

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
July 28, 2025

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on July 28, 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
Scott Newsome – Commissioner Precinct 3
Scott Smith – Commissioner Precinct 4
Brook Bussell – County Clerk

Members absent: Toby Godfrey – Commissioner Precinct 2

VISITORS: Beth Hedges, Paris Tillery, Marla White, Melissa Clawson, Brantin Carr, Max Cannaday, Matt Holz, Gary Boren, Kathy Boren, Ruth Greene, Mike Millender, Mary McLennan, and April Bardwell.

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: None

Agenda Item 1 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2025 REGULAR SESSION AND JULY 23, 2025 BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Item 2 – AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENTS – COUNTY TREASURER – The total amount submitted for approval is \$267,142.74. Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve payment of the claims against the county as presented, and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

See Exhibit 07/28/2025 – A

Agenda Item 3 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ANTI-BRIBERY STATEMENT, OATH OF OFFICE, AND DEPUTATION APPOINTING TONYA CANNADAY TO THE POSITION OF DEPUTY OF MOTOR VEHICLES – TAX A/C – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Anti-Bribery Statement, Oath of Office, and Deputation appointing Tonya Cannaday to the position of Deputy of Motor Vehicles. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

See Exhibit 07/28/2025 – B

Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RENEWAL WITH TAC RISK MANAGEMENT POOL FOR AUTO COMP/LIABILITY, GENERAL CYBERSECURITY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS LIABILITY INSURANCE – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the renewal with TAC Risk Management Pool for Auto Comp/Liability, General

Cybersecurity, Law Enforcement, and Public Officials Liability Insurance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 3-0.

See Exhibit 07/28/2025 – C

Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPLY SURPLUS DISTRIBUTION FROM TAC HEBP HEALTH EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL TO OFFSET A PORTION OF A PAST DUE BALANCE – COUNTY TREASURER –

Auditor White explained that this past due balance was in place before she took over as auditor. Commissioner Smith made a motion to apply the surplus distribution from the TAC Health Employee Benefits Pool to offset \$4,280.08 of the past due balance of \$27,915.20. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDING ORDER ADOPTING RULES OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, TEXAS FOR ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITIES – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT –

Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve amending the Order Adopting Rules of Franklin County, Texas for On-Site Sewage Facilities. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 3-0.

See Exhibit 07/28/2025 – D

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND STEVE EVERETT – PRECINCT 4 COMMISSIONER –

Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Franklin County and Steve Everett to address a drainage issue caused by the culvert under CR SE 4425. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

See Exhibit 07/28/2025 – E

Agenda Item 8 – PRESENT RECENTLY RESTORED HISTORICAL BIBLE – COUNTY CLERK –

County Clerk Brook Bussell presented the historical Holy Bible restored by Revolution Data Systems.

Discussion:

- Budget Workshop at 1:00 PM.

Agenda Item 9 - ADJOURN - Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Regular Session on July 28, 2025.

Witnessed and recorded this 28th day of July, 2025.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk