

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
June 23, 2025

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on June 23, 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: Ruth Greene, Gary Boren, Kathy Boren, Jacquelyn Mendez, Chris Mars, Mary McLennan, Marla White, Paris Tillery, Beth Hedges, Melissa Clawson, Matthew Holz, Max Cannaday, and Mike Ward.

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

Public Comments: Mary McLennan inquired about road work being done in Precinct 2.

Agenda Item 1 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2025 REGULAR SESSION AND JUNE 9, 2025 WORKSHOP – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 2 – AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENTS – COUNTY TREASURER – The total amount submitted for approval is \$404,888.30. Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve payment of the claims against the county as presented, and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 06/23/2025 – A

Agenda Item 3 – MONTHLY REPORTS – COUNTY TREASURER – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the monthly reports as presented. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 06/23/2025 – B

Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYEE POLICY CHANGING PAYROLL WORK WEEKS – COUNTY TREASURER – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the amendment to the Employment Policy Manual changing the payroll work week to be Sunday through Saturday, retroactive to June 15, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 06/23/2025 – C

Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPOINT RICKY JONES AS LAKES REGIONAL MHMR BOARD MEMBER – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Smith made a motion to appoint Ricky Jones as a Lakes Regional MHMR Board Member, and Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 06/23/2025 – D

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENTS – COUNTY JUDGE – The amendments are to recognize insurance proceeds and repair expense regarding Precinct 4 storm damage as well as damage to the flooring in the courtroom; recognize the remodel and relocation of dispatch to the 300 wing of the Sheriff's office; and recognize the donation from Allsup's and expense to the Sheriff's office supply budget. Commissioner Newsome made a motion to approve the 2025 Budget Amendments as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooper. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 06/23/2025 – E

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH UNIFIRST FOR DOOR MATS AT THE COURTHOUSE AND WEST ANNEX – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Customer Service Agreement with UniFirst for door mats at the Courthouse and the West Annex. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 06/23/2025 – F

Agenda Item 8 – PRESENT 2024 EXTERNAL COUNTY AUDIT – MIKE WARD – Mike Ward presented the 2024 Annual Financial Report.
See Exhibit 06/23/2025 – G

Discussion:

- Historical Association has inquired about insurance on their new building.
- Bail Bond Board meeting will be at 10:00 AM.
- Road work being done on FM 21.
- Budget Workshop will be Wednesday, June 25, 2025, beginning at 8:00 AM.

Agenda Item 9 - ADJOURN - Commissioner Cooper made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Regular Session on June 23, 2025.

Witnessed and recorded this 3rd day of July, 2025.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk