

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
February 23, 2026

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on February 23, 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: Billy Williams, Mary McLennan, Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Chris Glenz, David Sutherland, Mike Millender, Elliott Lester, Donny Richards, Jody Stanley, Mike Rambin, Audrey Weatherford, Sarah Clark, Marla White, Beth Hedges, Melissa Clawson, Chance Crane, Max Cannaday, Brantin Carr, Clint Bain, Matt Holz, Sherrie Marbut, Mike Pennington, and Rob Moore.

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:

- Mary McLennan – requested the county to continue discussion about waste material and expand it to include industrial waste.
- Sherrie Marbut – issues with delinquent taxes not being collected on properties located in Pelican Bay. Melissa Clawson stated she will send the information provided by Mrs. Marbut to Wade Gent and Richard Brand with Linebarger.

Agenda Item 1 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 9, 2026 REGULAR SESSION, AND THE FEBRUARY 13, 2026 SPECIAL 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 \$389,908.03. 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 02/23/2026 – 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 02/23/2026 – B

Agenda Item 4 – RECORD CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION FOR THE 2026 TAC CYBERSECURITY TRAINING FOR JESSICA ESPARZA, SHANIECE HALL, CHRIS VANART, CLINT BAIN, MARIE REDAR, BROOK BUSSELL, RANDALL CORTINAS, TEO MARQUEZ, RANDAL LAIN, JANET WHITE, MELISSA MCSWAIN, BOBBIE MANN, ELLEN JAGGERS, CHRIS ALLEN, BRANTIN CARR, MICHELLE MAYNARD, TELISA NEWMAN, CRISTI GONZALES, AND CHANCE CRANE – 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 02/23/2026 – C

Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE HANDHELD RADIO UPGRADE PROJECT – ROBERT MOORE, FCSO – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve submission of the grant application for the FY 2027 Rifle-Handheld Radio Upgrade Project (Grant # 5798801). Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 02/23/2026 – D

Agenda Item 6 – RECORD THE ORDER OF GENERAL SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION FOR MOUNT VERNON I.S.D. – The Order of General School Trustee Election for Mount Vernon I.S.D. for May 2, 2026, was recorded as presented.

See Exhibit 02/23/2026 – E

Agenda Item 7 – RECORD THE CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH THE CITY OF MT. VERNON – Upon the recommendation of Assistant County Attorney Matt Holz, Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Contract for Election Services with the City of Mt. Vernon. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 02/23/2026 – F

Agenda Item 8 – RECORD THE ORDER OF ELECTION FOR THE MAY 2, 2026 CITY OF MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL ELECTION – The Order of General Election for Municipalities for the City of Mount Vernon City Council Election to be held May 2, 2026, was recorded as presented.

See Exhibit 02/23/2026 – G

Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF ACA REPORTING AND TRACKING SERVICES (ARTS) THROUGH TAC HEALTH AND EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT POOL – COUNTY TREASURER – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve renewal of the Affordable Care Act Reporting and Tracking Service (ARTS). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 02/23/2026 – H

Agenda Item 10 – DISCUSS AND CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RULES RELATING TO ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITIES WITHIN FRANKLIN COUNTY – 3 MINUTES PER PERSON

A. CONVENE – Public hearing was convened at 9:20 AM. Max Cannaday presented information justifying more stringent requirements.

See Exhibit 02/23/2026 – I

Those speaking and/or seeking clarification were: Elliott Lester, Mike Pennington, Mike Rambin, Sherrie Marbut, Clint Bain, and Chris Glenz.

B. ADJOURN – The public hearing was adjourned at 10:01 AM.

Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDER ADOPTING RULES OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITIES –

Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the Order Adopting Rules of Franklin County, Texas, for On-Site Sewage Facilities. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 02/23/2026 – J

Agenda Item 12 - ADJOURN - Commissioner Newsome made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Regular Session on February 23, 2026.

Witnessed and recorded this 25th day of February, 2026.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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