

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ORANGE

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Special Court Session was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Orange County Administration Building with the following in attendance:

	John H. Gothia, Kirk F. Roccaforte,	County Judge Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Absent was:	Johnny A. Trahan, Chris Sowell, Robert Viator Jr.,	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1 Commissioner, Precinct No. 2 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:

RECESS            The Court went into a short recess at 10:01 A.M. to allow time for Robert Viator Jr. to arrive. He is about 15 minutes out.

RECONVENE        The Court reconvened at 10:17 A.M. with Robert Viator Jr. in attendance.

1. COMMENTS     Christy Davis, Mauriceville Utility District, spoke about the election they held and stated appreciation for all the help from LaDonna Alford at Elections Administration.  
Kirk Roccaforte spoke about the Longhorns and Aggies.  
John Gothia spoke about the Vessel Turn In Program. This is our 5<sup>th</sup> year to participate where unwanted vessels and jet skis can be turned in and not end up in our waterways. This year, 24 boats were dropped off and 120 gallons of fuel pulled. In the 5 years of participation, a little over 400 vessels have been brought in.

2. PROCLAMATION    Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator authorizing the Orange County Commissioners' Court to issue a Proclamation recognizing the month of June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month.

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

3a. 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.

3b. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING Return to open meeting. Take any action deemed necessary base upon discussion in closed meeting.

APPROVE AMENDMENT ON TAX ABATEMENT Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to approve the first Amendment to the Chapter 312 Tax Abatement Agreement between Orange County and USG Paper, LLC with the addition of language clarifying that the base value of the property throughout the duration of the abatement agreement remains not less than the appraisal value as of January 1, 2026 and to authorize the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same, once that language is added and sent to you.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

4. TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte approving the monthly reports from the County Treasurer for month ending April 30, 2026 and recording in the minutes of the Court:

- a. Approval of Investments in the amount of \$181,817.89.
- b. Approval of Interest Earned to date in the amount of \$1,144,445.94.
- c. Treasurer's Report of revenues received and disbursed in accordance with the Local Government Code 114.026(d) and affidavit of approval by the Court. This report will be available on the county's website for viewing.
- d. Pledged Security Collateral for a total of \$21,737,354.41 summary as follows:
  - Wells Fargo Bank \$14,833,940.44
  - 1st Financial Bank \$ 6,903,413.97

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

5. DIRECT DEPOSIT

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to file in the minutes of the Court a direct deposit from the State Comptroller of Public Accounts in the amount of \$803,587.73. These funds represent the ½ -cent Sales and Use Allocation for the month of March 2026 and have been credited to the General Operating Fund.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

6. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motin made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to record in the minutes payment of bills approved by the County Auditor for May 19, 2026.

GENERAL FUND	\$101,195.03
ROAD & BRIDGE	525.56
MOSQUITO CONTROL	-
ADULT PROBATION	14,076.50
AIRPORT	1,725.86
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS	-
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TOTAL FOR PAYMENT	\$117,522.95

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

7. BILLS

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator to approve payment of May 26, 2026 bills approved by the County Auditor as per attested listings and also specifically as follows:

- a. \$115,855.86 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Texas Association of Counties HEBP for group medical, dental, life-under age 65 for May 2026.
- b. \$98,837.29 from the General Fund (001-101-51270) to Amwins Group Benefits, Inc. for insurance for retirees age 65 and over for June 2026.
- c. \$15,000.00 from the General Fund (001-111-54105) for Annual Audit Billing FY 2025.
- d. \$450.00 from the General Fund (001-115-57550) to Arceneaux, Wilson & Cole, L.L.C. for Project LS26-080 FEMA Elevation Certificate Services 5/5/2026 – 5/8/2026.
- e. \$3,450.00 from the General Fund (001-111-54290) to Claybar Funeral Home for indigent funeral expenses.
- f. \$172,721.88 from the TDRA/GLO/Recovery Grants Fund (073-936-53003) to Experts Underground Solutions, L.L.C. for Tulane Drainage Improvements 3/1/2026 – 3/31/2026.
- g. \$112,955.00 from the TDRA/GLO/Recovery Grants Fund (073-936-53002) to T Johnson Industries for Pay App #6, Draw #9 – Imelda Kinard Estates drainage project.

