

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

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on March 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: Pat Wright, Diana Duckworth, Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Caitlin Graham, Shelly Martinez, Mike Millender, Tom Austin, Kayla Gentry, Mary McLennan, Jack Brooks, Sarah Goggans, Billy Williams, Bradon Wafford, Russell McCurdy, Marla White, Mark Richardson, Glenda Pollock, Ron Krizan, Cindy Maxton, Ricky Jones, Brantin Carr, Max Cannaday, Beth Hedges, Paris Tillery, Matt Holz, Melissa Clawson, and Yesi Valenzuela Castro.

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 MARCH 9, 2026, REGULAR SESSION AND THE MARCH 9, 2026, WORKSHOP, – 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 \$217,982.15. 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 03/23/2026 – A

Agenda Item 3 – MONTHLY REPORTS – COUNTY TREASURER – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the monthly reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 03/23/2026 – B

Agenda Item 4 – RECORD CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION FOR THE 2026 TAC CYBERSECURITY TRAINING FOR LISA LAWRENCE AND JULIE BAXTER – 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 03/23/2026 – C

Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING: REPLAT OF LOTS 1 AND 1N, BLOCK 5, SANDY ACRES SUBDIVISION – MARK RICHARDSON FOR SARAH ARMSTRONG – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the first reading of the replat of Lots 1 and 1N, Block 5, Sandy Acres Subdivision. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE REALLOCATING HOT FUNDS FROM 2D SPORTS TO FRANKLIN COUNTY YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Newsome made a motion to approve reallocating the HOT funds designated for 2D Sports to the Franklin County Youth Baseball/Softball Association. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENSES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Reimbursement Resolution of the Commissioners Court of Franklin County, Texas, Regarding the Reimbursement of Certain Expenses from the Proceeds of Tax-Exempt Obligations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 03/23/2026 – D

Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AID IN CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND INCENDIUM – COMMISSIONER PCT 2 – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Contribution in Aid in Construction agreement between Franklin County and Incendium. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 03/23/2026 – E

Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF BOND FOR INCENDIUM – COMMISSIONER PCT 2 – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to table this item. The motion to table was seconded by Commissioner Newsome. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 10 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR SUBMISSION OF FRANKLIN VFD RADIO UPGRADE PROJECT GRANT – ROBERT MOORE – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the submission of the FY 2027 SHSP Project Grant # 5988301 for the Franklin County VFD Radio Upgrade Project. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 03/23/2026 – F

Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR SUBMISSION OF VEHICLE-MOUNTED FLIR PROJECT GRANT – ROBERT MOORE – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve FY 2027 SHSP LEPTA Project Grant # 5987901 for the Vehicle-Mounted FLIR Project. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 03/23/2026 – G

Agenda Item 12 – RECORD THE NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE MAY 2, 2026, CITY OF MOUNT VERNON GENERAL ELECTION – ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR – The Notice of General Election for the City of Mount Vernon was recorded as presented.
See Exhibit 03/23/2026 – H

Agenda Item 13 – RECORD THE NOTICE OF JOINT PRIMARY ELECTION RUN-OFF FOR MAY 26, 2026 – ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR – The Notice of Joint Primary Election Run-off for May 26, 2026, was recorded as presented.
See Exhibit 03/23/2026 – I

Agenda Item 14 – RECORD THE MARCH 3, 2026, JOINT PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS – ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR – The March 3, 2026 Joint Primary Election results were recorded as presented.
See Exhibit 03/23/2026 – J

Agenda Item 15 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ANTI-BRIBERY STATEMENT FOR DANIELA MARTINEZ – TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR
Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Anti-Bribery Statement, Oath of Office, and Deputation for Daniela Martinez. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 03/23/2026 – K

Agenda Item 16 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE FIRST AMENDMENT TO RADIO TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT – SHERIFF – This item died for lack of motion. No action taken.

Agenda Item 17 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2026-2027 ADOPTED BUDGET FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Adopted Budget for the Franklin County Appraisal District. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 03/23/2026 – L

Agenda Item 18 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE PROCLAMATION OF APRIL 2026 AS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Proclamation designating April 2026 as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 03/23/2026 – M

Agenda Item 19 – TOUR DE CYPRESS REPORT – MIKE MILLENDER – Pat Wright presented information about the 2026 Tour de Cypress. She provided the route map, and she stated there are currently 144 registered participants. She also thanked the commissioners for their work.
See Exhibit 03/23/2026 – N

Discussion:

- Sheriff – update on dispatch. Everything is complete.
- Budget hearing dates.
- HOT Tax application packets will go out in April.
- Regrind allocation from the State – each precinct will get 10 loads.
- County Clean-up is this week.
- Ambulance services contract.

Agenda Item 20 - ADJOURN - Commissioner Newsome made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 AM.

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

Witnessed and recorded this 7th day of April, 2026.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk