

Franklin County Commissioners Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
July 14, 2025

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on July 14, 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

Members absent: Brook Bussell, County Clerk

**VISITORS:** Marie Redar, Paris Tillery, Marla White, Landon Ramsay, Sarah Brod, Matt Holz, Ruth Greene, Carla Fox, Mike Millender, Mary McLennan, Gary Boren, Kathy Boren, Dan Hoke, Luiz Sifuentes, Kay Harper, April Bardwell, Scott Anderlik, Pietro Guadino, Jody Robins, Nathan Krieger, G.W. Sharp, Mandy Sharp, Linda Owens, Jacque Miller, Zack Fuquay, James Fuquay, and Robert Houe.

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:**

- Mike Millender stated that Item 7 should say Franklin County Historical Association instead of Franklin County Historical Society.
- Some members of the audience spoke regarding solar and Agenda Item 5.
- Dan Hoke wished the County a happy 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Agenda Item 1 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2025 REGULAR SESSION AND JUNE 25, 2025 BUDGET WORKSHOP, AND JUNE 30, 2025 SPECIAL SESSION – 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 \$494,886.68. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve payment of the claims against the county as presented, and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 07/14/2025 – 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 07/14/2025 – B**

**Agenda Item 4 – ANIMAL SHELTER REPORT – CITY ADMINISTRATOR** – No one was present, but the City did provide a written report.

**See Exhibit 07/14/2025 – C**

**Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR PRECINCT 1 WITH LUPINUS – PRECINCT 1 COMMISSIONER** –

Nathan Krieger with Sunraycer and Scott Anderlik with McCarthy Building Companies addressed the Court. County Attorney Ramsay explained the purpose of a road use agreement. Opposition was noted by several members of the public in attendance. After much discussion, Commissioner Newsome made a motion to table this agenda item. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion to table carried 3-1 with Commissioner Cooper voting no.

**Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE SUBDIVISION GUIDELINES – PRECINCT 4 COMMISSIONER** –

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Franklin County Subdivision Regulations with minor corrections. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 07/14/2025 – D**

**Agenda Item 7 – RECORD TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION 2024 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD – FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION** – The Texas Historical Commission 2024 Distinguished Service Award presented to the Franklin County Historical Association was recorded as presented.

**See Exhibit 07/14/2025 – E**

**Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED FRANKLIN COUNTY (SHERIFF'S AND CONSTABLE'S) FEE SCHEDULE – COUNTY JUDGE** –

The only fees being increased are those for Sheriff/Constable Deed, and Bill of Sale. Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the 2025 Sheriff's and Constable's Fees as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newsome. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 07/14/2025 – F**

**Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AWARD PROPOSAL FOR REMODEL OF FACILITY FOR AG EXTENSION OFFICE – COUNTY JUDGE** –

Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to award the proposal to Rogers Construction, and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 07/14/2025 – G**

**Discussion:**

- Bail Bond Board meeting at 10:00.
- Sarah Brod gave a 4-H update.
- Judge Lee asked the commissioners if they will be willing to go to the flood area to assist if asked to do so.
- Budget.
- 391 Commission.

**Agenda Item 10 - ADJOURN** - Commissioner Newsome made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Regular Session on July 14, 2025.

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

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Brook Bussell, County Clerk