- h. \$4,725.00 from the Special Grants Fund (081-927-53000) to Architects, Inc. for construction administration work through 4/30/2026 – Health Services Building.
- i. \$12,000.00 from the TDRA/GLO/Recovery Grants Fund (073-936-53002) to Orange County Drainage District for expenses on Kinard Estates drainage project that are not covered by Kinard Estates Drainage Project Grant.

GENERAL FUND	\$1,218,604.38
ROAD & BRIDGE	131,906.57
MOSQUITO CONTROL	8,004.55
ADULT PROBATION	4,141.24
AIRPORT	2,676.83
CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS	18,692.43
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TOTAL FOR PAYMENT	\$1,384,026.00

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

8. LINE ITEM TRANSFER

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

**COUNTY JUDGE**

From: 001-111-53830 (Contingency).....(\$12,000.00)  
 To: 073-936-53002 (TDRA/GLO/Recovery Grants Fund).....\$12,000.00

Purpose: To replenish line item for Kinard Estates non grant expenses.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

9. LINE ITEM TRANSFER

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

**TRANSPORTATION**

From: 001-601-51140 (Extra Help Salaries).....(\$8,000.00)  
 To: 001-601-51120 (Overtime Salaries).....\$8,000.00

Purpose: To provide funds for the remainder of the fiscal year.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

10. LINE ITEM  
TRANSFER

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

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

From: 002-573-52500 (Road Materials).....(\$76,971.12)  
To: 036-952-52500 (Road Materials).....\$76,971.12

Purpose: To move materials expense for Hurricane Harvey PA small projects.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

11. LINE ITEM  
TRANSFER

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

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

From: 002-573-57590 (Equip. > \$5,000).....(\$1,000.00)  
To: 002-573-57500 (Equip. Non-Inventory <\$2,000).....\$1,000.00

Purpose: To provide funds to cover Jack Plate(s) and Propeller for the new boat that will be used at swing bridge.

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

12. LINE ITEM  
TRANSFER

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

**HEALTH SERVICES**

From: 001-111-53830 (Contingency).....(\$100,000.00)  
To: 001-450-54130 (Contracted Services & Maintenance).....\$100,000.00

Purpose: To provide additional funding for change orders related to the construction of the new Orange County Health Services Building.

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

- 13. LINE ITEM TRANSFER Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator approving the line item transfer as follows:

**CONSTABLE PRECINCT #3**

From: 001-777-52100 (Office Supplies).....(\$200.00)  
To: 001-777-52110 (Public Safety Supplies & Uniforms).....\$200.00

Purpose: County vehicle equipment, floor mats.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

- 14. SET HEARING Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to set a hearing regarding the re-naming of IP Way in Pct 1 on June 25, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

- 15. PERMIT PROCESS Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte to allow Arceneaux, Wilson & Cole to start the nationwide permitting process with the Army Corps of Engineers at a cost up to \$20,000.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

- 16. ADVERTISE FOR BIDS Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte approving the Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids for Steel Sheet Piling project for Road and Bridge and to appoint a committee. The committee will consist of Kirk Roccaforte, Robert Viator, Tracy Leach, Kellen McLarty, Morgan Turner and Joel Ardoin.

All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.

- 17. GRANT APPLICATION Motion made by Robert Viator, seconded by Kirk Roccaforte authorizing by signature a Resolution for grant application for Orange County Thermal sUAS Capability for Port, Infrastructure, and Soft-Target Protection project SHSPR FFY 2026 and authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (This item was previously approved on 3-10-2026. The designated signer is changing from Chief Howard to County Judge or Judge Pro-Tem.)

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

18. GRANT APPLICATION

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator authorizing 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 and authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same. (This item was previously approved on 3-10-2026. The designated signer is changing from Chief Howard to County Judge or Judge Pro-Tem.)

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

19. GRANT APPLICATION

Motion made by Kirk Roccaforte, seconded by Robert Viator authorizing by signature a Resolution for grant application for 2026 Project Safe Neighborhoods Program – License Plate Reader (LPR) Camera Deployment Project and authorizing the County Judge or Judge Pro Tem to sign the same.


All Voted AYE. Motion Carried.  
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20. 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:

  
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Brandy Robertson, County Clerk  
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the  
Commissioners' Court

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