

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Workshop Session
February 27, 2025

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Workshop Session on February 27, 2025, at 2:00 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
Brook Bussell, County Clerk

Members absent: Scott Smith, Commissioner Precinct 4

VISITORS: Marla White, Yesi Valenzuela Castro, Max Cannaday, Brantin Carr, Robert Zinn, Mary McLennan, Blake Sheffield, Matt Downs, Debbie Bridge, John Dillon Beadle, Roger Jones, Kayla Gentry, Michael Gentry, Ricky Steed, Michael Holochuck, Bryan DeLoach, Jim Emery, and Andrew Emery.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and offered the prayer.

Items discussed:

1. Sports Complex – Per Chief Appraiser Russell McCurdy, the tax exemption will stay in effect if the county leases to the FCYBSA even if the league chooses to sublease to other organizations or for-profit companies. The league representatives said they are fine with that arrangement. Various needs for the fields were addressed including turface for the fields and new dugout covers on three dugouts, two on the same field and one on a different field. It was recommended to do metal covers so they will last longer and provide more protection from rain. The league will get their schedule to the county maintenance department. Mike Holochuck with 2D Sports inquired about maintenance of fields during the fall. He will discuss further with the league.
2. County-wide Polling – the Elections Administrator presented a draft of a resolution to oppose doing away with county-wide polling in Texas. Franklin County does not currently offer county-wide polling, but this resolution supports those counties who currently do and those who may in the future.
3. Fire service – Representatives were present from the North Franklin VFD and the City of Mount Vernon FD. Blake Sheffield informed the Court that if the volunteers are paid in any way they will be subject to additional training requirements. It was suggested by the two departments in attendance to split the allocated budgetary funds for 2025 equally between the departments and then they can submit more solid requests for the 2026 budget year. Auditor White provided clarification on the amount paid per call. Each department responding to a call will receive \$160, and they will provide her information as to how it is split.

Adjourn – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:29 PM

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Workshop Session on February 27, 2025.

Witnessed and recorded this 6th day of March, 2025.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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