

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Workshop Session
July 23, 2025

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Budget Workshop Session on July 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 Smith – Commissioner Precinct 4
 Brook Bussell – County Clerk

Members absent: Scott Newsome – Commissioner Precinct 3

VISITORS: Marla White, Beth Hedges, Yesi Castro, Lisa Lawrence, Melissa Clawson, Robert Zinn, Brantin Carr, Max Cannaday, Ricky Jones, Russell McCurdy, Gary Boren, Kathy Boren, Josh Tucker, Jerald Mowery, and Blake Sheffield.

County Judge Scott Lee called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. Commissioner Smith offered prayer.

Public Comments:

Jerald Mowery addressed the Court regarding insurance for the new Franklin County Historical Association building. He also stated that there are a couple of properties currently insured that have been sold.

1. Budget Hearings:

- Russell McCurdy, Chief Appraiser, presented information regarding valuations.
- Fire department – Blake Sheffield stated they have reached out to the Franklin County Water District about possibly contributing as well. If they do, the split will most likely be 40/40/20 with the City and County each contributing 40%, and the FCWD contributing 20%.
- Volunteer fire departments – Auditor White asked for alternatives to the pay-per-call currently in place. Possibly increase overall allocation instead.
- Capital murder trial expense.
- Pay increases.
- Texas County and District Retirement System amount will remain the same.
- Health insurance – don't have numbers yet, but expect an increase.
- Sheriff's office – increase for cell phones, hotspots, and equipping vehicles.
- Auditor White will put preliminary numbers together to present for the next meeting.

Discussion:

- Plumbing and parking at West Annex. Steve Slaton submitted a quote for approximately \$6,000 to repair the plumbing. There will also be minimal cost for dirt and gravel needed for the repair.
- Parking lot at the Winnsboro Building.
- Schedule a budget workshop for Monday, July 28th.

Adjourn – Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 AM.

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

Witnessed and recorded this 23rd day of July, 2025.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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