

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
January 12, 2026

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on January 12, 2026, 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: Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Lynn Thompson, Mike Millender, Lisa Lawrence, Billy Williams, Mary McLennan, Greg Monson, Tom Austin, Sue Ann Harper, Marla White, Kathy Lovier Johnson, Kristy Ellis, Jody Robins, Blake Sheffield, Jody Stanley, Jacque Miller, Max Cannaday, Ricky Jones, Paris Tillery, Ricky Steed, Landon Ramsay, Matt Holz, Phillip Alcorn, Sue Godfrey, Charlie Wilson, Ronnie Barnard, Brantin Carr, and Sam Young.

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:

- Sue Ann Harper spoke in favor of the Road Use Agreement with Lupinus.
- Mary McLennan spoke against entering into the Road Use Agreement with Lupinus.

Agenda Item 1 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 31, 2025 REGULAR SESSION – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Newsome 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 \$632,825.31. 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 01/12/2026 – A

Agenda Item 3 – RECORD COUNTY ROAD CROSSING PERMIT REQUEST FROM FARMERS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE – PCT 1 COMMISSIONER – The County Road Crossing Permit request from Farmers Electric Cooperative to cross County Road NE 2122 was recorded as presented.

See Exhibit 01/12/2026 – B

Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE CYBERSECURITY COURSE ENROLLMENT FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve cybersecurity course enrollment for county employees. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 01/12/2026 – C

Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE SB22 GRANTS FOR SHERIFF AND COUNTY ATTORNEY, #IA-000001219 AND #IA-000001220 – Commissioner Newsome made a motion to approve applying for the SB22 grants for the Sheriff in the amount of \$350K, and the County Attorney in the amount of \$175K. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE FLOCK SAFETY SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the Flock Safety subscription renewal for a term of 24 months beginning February 2, 2026. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 01/12/2026 - D

*Moved Agenda Item 7 to the end.

Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES EQUIPMENT – COUNTY SHERIFF – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the purchase of emergency services equipment from MES for both the Sheriff's office and the Mount Vernon Fire Department at a total cost of \$72,884.17 to be paid out of Inmate Housing. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 01/12/2026 – E

Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE BID FROM KB TECHNOLOGY FOR UPGRADING AND REPLACING COURTHOUSE AND EAST ANNEX SECURITY CAMERAS – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the bid from KB Technologies for upgrading and replacing the security cameras and system at the courthouse only at this time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 01/12/2026 – F

Agenda Item 10 – CONSIDER AND TAKE TO APPROVE THE HB3000 RURAL AMBULANCE GRANT – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve applying for the HB3000 Rural Ambulance Grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newsome. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE PAUPER FUNERAL EXPENSE – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the pauper funeral expense. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR PRECINCT 1 WITH LUPINUS – PRECINCT 1 COMMISSIONER –

After much discussion, Commissioner Wafford made a motion to approve the Road Use Agreement with Lupinus Solar. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newsome. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 01/12/2026 – G

Discussion:

- Sheriff stated A/C unit is out over the 300 wing.
- Awnings at the sports complex can be given to the Sheriff's office.
- Max Cannaday provided an update on the local rules for septic.
- Charlie Wilson requested the Court to pass a resolution stating poll workers are to be paid \$15 an hour so that she can also pay them the same rate.

Agenda Item 12 - 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 January 12, 2026.

Witnessed and recorded this 21st day of January, 2026.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk