

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioners Court Minutes
Workshop Session
July 28, 2025

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Budget Workshop Session on July 28 2025, at 1:00 PM 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: Paris Tillery, Marla White, Beth Hedges, Yesinia Castro, Ricky Jones, Robert Zinn, Melissa Clawson, Gary Boren, Kathy Boren, Mary McLennan, Russell McCurdy, Max Cannaday, Brantin Carr, and Chris Mars.

County Judge Scott Lee called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Commissioner Smith offered prayer.

Public Comments: None

1. Budget Hearings:

- The No New Revenue Rate is as follows: General Fund .21715, Lateral Road .08033, RBS .01280, and I&S .01576; for a total NNR of .32604.
- Auditor White presented the Court with two proposed options. Option 1 total rate is .36386 with a deficit budget of \$199,780.00. Option 2 total rate is .36683 with a deficit budget of \$135,700.00. She also provided information regarding the impact to tax payers based on valuations of their homes. Her recommendation is to adopt Option 1.
- Included in each option is \$450,000 for the county-wide fire department, and a 3% across the board salary increase for all elected officials and employees.
- The next meeting will be August 4, 2025, to adopt the proposed tax rate. The proposed budget must be filed with the County Clerk's office by August 15, 2025.

Discussion:

Yesinia Castro is exploring the option of going to county-wide voting, and will be submitting paperwork to the Secretary of State's office for review and possible approval.

Adjourn – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 1:44 PM.

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

Witnessed and recorded this 7th day of August, 2025.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk