

Franklin County Commissioners Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
February 9, 2026

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on February 9, 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

Members absent: Brook Bussell County Clerk

**VISITORS:** Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Mary McLennan, Billy Williams, Sarah Brod, Marla White, Lisa Lawrence, Russell McCurdy, Jody Stanley, Paris Tillery, Matthew Holz, Beth Hedges, and Marie Redar.

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:**

Russell McCurdy – a new Business Personal Property exemption went into effect January 1, 2026, increasing the amount from \$2,500 to \$125,000.

**Agenda Item 1 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 26, 2026 REGULAR SESSION, AND THE FEBRUARY 5, 2026 WORKSHOP 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 \$179,717.05. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve payment of the claims against the county as presented, and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 02/09/2026 – A**

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

**See Exhibit 02/09/2026 – B**

**Agenda Item 4 – RECORD CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION FOR THE 2026 TAC CYBERSECURITY TRAINING FOR BETH HEDGES, YOLANDA WILLIAMS, DAVID ZUNIGA, ROBERT WHITE, CHRIS MARS, MARLA WHITE, JACQUELYN MENDEZ, PARIS TILLERY, JENNIFER COOPER, BRIAN GURLEY, RYAN HAMMONS, EMILEE DEGRADO, MAX CANNADAY, WHITNEY MCCALL, YESI VALENZUELA, ANGIE JACKSON, SHANDRA BLALOCK, MICHAEL LEMONS, AND DUSTIN FRENCH**– The

Certificates of Completion for the 2026 Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Cybersecurity Awareness Training for the above-named individuals were recorded as presented.

**See Exhibit 02/09/2026 – C**

**Agenda Item 5 – RECORD THE DESIGNATION OF DEPUTY EARLY VOTING CLERK FOR THE MARCH 3, 2026, JOINT PRIMARY ELECTION** – The Designation of Deputy Early Voting Clerk Angie Jackson was recorded as presented.

**See Exhibit 02/09/2026 – D**

**Agenda Item 6 – RECORD TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION TO COMMISSIONERS FOR COMPLETING 7 HOURS OF EDUCATION TRAINING AT THE DISTRICT 4 COUNTY JUDGES AND COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE – SARAH BROD** – The Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Certificates of Participation were presented to Commissioners Toby Godfrey and Scott Newsome.

**See Exhibit 02/09/2026 – E**

**Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE LIBRARY POLICY CHANGES – LISA LAWRENCE**– Upon request by Librarian Lisa Lawrence, Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to table this item to allow the County Attorney time to review the changes. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion to table carried 4-0.

**Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS – LISA LAWRENCE** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the 2026 Franklin County Library Board of Directors as presented. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 02/09/2026– F**

**Discussion:**

- Sarah Brod would like to have an outside water hydrant/faucet installed at the Extension Office. Get quote from Steve Slaton for this.
- Special Session will be held Friday, February 13, 2026, at 9:00 AM for approval of purchases for Mt. Vernon FD and South Franklin VFD.

**Agenda Item 9 - ADJOURN** - Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Regular Session on February 9, 2026.

Witnessed and recorded this 19th day of February, 2026.

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Brook Bussell, County Clerk