

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

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on December 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
	Randy Wafford	Commissioner Precinct 1
	Toby Godfrey	Commissioner Precinct 2
	Scott Newsome	Commissioner Precinct 3
	Scott Smith	Commissioner Precinct 4
	Brook Bussell	County Clerk

**VISITORS:** Paris Tillery, Max Cannaday, Lisa Lawrence, Yesi Castro, Brantin Carr, Ricky Jones, Marla White, Beth Hedges, Gary Boren, Kathy Boren, Frederick Talley, Mary McLennan, Charlie Wilson, Billy Williams, Jody Stanley, Matt Holz, and Clint Bain.

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:**

- Mary McLennan inquired about pipeline construction north of town. No one present knew any information.

**Agenda Item 1 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 24, 2025 REGULAR SESSION – COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Smith 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 \$289,042.22. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve payment of the claims against the county as presented, and Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 12/08/2025 – A**

**Agenda Item 3 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE UPDATED FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN – MAX CANNADAY** – Commissioner Newsome made a motion to approve the updated Franklin County Emergency Management Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 12/08/2025 – B**

**Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026 – LISA LAWRENCE** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Adult Education and Literacy Partnership Agreement between Northeast Texas Community College and the Franklin County Library. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 12/08/2025 – C**

**Agenda Item 5 – RECORD CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TEXAS MINIMUM JAIL STANDARDS FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY JAIL - SHERIFF** – The Certificate of Compliance with the Texas Minimum Jail Standards was recorded as presented.

**See Exhibit 12/08/2025 – D**

**Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF NORTH FRANKLIN VFD'S 2004 CHEVROLET HALF TON TRUCK (VIN XXXXXXXXXXXXX2485) – COUNTY JUDGE** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the sale of North Franklin VFD's 2004 Chevrolet half-ton truck bearing VIN XXXXXXXXXXXXX3485. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newsome. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 12/08/2025 – E**

**Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AN INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2025 FOR THE COUNTY'S PORTION OF THE ANIMAL SHELTER – CRAIG LINDHOLM** – Per request by Craig Lindholm, Commissioner Smith made a motion to table this item, and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION AND ORDER APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNTYWIDE POLLING PLACE PROGRAM – ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR** – Charlie Wilson stated that at this time, she refuses to sign the resolution as she still has concerns and questions. Commissioner Newsome made a motion to table this item. The motion to table was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.

**Discussion:**

- The commissioners discussed sealing roads this week.
- The meeting scheduled for December 22, 2025, will be moved to December 31, 2025, at 9:00 AM.
- The deadline to file for office is 6:00 PM today.
- All purchases/invoices must be dated for December to be paid out of the 2025 budget.
- Sheriff Jones has been approached about dispatching for Winnsboro PD overnight (7:00 PM to 7:00 AM). He is going to obtain more information about the logistics, cost, etc.
- Purley VFD is having septic issues.

**Agenda Item 13 - ADJOURN** - Commissioner Newsome made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

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

Witnessed and recorded this 18th day of December, 2025.

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Brook Bussell, County Clerk