

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Workshop Session
February 13, 2025

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Workshop Session on February 13, 2025, at 3:30 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
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: Marla White, Melissa Clawson, Brantin Carr, Max Cannaday, Landon Ramsay, Ricky Jones, Ruth Greene, Josh Tucker, Brandon Edwards, Billy Saucier, Mark Griffin, Jim Emery, Eddie Rhoades, Laura Rhoades, Richard Thomas, Levi Reed, Blake Sheffield, Michael Gentry, Kayla Gentry, and Michael Smith.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. Commissioner Smith offered prayer. The pledges to the United States flag and the Texas flag were recited.

Items discussed:

1. Fire service – Representatives were present from the North Franklin VFD, Purley VFD, South Franklin VFD, Mt. Vernon FD, and the Winnsboro FD. Auditor White discussed software for tracking calls, personnel, expenses, etc. She needs to know how many of the departments need a PC and/or Wi-Fi for this. She went over the budget allocations for 2025 which are \$125k for personnel, \$25k for supplies, and \$200k for capital purchases. The need for interlocal agreements with the Winnsboro Fire Department and the Mt. Vernon Fire Department was talked about, as well as mutual aid or automatic aid agreements between the departments. The representatives of the Winnsboro Fire Department stated they would rather the department be paid one lump sum annually versus paying personnel per call. Chief Rhoades and Chief Emery said they think \$40 per person per call is a little high and would rather reduce that amount to allow for more people per call if needed.
2. Sports Complex – Representatives of the FCYBSA were present to discuss their lease for the 2025 season which begins on March 24th. They will still pay \$5 per child with payment due by the end of March. Nothing larger than UTVs will be allowed on the fields. The county has hired a new person for the maintenance and upkeep of the complex. There are two large dumpsters now. 2D Sports has requested use of the complex for the following weekends: March 15-16, March 29-30, April 26-27, and June 7-8.
3. Elevator repair at approximate cost of \$25,000.

Adjourn – Commissioner Newsome made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Workshop Session on February 13, 2025.

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

Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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