

Franklin County Commissioners Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
April 13, 2026

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on April 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
	Brook Bussell	County Clerk

**VISITORS:** Beth Hedges, Marla White, Melissa Clawson, Paris Tillery, Brantin Carr, Max Cannaday, Matt Holz, Mary McLennan, Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Ricky Steed, Mike Millender, and Jody Stanley.

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 23, 2026, REGULAR 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 \$293,493.76. 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 04/13/2026 – A**

**Agenda Item 3 – RECORD CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FOR THE 2026 TAC CYBERSECURITY TRAINING FOR DENNIS MCBRIDE–** The Certificate of Completion for the 2026 Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Cybersecurity Awareness Training for Dennis McBride was recorded as presented.

**See Exhibit 04/13/2026 – B**

**Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SECOND 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 second reading of the replat of Lots 1 and 1N, Block 5, Sandy Acres Subdivision. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Plat 348B**

**Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF BOND FOR INCENDIUM – COMMISSIONER PCT. 2** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the release of the bond for Incendium. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDER ASSESSING NUISANCE ABATEMENT EXPENSES AND AUTHORIZING LIEN – MAX CANNADAY**  
Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Order Assessing Nuisance Abatement Expenses and Authorizing Lien. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 04/13/2026 – C**

**Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS WITH SULPHUR BLUFF ISD AND SALTILLO ISD – TAX A/C –**  
Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreements with Sulphur Bluff ISD and Saltillo ISD. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibits 04/13/2026 – D1 and D2**

**Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE TAC HEALTH AND BENEFITS POOL BILLING AND PAYMENT POLICIES – COUNTY TREASURER –**  
Commissioner Newsome made a motion to approve the TAC Health and Employee Benefits Pool Billing and Payment Policies. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 04/13/2026 – E**

**Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A JOHN DEERE SHREDDER WITH TRADE IN FOR PCT. 3 – COMMISSIONER PCT. 3** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the purchase of a John Deere shredder with trade-in of the current shredder. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 04/13/2026 – F**

**Discussion:**

- Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool Workers' Compensation Program Certificate of Recognition for Zero Lost Time in 2025.
- Maintenance contract for county generators.
- Courthouse generator – original gas meter was not large enough. It has been replaced with a larger one.
- Mt. Vernon/Salttillo Young Farmers Project Show update and appreciation.
- 2027 Budget
- HOT Tax applications are due May 6, 2026, and hearings will be May 11, 2026.
- Reminder of Workshop on Wednesday, April 15, 2026.
- Railway.
- Tour de Cypress is this coming Saturday, April 18, 2026.

**Agenda Item 10 - ADJOURN** - Commissioner Newsome made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 AM.

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

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

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Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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