

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
January 26, 2026

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on January 26, 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, Max Cannaday, Landon Ramsay, Billy Williams, 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: None

Agenda Item 1 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 12, 2026 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 \$181,746.50. 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 01/26/2026 – A

Agenda Item 3 – MONTHLY REPORT – COUNTY TREASURER – Monthly reports were not available. No action taken.

Agenda Item 4 – RECORD THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD REGULAR MEETING FROM DECEMBER 15, 2025 – The minutes of the December 15, 2025, Franklin County Child Welfare Board Meeting were recorded as presented.

Agenda Item 5 – RECORD THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK'S ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION AWARDED TO BROOK BUSSELL AND ELLEN JAGGERS FOR COMPLETING THE REQUIRED 20 HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR 2025 – The certificates of completion awarded to Brook Bussell and Ellen Jaggers for completing the required 20 hours of Continuing Education for 2025 were recorded as presented.

See Exhibit 01/26/2026 – C

Agenda Item 6 – RECORD THE DESIGNATION OF THE CRIMINAL ELECTRONIC FILES AS OFFICIAL COURT RECORD – COUNTY CLERK – The Designation of the Criminal Electronic Files as Official Court Record was recorded as presented. All criminal records will be maintained only in a digital/electronic format beginning January 1, 2026.
See Exhibit 01/26/2026 – D

Agenda Item 7 – RECORD THE NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE MARCH 3, 2026, JOINT PRIMARY ELECTION – ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR – The Notice of Election for the March 3, 2026, Joint Primary Election was recorded as presented.
See Exhibit 01/26/2026 – E

Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE STATEMENT OF COMPENSATION FOR 2026 ELECTION WORKERS – ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Statement of Compensation for 2026 election workers. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 01/26/2026 – F

Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAX ACTION TO APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND THE FRANKLIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FOR THE RECLAIMED ASPHALT PROJECT – COMMISSIONER PCT. 4 – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Franklin County and the Franklin County Water District for the reclaimed asphalt project, and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 01/26/2026 – G

Agenda Item 10 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE IMPLEMENTING A COUNTY-WIDE BURN BAN – COUNTY JUDGE – Due to recent weather conditions, no action was taken at this time.

Discussion:

- Sheriff – Law Enforcement Center needs new roof.
- Septic Inspector – having issues getting needed information from Cypress Springs SUD. County Attorney will give them a call.
- County Court is cancelled for Tuesday, January 27, 2026. A decision on opening the courthouse will be made later today.

Agenda Item 11 - ADJOURN - Commissioner Newsome made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Regular Session on January 26, 2026.

Witnessed and recorded this 30th day of January, 2026.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk