

Franklin County Commissioners Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
March 24, 2025

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on March 24, 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:** Marla White, Paris Tillery, Beth Hedges, Ellen Jagers, Matthew Holz, Melissa Clawson, Max Cannaday, Yesinia Valenzuela Castro, Brantin Carr, Clint Bain, Carla LaRue Fox, Ruth Greene, Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Mike Rambin, Mary McLennan, Michael Gentry, Bob Stinson, and Jason Frazier.

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 OF THE MARCH 10, 2025 WORKSHOP AND THE MARCH 10, 2025 WORKSHOP – 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** – The total amount submitted for approval is \$329,591.05. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve payment of the claims against the county as presented, and Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 03/24/2025 – A**

**Agenda Item 3 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MONTHLY REPORTS – COUNTY TREASURER** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the monthly reports as submitted. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 03/24/2025 – B**

**Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE COUNTY WIDE CLEAN-UP FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 4-12, 2025 – COUNTY JUDGE** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve County Wide Clean-up for the week of April 4-12, 2025, excluding Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Hours will be 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey.

**Agenda Item 5 – RECORD MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 10, 2025 FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD REGULAR MEETING – LINDA HAMMOND** – The minutes from the February 10, 2025 Franklin County Child Welfare Board Regular Meeting were recorded as presented.  
**See Exhibit 03/24/2025 – C**

**Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN DFPS AND FRANKLIN COUNTY TO MAINTAIN THE CHILD WELFARE BOARD – LINDA HAMMOND** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the renewal of the County Child Welfare Services Non-Financial Agreement between DFPS and Franklin County. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.  
**See Exhibit 03/24/2025 – D**

**Agenda Item 7 – RECORD CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR 2024 ELECTION WEBSITE REVIEW BY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS – ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR** – The Certificate of Recognition for 2024 Election Website Review by the League of Women Voters was recorded as presented. Franklin County received a rating of Very Good.  
**See Exhibit 03/24/2025 – E**

**Agenda Item 8 – RECORD TAC CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION FOR RANDAL LAIN, MELISSA MCSWAIN CLAWSON, TARA DOLLINS, CRISTI GONZALES, LISA LAWRENCE, BOBBIE MANN, JULIE BAXTER, AND JOE SHADBOLT** – The Texas Association of Counties Cybersecurity Awareness Training Certificates of Completion for Randal Lain, Melissa McSwain Clawson, Tara Dollins, Cristi Gonzales, Lisa Lawrence, Bobbie Mann, Julie Baxter, and Joe Shadbolt were recorded as presented.  
**See Exhibit 03/24/2025 – F**

**Agenda Item 9 – RECORD COUNTY JUDGES & COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS COMMISSIONERS EDUCATION CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION AWARDED TO JERRY COOPER, TOBY GODFREY, AND SCOTT SMITH** – The County Judges & Commissioners Association of Texas Commissioners Education Certificates of Completion awarded to Jerry Cooper, Toby Godfrey, and Scott Smith for the successful completion of the required 2024 continuing education provisions were recorded as presented.  
**See Exhibit 03/24/2025 – G**

**Agenda Item 10 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR BANK DEPOSITORY BIDS – COUNTY AUDITOR** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to authorize advertising for bank depository bids. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooper. Motion carried 4-0.

**Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR PROPOSALS FOR EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES – COUNTY AUDITOR** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to authorize advertising for proposals for external audit services. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Agenda Item 12 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR PROPOSALS FOR NEW PHONE AND INTERNET SERVICE AND ALARM MONITORING FOR THE COURTHOUSE, LIBRARY, WEST ANNEX, EAST ANNEX, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER – COUNTY AUDITOR** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to authorize advertising for proposals for new phone and internet service, and alarm monitoring for the courthouse, library, west annex, east annex, and law enforcement center, and Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Agenda Item 13 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR INSURANCE PROCEEDS TO THE PURLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – COUNTY AUDITOR** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the budget amendment to recognize insurance proceeds and payout to the Purley Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 03/24/2025 – H**

**Agenda Item 14 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 1377 AND HOUSE BILL 3000 TO PROVIDE CRITICAL FUNDING FOR RURAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – COUNTY JUDGE** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution of the Commissioners Court of Franklin County, Texas, in Support of Senate Bill 1377 and House Bill 3000 to Provide Critical Funding for Rural Emergency Medical Services. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 03/24/2025 – I**

**Discussion:**

- Repairs to geothermal system.
- West Annex update.
- Sports Complex – Michael Gentry thanked the county on behalf of the FCYBSA. Other things mentioned were: need of skid steer for spreading surface, disposal of old lights that were taken down, rut repair on the field(s), ventilation of concession stand, purchase of additional surface by the FCYBSA with some of the funds donated by the City of Mount Vernon and 2D Sports, and 2D Sports has a big tournament coming up March 28-29.
- Iron Ore for parking area.
- Upcoming Mt. Vernon-Salttillo Young Farmers Project Show is March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Nathan Tafoya has requested another meeting with the Court. Set for Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 2:00 PM.
- Carla LaRue Fox asked about a county animal control officer.
- Elections Administrator informed the Court that due to certification requirements, the pollbooks will not be available for the May election.
- Judge Lee encouraged everyone to contact legislators with complaints about existing laws and also things currently being considered during this legislative session.

**Agenda Item 12 - ADJOURN** - Commissioner Newsome made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Regular Session on March 24, 2025.

Witnessed and recorded this 28th day of March, 2025.

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Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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