

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
September 8, 2025

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on September 8, 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
Brook Bussell – County Clerk

VISITORS: Marla White, Paris Tillery, Yesi Valenzuela, Melissa Clawson, Max Cannaday, Brantin Carr, Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Mike Millender, Mary McLennan, and Jennifer Cooper.

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 AUGUST 25, 2025 REGULAR SESSION – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Cooper 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 \$337,012.50. 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 09/08/2025 – A

Agenda Item 3 – MONTHLY REPORTS – COUNTY TREASURER – Treasurer Paris Tillery asked to take no action at this time due to not having received all monthly reports.

Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to table this item until further information is obtained. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT-TAX COLLECTION FOR THE CITY OF WINNSBORO – COUNTY TAX A/C – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement -Tax Collection for the City of Winnsboro. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 09/08/2025 – B

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES’ IMPOSITION OF OPTIONAL FEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026 – COUNTY TAX A/C – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles’ Imposition of Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newsome. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 09/08/2025 – C

Agenda Item 7 – RECORD THE 62ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT ORDER FOR THE 62ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT REPORTER’S FIXED SALARY EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025 – DISTRICT CLERK – The 62nd Judicial District Court Reporter’s fixed salary effective October 1, 2025 was recorded as presented.

See Exhibit 09/08/2025 – D

Agenda Item 8 – RECORD THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNTYWIDE POLLING PLACE PROGRAM – ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR – The Notice of Intent to Participate in Countywide Polling Place Program for the March 3, 2026 Primary Election was recorded as presented.

See Exhibit 09/08/2025 – E

Agenda Item 9 – DISCUSS AND CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON A NUISANCE ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 391 CR SE 4226 – COUNTY JUDGE – Judge Lee convened the public hearing at 9:09 AM. Max Cannaday explained the issues with the property and stated he has done due diligence in notifying proper individuals. He explained that this is a unique situation in that there is currently no one else to clean up the property. Mike Millender also spoke regarding the hazards of the property in its current condition. There being no further discussion, Judge Lee adjourned the public hearing at 9:23 AM.

Agenda Item 10 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDER TO ABATE DANGEROUS STRUCTURE – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Order to Abate Dangerous Structure located at 391 CR SE 4226, Mt. Vernon, TX 75457. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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Discussion:

- Parking lot is complete at the Winnsboro Building.
- Remodel of old fire training center into the new Ag Extension office is complete.
- Auditor White cautioned the commissioners against ordering from Romco because of shipping charges.
- Commissioner Cooper asked about the switch for the generator.
- Awning at East Annex – need to get bids.
- Mary McLennan addressed substances being dumped/sprayed on property off of 1896. Most of it is being done in Titus County, but she did state some has taken place on Franklin County property as well.

Agenda Item 9 - ADJOURN - Commissioner Cooper made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:41 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Regular Session on September 8, 2025.

Witnessed and recorded this 8th day of September, 2025.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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