

Franklin County Commissioners Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Budget Workshop Session  
June 25, 2025

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Budget Workshop Session on June 25, 2025, at 8:00 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:** Marla White, Kathy Boren, Linda Hammond, Lauren Lewis, Dorothy Young, Lisa Lawrence, Brandon Edwards, Eddie Rhoades, Lauren Zastany, Beth Hedges, Paris Tillery, Mary McLennan, Yesi Valenzuela Castro, Max Cannaday, Melissa Clawson

County Judge Scott Lee called the meeting to order at 8:06 AM. Commissioner Smith offered prayer. The Pledges of Allegiance to the American flag and the Texas flag were recited.

Budget Hearings:

1. Franklin County Historical Association – remained the same at \$7,000.
2. Franklin County Child Welfare Board – remained the same at \$4,000.
3. HUB Meal Center – requesting a \$5,000 increase to food expense, and a \$500 increase to maintenance and repairs.
4. Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center – remained the same at \$7,000.
5. Elections Administrator - requesting a \$3,000 increase to Per Diem. Also submitted proposals from TextMyGov, Integra, Civera, and Election Systems & Software, LLC.
6. Franklin County Library – requested an additional full-time employee.
7. Emergency Management – requesting to make the current part-time employee full-time.
8. Tax Assessor/Collector – no change.
9. Justice of the Peace – no change.
10. County Clerk – requesting a \$1,000 increase to Per Diem, as well as COLA increases for all county employees.
11. Treasurer – no change.
12. Auditor – no change.
13. County Judge – no change.
14. Precinct 1 – added a line item for uniforms.
15. Precinct 2 – no change.
16. Precinct 3 – additional funds for uniforms.
17. Precinct 4 – increase to materials, and maintenance and repairs.
18. SAFE-T – remained the same at \$5,000.
19. Sports Complex – make part-time employee full-time.
20. ETCADA – requesting \$2,000. No one present to provide information.
21. County Attorney – requesting a \$2,000 increase to Per Diem.
22. District Clerk – requesting a \$500 increase to Per Diem.
23. Extension Agent – no change.
24. Airport – needs new roof.
25. Winnsboro Fire Department – no request submitted.

26. North Franklin VFD – needs new brush truck.
27. Purley VFD – needs skid units to equip new trucks.
28. South Franklin VFD – needs tanker truck.
29. Courthouse Maintenance –
30. Sheriff – vehicles.

Other budget items discussed:

- PAWS Animal Shelter
- Sulphur River Basin Authority
- Fire Departments – pay per person or pay per call to the department.
- Possible upcoming capital murder trial.
- Payroll increases.
- City/County Fire Department.
- Auditor White figured salary increases and asked the Court to look over.

**Adjourn** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:54 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Budget Workshop Session on June 25, 2025.

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

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Brook Bussell, County Clerk