42

IN ADDITION TO:
 STATE CRIMINAL COSTS
 AND FEES QUARTER ENDING \$189,824.39

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

7. LINE ITEM TRANSFER

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

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

From: 001-111-53830 (Contingency).....	(\$231,000.00)
To: 001-115-52700 (Utilities).....	\$158,000.00
001-115-57550 (Repairs/Rentals/Constr./ Etc.).....	\$ 68,000.00
001-115-52730 (Cellular/Internet Expense).....	\$ 5,000.00

Purpose: To provide funds for remainder of the year.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

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

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 001-111-53830 (Contingency).....(\$10,622.23)
To: 001-573-57550 (Repairs/Rentals/Constr./ Etc.).....\$10,622.23

Purpose: To provide funds for the cost associated with extending water to the Precinct #3 Barn. The City of Bridge City will install and test the line.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

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

ROAD & BRIDGE

From: 002-573-53021 (R&B Mechanic Shop Construction).....(\$7,500.00)
To: 002-573-54551 (CDL Education Expense).....\$7,500.00

Purpose: To cover additional CDL Expenses needed for new hires.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

10. APPROVE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte adopting the local option homestead exemptions for the 2026 tax year at the approved percentage at 20% for homestead exemption and the approved amount at \$25,000 for 65 and older exemption and the approved amount at \$25,000 for the disabled person exemption.

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

11. UPDATE TRAVEL POLICY Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell approving updates to the travel policy clarification for Special Law Enforcement and Probation travel concerning:

- a. Use of county-issued cards for meals during overnight travel
- b. Rental car insurance coverage guidelines
- c. Eligibility and requirements for overnight stays following events
- d. Inmate/Probationer meal limitations

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

12. APPRAISAL DISTRICT AUDIT Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to accept for recording in the minutes the receipt of the Orange County Appraisal District 2025 Financial Audit.
- All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)
13. SIGN REQUEST Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign a request for Unclaimed Property Capital Credits for the State Comptroller's Office.
- All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)
14. APPROVE AMENDMENT Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Johnny Trahan approving Amendment #3 to Viapath Technologies agreement for the "2025 FCC" mandated rate changes governing incarcerated people's communications services.
- All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.
(See Exhibits for this date.)
15. APPROVE CONTRACT EXTENSION Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Chris Sowell to approve and to accept the Public Health Emergency Preparedness-Hazards contract extension between Orange County and the Department of State Health Services and to authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same via Docu Sign.
- All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.
16. APPROVE PLAT Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator approving the replat of 1.39 acres being out of Parcel No. 5 of Green Acres, a subdivision of record on Volume 5, Page 111 of the Orange County Map Records into Lot 1 & 2 in the William Chisholm Survey, Abstract No. 289, Orange County, Texas. This plat has been reviewed and approved by Orange County Road and Bridge and the Orange County Drainage District. The proper review, filing and reproduction fees have been paid and a tax statement has been provided.
- All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.
(See Maps. Volume 16, Page 71)
17. COLLECTION STATION Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to move forward with the septic/water application for a restroom at the Collection Station and to authorize or reauthorize Tracy Leach to sign the application or any related paperwork regarding restroom.
- All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

18. APPROVE RENEWAL Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte approving the renewal of IFB-24010 Solid Waste Collection & Recycling Services with Republic Services and to authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. This is the first (1st) 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.)

19. AWARD BID Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Robert Viator to award IFB-26003 Road Signs and to authorize for the Orange County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign same.

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

20. AWARD BID Motion made by Johnny Trahan, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte authorizing the Purchasing Agent to re-advertise for bids on IFB-26002-A Fire Extinguisher & Inspections.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

21. AWARD CONTRACT Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to award by resolution a contract for engineering/architectural services under RFQ-MC-2026-1 for post-award services of the County's DR-4332-038 Critical County Facilities Retrofit Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) grants from the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and authorizing for the Orange County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign same.

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

22. TRANSFER ASSET Motion made by Chris Sowell, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to transfer the following items with the exception of all the sandbag chutes:

ASSET	DESCRIPTION	VIN OR SERIAL#	FROM	TO
19454	Reader	429293	Records	Surplus
17744	Dell Xeon Server	9L13GD1	Juv Prob	Surplus
17739	Server Cache	9XV4Z71	Sheriff	Surplus
17743	Server Powervault	4LH5Z71	Sheriff	Surplus
17740	Tape Auto Loader	87100169	Sheriff	Surplus
17750	Security Eye Multi Cam	Custom	CH Security	Surplus
17264	2007 Ford F150 (86,050k)	1FTVX12577NA65344	Maintenance	Surplus
19487	Dell 7400 Latitude Laptop	CDZGP13	JP3	Surplus
16965	Dell Latitude Laptop	C10MLF1	MIS	Surplus
17178	Dell Latitude Laptop	HL2NN1	MIS	Surplus
18850	Dell Latitude Laptop	JKQWNY1	MIS	Surplus
15993	Watchguard Fire Box	80C802940CCCE	MIS	Surplus

17736	Watchguard Fire Box	WG5153T	MIS	Surplus
17530	Inspiron Laptop	13PG541	MIS	Surplus
17840	Inspiron Laptop	7MYPT91	MIS	Surplus
15636	Dell Laptop	4V5W9T1	MIS	Surplus
17529	Dell Laptop	89F9TK1	MIS	Surplus
17384	Dell Laptop	2S72DC1	MIS	Surplus
17778	Dell Laptop	7DBJBK1	MIS	Surplus
16903	Latitude Laptop	5T72DC1	MIS	Surplus
18296	Dell Server Quad	IRHJLD1	MIS	Surplus
15467	Dell Power Vault	2M4W0Q1	MIS	Surplus
17746	Dell Server	6RBTKF1	MIS	Surplus
17737	Sony Tape Autoload	2653930	MIS	Surplus
17738	Sony CV Compliance	1INTR4VLXA3AYDDHSHW	MIS	Surplus
15639	Dell Laptop	96MOHV1	MIS	Surplus
15408	IBM Tower Model 8202	10687FR	MIS	Surplus
17745	Dell Server 2950	BRBTKF1	MIS	Surplus
19444	Watchguard Firewall	80D602F14-698A	MIS	Surplus
17732	Watchguard Firewall	808203176-AD05	MIS	Surplus
17735	Superstack II Switch	7WM8012209	MIS	Surplus
15638	Dell Laptop	4V5V9T1	MIS	Surplus
16779	HP Printer E 4350	CNRXR59448	MIS	Surplus
15992	Security System Drawbridge Lights and Monitors	CUSTOM MADE	R&B	Surplus
17146	Rugby 3208G W/Rod Eye	67113/125363	R&B	Surplus
17328	Sign Plotter	30962562/Model CE3000-60	R&B	Surplus
19305	Sandbag Chute	1342	R&B	Surplus
19306	Sandbag Chute	1343	R&B	Surplus
19308	Sandbag Chute	1344	R&B	Surplus
19307	Sandbag Chute	1345	R&B	Surplus
19309	Sandbag Chute	1346	R&B	Surplus
17317	2000 Ford F250	1FTNF2YEC85240	R&B	Surplus

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

23. APPROVE
TAX
ABATE-
MENTS

Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Chris Sowell approving the following tax abatements for the City of Vidor: Please take notice that the City intends to enter into the agreements for tax abatement with the following property owners regarding the respective properties located at:

- RTC Homes LLC at 195 Teal, Vidor, Texas
- James C. Havard and Evelyn Havard at 265 Teal, Vidor, Texas
- Premier PMC LLC at 266 Pine Burr, Vidor, Texas
- Isarel Sanchez at 270 N. Dewitt, Vidor, Texas
- Darin Kevin Hargrove and Lauren Franklin Hargrove at 275 Teal, Vidor, Texas
- Lori Smith at 340 W Courtland, Vidor, Texas
- Rock Builders LLC at 350 Texas St., Vidor, Texas
- Brandy Lynn Jones at 383 N. Lakeside, Vidor, Texas

Wesley Noel at 395 Lakewood, Vidor, Texas
Tim Franklin at 405 Lakewood, Vidor, Texas
Nick Lagusis at 415 W. Park, Vidor, Texas
McPayne Real Estate LLC at 430 Needles, Vidor, Texas
Orange County Builders LLC at Lakewood Estates, 435 Lakewood, Vidor, Texas
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Julie Lightfoot at 535 Rosewood St., Vidor, Texas
Bryce Roder and Brynn Baker at 560 Elgie St., Vidor, Texas
Don Lightfoot at 625 Cherry, Vidor, Texas
Joshua D. Johnsrude at 660 North Oakland St., Vidor, Texas
Ty Weaver at 705 Pinecrest, Vidor, Texas
Premier PMC LLC at 760 Hillside, Vidor, Texas
Teri Lynn Riley at 800 Reynolds St., Vidor, Texas
JN Custom Homes LLC at 805 Strickland, Vidor, Texas
Ryan Nicholson at 815 Strickland, Vidor, Texas
Chan Smith at 820 Reynolds St., Vidor, Texas
Adrien Green and Brenden Williamson at 825 Strickland, Vidor, Texas
Lucas David Ward and Shelby Ward at 835 Strickland, Vidor, Texas
Madison Murdock at 845 Strickland, Vidor, Texas
Katie Fox and Justin Fox at 870 Kent, Vidor, Texas
John Paul Castilaw Sr. and Cynthia Castilaw at 1150 Dogwood Dr., Vidor, Texas
RTC Homes LLC at 1180 Pine St., Vidor, Texas
Carlin Bailey at 1190 Pine St., Vidor, Texas
Dayne Taylor Sauceman and Jaley Sauceman at 1200 Pine St., Vidor, Texas
RTC Homes LLC at 1215 Pine St., Vidor, Texas
Stuart W. Austin and Nancy Austin at 1223 Pine St., Vidor, Texas
DJM Contractors Ltd. at 1255 SS Brewer, Vidor, Texas
DJM Contractors Ltd. At 1270 SS Brewer, Vidor, Texas
Curtis Pelton and Mary Pelton at 3315 Ward St., Vidor, Texas
Todd Barker and Jessica Barker at 985 Old Spanish Trail, Vidor, Texas

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

24. CLOSED
MEETING

Closed meeting held pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code §551.071, to discuss with Assistant County Attorney one or more discrete and unrelated matters regarding pending or threatened litigation, as well as to seek or receive information and advice from Assistant County Attorney on legal matters that are not related to litigation or settlement of litigation but are matters in which the duty of the attorney to the Court otherwise conflicts with Chapter 551.

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

25. RETURN TO
OPEN MEETING

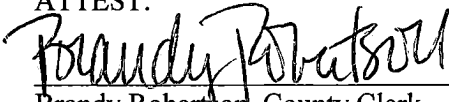
Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary based upon discussion in closed meeting.

NO ACTION No action taken on closed meeting held pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code §551.071, to discuss with Assistant County Attorney one or more discrete and unrelated matters regarding pending or threatened litigation, as well as to seek or receive information and advice from Assistant County Attorney on legal matters that are not related to litigation or settlement of litigation but are matters in which the duty of the attorney to the Court otherwise conflicts with Chapter 551.

26. ADJOURN There being no further business, a motion was made by Chris Sowell, seconded by
MEETING 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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