

Franklin County Commissioners Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Workshop Session  
March 9, 2026

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Workshop Session on March 9, 2026, at 2:00 PM 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 Smith Commissioner Precinct 4  
Brook Bussell County Clerk

Members absent: Scott Newsome Commissioner Precinct 3

**VISITORS:** Marla White, Paris Tillery, Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Blake Sheffield, Mary McLennan, Ricky Jones, Beth Hedges, and Brantin Carr.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 2:07 PM.

**Public Comments:** None

**Items Discussed:**

- CIRA and other options for county website hosting. Beth is working on getting information to present.
- MVFD – The new truck is approximately 90% complete and lettering will need to be decided on. Chief Sheffield is working on ISO ratings. He also inquired about the county being the host for a regional fire department grant.
- Auditor White stated TAC is charging a \$20 per letter fee when letters regarding COBRA coverage are sent to employees who have quit or been terminated.
- Property and auto insurance renewals and cost. Explore other options.
- Grant funds for the Sulphur River Basin Authority Flood Infrastructure Fund application. Mr. Weidman was not available for discussion.
- Sheriff – dispatch is almost finished. He stated they will be working on grants to upgrade radios, including the fire departments. Sheriff Jones also gave an update about the FCSO app and settings.
- PAWS Animal Shelter – contract runs out tomorrow, March 10<sup>th</sup>, but will continue if neither party wishes to cancel. \$60,000 is budgeted for 2026. The contract currently runs from March to March, but Auditor White stated she would like to get it on a calendar year.
- Courthouse security system and cameras.
- Ambulance contract is coming up soon. Explore other options to ensure best service at the most cost-effective rate.
- Mt. Vernon/Salttillo Young Farmer Project Show is coming up Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Beth will send out a reminder to all officials and collect donations.

**ADJOURN** - Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Judge Lee seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

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

Witnessed and recorded this 13th day of March, 2026.

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Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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