

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Workshop Session
May 12, 2025

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Workshop Session on May 12, 2025, at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse located at 200 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, Texas.

Members present: Scott Lee – County Judge
Toby Godfrey – Commissioner Precinct 2
Scott Newsome – Commissioner Precinct 3
Scott Smith – Commissioner Precinct 4
Brook Bussell – County Clerk

Members absent: Jerry Cooper – Commissioner Precinct 1

VISITORS: Beth Hedges, Paris Tillery, Brantin Carr, Robert Zinn, Pat Wright, Diana Duckworth, Don Easterling, Kathy Boren, Linda Hammond, Chad Neal, Ken Greer, Frankie Cooper, Kayla Gentry, Lauren Lewis, Tiffany Aguilar, Jacqueline Miller, Mark Miller, Joe D. Stanley, Melissa Clawson, Bryan DeLoach, Mike Holochuck, and Dan Hoke.

County Judge Scott Lee called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

1. Review Hotel/Motel Occupancy Funding Requests – Applications submitted by Franklin County Youth Baseball/Softball Association, Franklin County Sheriff's Posse, Franklin County Genealogical Society, Mt. Vernon Key Club, SRS Saddlery/Auctions, Franklin County Arts Alliance, Alamo Mission Museum, Franklin County Historical Association, Mt. Vernon Music, Rotary Tour de Cypress, Mount Vernon-Salttillo Young Farmers, Big Dawg Sports, Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, and 2D Sports-Last Swing Events were reviewed and discussed. There were representatives present from several entities to provide further information about their respective requests. Total funding requested for 2026 is \$337,050.00.

See Exhibit 05/12/2025 – A

2. Open bids for audit services – Proposals received from BrooksWatson & Co., PLLC, and Mike Ward Accounting & Financial Consulting, PLLC, were opened.

See Exhibits Workshop 05/12/2025 – B, and Workshop 05/12/2025 – C

3. West Annex – Get with Steve Slaton about plumbing. There is also water still standing in the flower beds.
4. Workshop at 6:45 this evening at City Hall to discuss fire department.
5. 391 Commission.
6. Courthouse generator – Bryan DeLoach will see if he can find out status on CenterPoint.

7. Resolution regarding solar and BESS facilities.

Adjourn – Commissioner Newsome made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:23 PM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Workshop Session on May 12, 2025.

Witnessed and recorded this 21st day of May, 2025.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk