

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Special Session
February 13, 2026

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Special Session on February 13, 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: Marie Redar, Blake Sheffield, Eddie Rhoades, Ronny Pynes, Chad Burton, Mary McLennan, Jody Stanley, Max Cannaday, Paris Tillery, Marla White, and Beth Hedges.

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.

Auditor Marla White provided information regarding payment and financing prior to action being taken on Items 1 and 2. Based on information provided by Blake Sheffield, the delivery of the truck for the MVFD will be approximately 3-6 months out. She would like to go ahead and pay for the SFVFD truck out of fund balance, and then reimburse the County once the financing is done for both with Alliance Bank.

Agenda Item 1 – TAKE ACTION AND APPROVE PURCHASE OF TRUCK FOR MT. VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the purchase of one Spartan S-180 Pumper truck from Metro Fire Apparatus Specialists, Inc., at the total contract price of \$1,029,300.00. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 02/13/2026 – A

Agenda Item 2 – TAKE ACTION AND APPROVE PARTIAL PAYMENT OF TANKER FOR SOUTH FRANKLIN VFD – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the partial payment of \$233,958.67 for the purchase of a tanker truck from First-IN Public Safety Solutions for South Franklin VFD. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newsome. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 02/13/2026 – B

Discussion:

- Ford Septic permit for waste disposal on CR 3070 was approved by TCEQ.
- Public hearing for updates to local rules regarding septic will be on February 23rd.
- Mary McLennan – Van Zandt County moratorium regarding solar/green energy projects.

Agenda Item 9 - ADJOURN - Commissioner Newsome made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Regular Session on February 13, 2026.

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

Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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