

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
October 13, 2025

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on October 13, 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
	Sandy Cash	Commissioner Precinct 1
	Toby Godfrey	Commissioner Precinct 2
	Scott Newsome	Commissioner Precinct 3
	Scott Smith	Commissioner Precinct 4
	Brook Bussell	County Clerk

VISITORS: Gary Boren, Kathy Boren, David Weidman, Mary McLennan, Charlie Wilson, Jacqueline Miller, Mike Millender, Jack Brooks, Glenda Brooks, Janet Johnson, Russell McCurdy, Joe D. Stanley, Velvet Coberley, Beth Hedges, Paris Tillery, Marla White, Yesi Valenzuela, Ricky Jones, Max Cannaday, Robert Zinn, and Brantin Carr.

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 SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 REGULAR SESSION AND THE OCTOBER 3, 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 \$320,531.15. Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve payment of the claims against the county as presented, and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 10/13/2025 – A

Agenda Item 3 – MONTHLY REPORTS – COUNTY TREASURER – Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the monthly reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cash. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 10/13/2025 – B

Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE FOR POSTING IN THE NEWSPAPER THE NOTICE OF ACCEPTING BIDS FOR CULVERTS, FUEL, AND ROAD MATERIALS FOR 2026 – COUNTY TREASURER – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve posting the notice of accepting bids for culverts, fuel, and road materials for 2026. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 10/13/2025 – C

Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR PRECINCT 2 WITH INCENDIUM – PRECINCT 2 COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to table this item because he has not received the agreement at this time. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR PRECINCT 2 WITH SOUTHWEST OPERATING – PRECINCT 2 COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Cash made a motion to approve the Road Use Agreement for Precinct 2 with Southwest Operating. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 10/13/2025 – D

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT OF PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND AUTHORITY TO TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFIARS – COUNTY JUDGE

Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Assignment of Private Activity Bond Authority to Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 10/13/2025 – E

Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MT. VERNON FOR THE MT. VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT – COUNTY JUDGE

Judge Lee stated County Attorney Landon Ramsay requested to table this item to give everyone more time to look over it. Commissioner Smith made a motion to table, and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE ATCOG INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR E9-1-1 SERVICE AND PSAP EQUIPMENT – COUNTY JUDGE

Commissioner Cash made a motion to approve the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Interlocal Agreement for E9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Service and PSAP Equipment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 10/13/2025 – F

Agenda Item 10 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR 2026 INDIGENT DEFENSE GRANT PROGRAM – COUNTY AUDITOR

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the 2026 Franklin County Resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program, and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 10/13/2025 – G

Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ROAD REPAIR SETTLEMENT FROM SEDGWICK CLAIMS – PRECINCT 3 COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the road repair settlement in the amount of \$19,460.32 for repairs to CR 3230 from Sedgwick. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 10/13/2025 – H

Agenda Item 12 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE REGROUP MASS NOTIFICATION SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT – MAX CANNADAY –
Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Regroup Mass Notification Subscription Agreement for a 3-year term at the cost of \$5,030.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newsome. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 10/13/2025 – I

Agenda Item 13 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2026 HOLIDAY CALENDAR – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Cash made a motion to approve the 2026 Holiday Calendar, and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 10/13/2025 – J

Agenda Item 14 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the Agreement to Contribute Funds to the Sulphur River Basin Authority for a term of five years at the rate of \$8,000.00 per year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newsome. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Cash abstained.
See Exhibit 10/13/2025 – K

Agenda Item 15 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC., AND THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CLERK FOR THE REVOLUTION DATA SYSTEMS HISTORICAL CASE IMPORT – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$11,840.00 between Tyler Technologies, Inc., and the Franklin County Clerk for the Revolution Data Systems Historical Case Import. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 10/13/2025 – L

Agenda Item 16 – DISCUSS AND CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNTYWIDE POLLING PLACE PROGRAM WITHIN FRANKLIN COUNTY FOR THE MARCH 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION – ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR – Judge Lee convened the public hearing at 9:38 AM. Several members of the audience and the Court discussed and asked questions. The public hearing adjourned at 9:59 AM.

Agenda Item 17 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VOTE CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY ELECTIONS – ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR – Commissioner Newsome made a motion to approve the Appointment of Vote Center Advisory Committee as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 10/13/2025 – M

Agenda Item 18 – RECORD THE FRANKLIN COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL HANDBOOK – ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR – The Franklin County Elections Department Personnel Handbook was recorded as presented.
See Exhibit 10/13/2025 – N

Agenda Item 19 – RECORD THE PRIMARY ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR BOTH THE REPUBLICAN CHAIR AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR WITH THE COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICER – ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR – The Primary Election Services Contract between both the Republican Party Chair and the Democratic Party Chair and the County Elections Officer were recorded as presented.
See Exhibit 10/13/2025 – O

Agenda Item 20 – RECORD THE JOINT RESOLUTION AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR THE JOINT PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 3, 2026 – ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR – The Joint Resolution and Statistical Information for the Joint Primary for the 2026 Primary Election was recorded as presented.
See Exhibit 10/13/2025 – P

Discussion:

- Parking and driveway at the West Annex are complete.
- Janet Johnson inquired about the repairs to the South Franklin Community Center. Commissioner Smith stated the repairs are complete.
- Jacqueline Miller spoke about the HUB.
- Charlie Wilson spoke about the upcoming filing period for the 2026 Primary Election.

Agenda Item 21 - ADJOURN - Commissioner Newsome made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Regular Session on October 13, 2025.

Witnessed and recorded this 20th day of October, 2025.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk