

Franklin County Commissioners Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
January 13, 2025

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on January 13, 2025, 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  
Jerry Cooper, Commissioner, Precinct 1  
Toby Godfrey, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Scott Newsome, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Scott Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 4  
Brook Bussell, County Clerk

**VISITORS:** Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Mike Millender, Will Evers (Oncor), G.W. Sharp, Mary McLennan, Dan Hoke, Bill Wilson, Charlie Wilson, Lillie Bush-Reves, Russell McCurdy, Ellen Jagggers, Melissa Clawson, Brantin Carr, Max Cannaday, Marla White, Paris Tillery, Ricky Jones, Robert Zinn, Beth Hedges, Sam Young, and Dana Reeves.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. Commissioner Smith offered prayer. The Pledges of Allegiance to the American flag and the Texas flag were recited.

**Public Comments:**

- Mary McLennan addressed concerns regarding tax abatements.
- Charlie Wilson thanked the Court for its efforts regarding the dumping of septic waste on CR 3070.

**Agenda Item 1 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 31, 2024 REGULAR SESSION AND THE JANUARY 1, 2025 SPECIAL SESSION – COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Agenda Item 2 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MONTHLY REPORTS – COUNTY TREASURER** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the monthly reports as presented, and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 01/13/2025 – A**

**Agenda Item 3 – AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENTS – COUNTY TREASURER** – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve payment of the claims against the county as presented, and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 01/13/2025 – B**

**Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE REVISED CHANGES TO GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY TAX ABATEMENT POLICY STATEMENT – PCT 1 COMMISSIONER** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to take no action at this time. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE REVISED CHANGES TO FRANKLIN COUNTY ROAD USE AGREEMENT – PCT 1 COMMISSIONER –**

Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the revised changes to the Franklin County Road Use Agreement, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 01/13/2025 – C**

**Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$113,855.00 FOR DAMAGES TO COUNTY ROADS 2100 AND 2210 IN PCT 2 AND APPROVE A FULL RELEASE TO ONCOR – PCT 2 COMMISSIONER –**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the payment of \$113,855.00 for damages to County Roads 2100 and 2210 in Precinct 2 and approve a full release to Oncor. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 01/13/2025 – D**

**Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR FIVE YEAR UPDATED MITIGATION ACTION PLAN – MAX CANNADAY –**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution for Five Year Updated Mitigation Action Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 01/13/2025 – E**

**Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO REMOVE CHARLIE EMERSON AS A MEMBER OF THE BAIL BOND BOARD AND APPOINT TOBY GODFREY AS A MEMBER OF THE BAIL BOND BOARD – COUNTY JUDGE –**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to remove Charlie Emerson from the Franklin County Bail Bond Board and to appoint Toby Godfrey as a member of the Bail Bond Board. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Agenda Item 9 – DESIGNATE NEW ANNEX LOCATED AT 204 TEXAS HWY 37 SOUTH FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL FUNCTIONS– DISTRICT CLERK –**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to designate the new annex located at 204 TEXAS HWY 37 South for administrative and judicial functions. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Agenda Item 10 – DISCUSS AIRPORT GRANT – ROBERT MOORE –** Rob Moore presented more information regarding funding opportunities, requirements, and responsibilities of the individual designated to be point of contact.

**Agenda Item 11 – RECORD TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR CONTINUING EDUCATION TRANSCRIPT – TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR –**

The Continuing Education transcript for Melissa McSwain Clawson, Franklin County Tax Assessor-Collector, was recorded as presented.

**See Exhibit 12/31/2024 – F**

**Agenda Item 12 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE PROPOSAL FROM KB TECHNOLOGIES ON ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM –**

Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the proposals from KB Technologies for the access control system and the microphone system for the West Annex totaling \$36,347.28, and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 01/13/2025 – G**

**Discussion:**

- Bob Stinson gave an update on the West Annex. Projected move in is mid-February. Wholesale Electric has been paid in full and check to Eubanks Electric can be released.
- The courthouse will be power washed on January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Courthouse generator – Currently waiting on Centerpoint to do their part for the gas hookup for the new generator. It will probably be the first part of March before it is operational.
- Clock update – Guy is coming back February 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Marla reminded everyone to check their employee info on the spreadsheet and send back to her this week regarding Cybersecurity Training.
- Reminder about required Open Meetings Act and Public Information Access training.
- Workshop at 2:00 PM today regarding PAWS/animal shelter and the Emergency Services District.
- Dana Reeves from the Franklin County Water District gave an update on the dam. They will possibly begin dirt work in July.
- Sheriff – issue with heating unit in the 200 wing. It cannot be fixed and needs to be replaced. Auditor gave the go ahead to replace it.

**Agenda Item 13 - ADJOURN** - Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Newsome 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 January 13, 2025.

Witnessed and recorded this 16th day of January, 2025.

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Brook Bussell, County Clerk