Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioners Court Minutes
Special Session
May 19, 2025

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Special Session on May 19, 2025, at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse located at 200 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, Texas.

Members present: Scott Lee, County Judge
Jerry Cooper, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Toby Godfrey, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Scott Newsome, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Scott Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Brook Bussell, County Clerk

VISITORS: Paris Tillery, Marla White, Gary Boren, Kathy Boren, Jennifer Cooper, Jac Mendez, and Landon Ramsay.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Smith offered prayer. The pledges to the American flag and the Texas flag were recited.

Public Comments: None.

Agenda Item 1 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AWARD PROPOSAL FOR EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to award the proposal submitted by Mike Ward Accounting & Financial Consulting, PLLC, for external audit services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibits 05/19/2025 – A

Agenda Item 2 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE SERVICE AGREEMENT AND WORK AUTHORIZATION WITH CAVALRY CONSTRUCTION FOR PCT. 4 BARN/SHED AND SFVFD STATION 1 REPAIRS – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Customer Services Agreement and Work Authorization with Cavalry Construction Company, Inc., for repairs to the Precinct 4 barn/shed and South Franklin Volunteer Fire Department Station 1 in the amount of $228,045.65. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 05/19/2025 – B

Discussion:

- Hotel/Motel Tax Funding – Auditor White stated based on current figures, there will be approximately $90-$95k to work with for 2026. The general consensus it to allocate $5k to everyone, and use the remainder to repair the parking lot at the sports complex.
- 391 Commission – Judge Lee asked everyone to look over information.
- 2026 Budget – funding for full-time fire department and possible raises were discussed.
- Ongoing plumbing issue at the West Annex.
- Generators – still waiting on CenterPoint to get everything hooked up.

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- Sports Complex – lights on one field not working, awning for bleachers, and dumpsters.
- Old fire training facility – Renovations to make it useable for the extension agent.
- Road work scheduled.
- Time sheets for next pay period will cover 5/21-5/25 and 5/26-6/1. This will get it on the right schedule for new payroll period.

Agenda Item 3 - ADJOURN - Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Special Session on May 19, 2025.

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

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Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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