

Franklin County Commissioners Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
December 31, 2025

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on December 31, 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:** Blake Sheffield, Billy Williams, Mike Millender, Josh Tucker, Rick Thomas, Mary McLennan, Eddie Rhoades, Jody Stanley, Paris Tillery, Marla White, Beth Hedges, Brantin Carr, Max Cannaday, and Ricky Jones.

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:**

- Max Cannaday – Information only regarding land clearing and burning of debris north of town. He stated it is being monitored, and that things are being done as they are supposed to be.

**Agenda Item 1 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 5, 2025 SPECIAL SESSION, AND THE DECEMBER 8, 2025 REGULAR 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 \$435,040.12. Commissioner Godfrey 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 12/31/2025 – A**

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

**See Exhibit 12/31/2025 – B**

**Agenda Item 4 – APPROVE 2025 COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND LINE-ITEM TRANSFERS – COUNTY AUDITOR** – Commissioner Newsome made a motion to approve the 2025 budget amendments and line-item transfers as presented by Auditor White. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 12/31/2025 – C**

**Agenda Item 5 – RECORD MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2025, FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD REGULAR MEETING – LINDA HAMMOND** – The minutes for the September 12, 2025, Franklin County Child Welfare Board regular meeting were recorded as presented.

**See Exhibit 12/31/2025 – D**

**Agenda Item 6 – RECORD CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING CERTIFICATE FOR JESSICA ESPARZA** – The FY2026 TX Cybersecurity Course Certificate of Training for Jessica Esparza was recorded as presented.

**See Exhibit 12/31/2025 – E**

**Agenda Item 7 – RECORD CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SERVICES SECURITY AND PRIVACY TRAINING CERTIFICATES FOR BROOK BUSSELL AND MARIE REDAR** – The Criminal Justice Information Services Security and Privacy Training Certificates for Brook Bussell and Marie Redar were recorded as presented.

**See Exhibit 12/31/2025 – F**

**Agenda Item 8 – RECORD TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR’S COMPLETION OF 34 HOURS CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS FOR 2025** – The Tax Assessor-Collector Continuing Education Transcript for Melissa McSwain Clawson was recorded as presented.

**See Exhibit 12/31/2025 – G**

**Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES FOR SULPHUR BLUFF ISD – ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR** – Commissioner Newsome made a motion to approve the Contract for Election Services between Franklin County, Texas, and Sulphur Bluff Independent School District for 2026. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 12/31/2025 – H**

**Agenda Item 10 – CONSIDER AND TAKE TO APPROVE THE ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH CAMCO – COUNTY JUDGE** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Essential Agreement maintenance contract with Camco Elevator, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 12/31/2025 – I**

**Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SPORTS COMPLEX AGREEMENT WITH FRANKLIN COUNTY YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL LEAGUE – KAYLA GENTRY** – Commissioner Newsome made a motion to approve the Franklin County Sports Complex League Rental/Lease Agreement with the Franklin County Youth Baseball/Softball Association. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 12/31/2025 – J**

**Agenda Item 12 – 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** – Mr. Lindholm was not available so no action was taken.

**Discussion:**

- Blake Sheffield provided an update on the fire department.
- Sheriff Jones stated he is doing research to possibly purchase rescue tools for the Sheriff's office and fire department to be paid for out of inmate housing.
- Purchase of fire truck for Mt. Vernon department.
- Marla and Max both inquired about permitting for cell phone towers. No local permitting requirements currently exist

**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 10:10 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Regular Session on December 31, 2025.

Witnessed and recorded this 6th day of January, 2026.

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Brook Bussell, County Clerk