

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
February 10, 2025

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on February 10, 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: Beth Hedges, Paris Tillery, Marla White, Ellen Jagers, Clint Bain, Max Cannaday, Brantin Carr, Melissa Clawson, Jill Major, Wade Gent, Richard Brand, Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Ruth Greene, Mike Millender, Bill Wilson, Josh Tucker, Richard Thomas, Mary McLennan, Chris Rhoades, Bob Stinson, and Russell McCurdy.

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 JANUARY 27, 2025 REGULAR 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 – AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENTS – COUNTY TREASURER – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve payment of the claims against the county as presented, and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 02/10/2025 – A

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

See Exhibit 02/10/2025 – B

Agenda Item 4 – RECORD CERTIFICATES OF COURSE COMPLETION OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETING ACT TRAINING FOR MELISSA CLAWSON, BRANTIN CARR, SCOTT NEWSOME, JERRY COOPER, MARLA WHITE, AND LANDON RAMSAY – The Texas Open Meetings Act Training Certificates of Completion for Melissa Clawson, Brantin Carr, Scott Newsome, Jerry Cooper, Marla White, and Landon Ramsay were recorded as presented.

See Exhibit 02/10/2025 - C

Agenda Item 5 – RECORD CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION OF THE TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT TRAINING FOR MELISSA CLAWSON, BRANTIN CARR, SCOTT NEWSOME, RICKY JONES AND LANDON RAMSAY – The Texas Public Information Act Training Certificates of Completion for Melissa Clawson, Brantin Carr, Scott Newsome, Ricky Jones, and Landon Ramsay were recorded as presented.
See Exhibit 02/10/2025 – D

Agenda Item 6 – RECORD CERTIFICATES OF COURSE COMPLETION OF THE CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING FOR DUSTIN FRENCH, ELLEN JAGGERS, JESSICA ESPARZA, KATIE ELLIOTT, LAURA RHOADES, MARLA WHITE, MICHAEL LEMONS, ROBERT MOORE, SUZANNE STUHR, MICHELLE MAYNARD, BETH HEDGES, YESI VALENZUELA, ANGIE JACKSON, PARIS TILLERY, ROBERT ZINN, CHRIS VANART, BRANTIN CARR, MARIE REDAR, MAX CANNADAY, JANET WHITE, ANNA ANKRUM, WHITENEY MCCALL, SHANDRA BLALOCK, AND JENNIFER COOPER – The above-listed Certificates of Course Completion of the Cybersecurity Awareness Training were recorded as presented.
See Exhibit 02/10/2025 – E

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE TXDOT GRANT FOR ROUTINE AIRPORT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve applying for the Texas Department of Transportation Grant for Routine Airport Maintenance Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooper. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 02/10/2025 – F

Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE 2025 COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT TO FUND COMPENSATION, SUPPLIES AND CAPITAL EXPENSES FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the 2025 County Budget Amendment for the purpose of funding compensation, supplies, and capital purchases. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 02/10/2025 – G

Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE REVISIONS TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX LEAGUE RENTAL/LEASE AGREEMENT – Commissioner Newsome made a motion to table this agenda item, and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 10 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE REVISION TO CONCRETE PAVING AT WEST ANNEX – BOB STINSON – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to table this agenda item. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 11 – DISCUSS ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITIES (OSSF) COMPLIANCE ISSUES – MAX CANNADAY – Max Cannaday addressed issues with OSSF permit compliance. Some septic companies are not following appropriate guidelines and rules and are not allowing him appropriate time to inspect the installation before covering it back up. He provided Texas Health and Safety Code Sec. 366.054 through Sec. 366.059 which covers installation and inspections. Officer Cannaday stated he can issue citations for the violations and wants the Court to be aware in case any of them receive phone calls.
See Exhibit 02/10/2025 – H

Agenda Item 12 – RECEIVE INFORMATION ON DELINQUENT TAXES – LINEBARGER, GOGGAN, BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP – Wade Gent with Linebarger presented the Delinquent Tax Collection Report covering the July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 reporting period.

See Exhibit 02/10/2025 – I

Discussion:

- West Annex – Bob Stinson discussed concrete options for the parking area and gave a projected move in date as mid-March.
- Winnsboro Building – explore possibility of selling.
- The HUB – Auditor is still waiting on quotes for the oven.
- Bank depository – it is time to send out RFQs.
- Fire protection – add meeting with fire departments to the workshop agenda for Thursday.
- Young Farmer Project Show – Commissioner Godfrey will be collecting donations from the elected officials.
- Historic bible – County Clerk reported that the bible was delivered to Revolution Data Systems on February 3rd.

Agenda Item 14 - ADJOURN - Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Regular Session on February 10, 2025.

Witnessed and recorded this 18th day of February, 2025.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk