

Franklin County Commissioners Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Workshop Session  
April 2, 2025

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Workshop Session on April 2, 2025, at 10:00 AM in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse located at 200 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, Texas.

Members present: Jerry Cooper - Commissioner Precinct 1/Judge Pro Tem  
Toby Godfrey - Commissioner Precinct 2  
Scott Newsome - Commissioner Precinct 3  
Scott Smith - Commissioner Precinct 4  
Brook Bussell - County Clerk

Members absent: Scott Lee, County Judge

**VISITORS:** Paris Tillery, Marla White, Ellen Jagers, Jac Mendez, Yesi Valenzuela Castro, Brantin Carr, Robert Zinn, Beth Hedges, Landon Ramsay, Ricky Jones, and Mary McLennan.

County Judge Pro Tem Jerry Cooper called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Items discussed:

1. Time sheets – Treasurer Paris Tillery addressed importance of everyone submitting time sheets in a timely manner and making sure everything is correct before submission. She covered what the responsibilities of both the elected official/supervisors and employees are.
2. Pay period – change to run Monday to Sunday, with time sheets being due by 9:00 AM Monday morning.
3. Auditor Marla White stated there will be 27 pay periods in 2026. If elected officials and other salaried positions remain on the bi-weekly pay schedule, then each check will be reduced by approximately \$100. Total pay for the year will still be the same, just a little less per check.
4. PTO – Possibility of moving from sick and vacation time to just personal time off (PTO).
5. Retiree Insurance.
6. Geothermal system – There was flooding of the courthouse on April 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> due to a line above the District Courtroom coming loose after the system was repaired. District Clerk Ellen Jagers pointed out the system has never functioned as it should have and has only created problems since the courthouse reopened in 2014. Professional cleaning services such as Servpro were discussed.
7. Elections – Elections Administrator Yesi Valenzuela Castro provided information on review of county election precincts by Commissioners Court in March or April of odd-numbered years.
8. Sheriff – Sheriff Jones asked for permission to discuss the possibility of burying the power lines at the sheriff's office/annex with Wood County Electric. He was given the okay to meet with them.

**Adjourn** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Workshop Session on April 2, 2025.

Witnessed and recorded this 3rd day of April, 2025.

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Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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