

Franklin County Commissioners Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
May 12, 2025

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on May 12, 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  
Toby Godfrey, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Scott Newsome, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Scott Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 4  
Brook Bussell, County Clerk

Members absent: Jerry Cooper, Commissioner, Precinct 1

**VISITORS:** Marla White, Beth Hedges, Paris Tillery, Max Cannaday, Matt Holz, Melissa Clawson, Steve Slaton, Kevin Rogers, Bob Stinson, Ruth Greene, Gary Boren, Kathy Boren, Mike Millender, Mac Glaess, Mary McLennan, Debbie Baecht, Charlie Baecht, Barbara Harris, Linda Harris, Jan Switzer, Joe D. Stanley, Ricky Jones, and David Schectman.

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 APRIL 28, 2025 REGULAR SESSION, AND APRIL 28, 2025 WORKSHOP – COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Agenda Item 2 – AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENTS – COUNTY TREASURER** – The total amount submitted for approval is \$161,354.72. Commissioner Newsome made a motion to approve payment of the claims against the county as presented, and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**See Exhibit 05/12/2025 – A**

**Agenda Item 3 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AWARD THE EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES PROPOSAL – COUNTY AUDITOR** – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to table this agenda item. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AWARD THE PHONE, INTERNET, AND ALRM MONITORING PROPOSALS – COUNTY AUDITOR** – Based on recommendations by Auditor White, Commissioner Smith made a motion with second by Commissioner Godfrey to award the following proposals:

Phone – Vested Networks  
Internet – Peoples Communication, Inc.  
Alarm – KB Technologies

Motion carried 3-0.

**See Exhibits 05/12/2025 – B; 05/12/2025 – C; and 05/12/2025 - D**

**Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF THE AIRPORT HANGAR FROM THEODORE BURGDORF TO ROETHLE INVESTMENTS, LLC – COUNTY TREASURER** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the sale of Airplane Hangar 5 from Theodore Burgdorf and Larry Gray to Roethle Investments, LLC. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.  
**See Exhibit 05/12/2025 – E**

**Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AIRPORT TENANT LEASE AGREEMENT FOR ROETHLE INVESTMENTS, LLC – COUNTY TREASURER** Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Airport Tenant Lease Agreement for Roethle Investments, LLC, for Hangar 5. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 3-0.  
**See Exhibit 05/12/2025 – F**

**Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS FOR TAX COLLECTIONS – TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR–** Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreements for Tax Collections for the following entities: Mt. Vernon ISD, Winnsboro ISD, Saltillo ISD, Sulphur Bluff ISD, Franklin County Water District, and the City of Mt. Vernon. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.  
**See Exhibits 05/12/2025 – G; 05/12/2025 – H; 05/12/2025 – I; 05/12/2025 – J, 05/12/2025 – K; and 05/12/2025 – L**

**Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE REMODEL PROJECT OF 300 WING, INCLUDING FLOORING, ELECTRICAL UPDATES, AND PURCHASE OF CONSOLES FOR RELOCATING DISPATCH; FUNDED BY INMATE HOUSING - SHERIFF** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the remodel project including quotes from Xybix Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$54,823.28, and QCTV in the amount of \$29,649.29, with funds coming out of Inmate Housing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newsome. Motion carried 3-0.  
**See Exhibits 05/12/2025 – M and 05/12/2025 – N**

**Agenda Item 9 – RECORD DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S SART BIENNIAL REPORT 2021-2023 – COUNTY JUDGE** – The 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Biennial Report for 2021-2023 was recorded as presented.  
**See Exhibit 05/12/2025 – O**

**Agenda Item 10 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF A DUMP TRUCK FOR PRECINCT 1 – COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1** – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2026 Hino dump truck at a cost of \$115,080.00. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.  
**See Exhibit 05/12/2025 – P**

**Agenda Item 11 – UPDATE ON OPERATIONS AT THE MT. VERNON ANIMAL SHELTER – MAC GLAESS** – Dr. Mac Glaess and Jan Switzer provided an update on the status of the PAWS/Mt. Vernon Animal Shelter. The city is continuing improvements on the facilities. They have currently taken in approximately 60 dogs and 15 cats so far. The goal is to have animals come in with quality of care. They don't want to take in more animals than the staff can handle. Jan Switzer informed everyone that Dr. Cranmore's clinic has donated all of their dog and cat supplies to support the shelter. Ruth Greene inquired about animals being turned away and also volunteer opportunities. Dr. Glaess explained they are not fully open yet as they are waiting on all improvements to be completed, and Jennifer with the City of Mt. Vernon is working on the volunteer forms.

**Agenda Item 12 – PRESENTATION ABOUT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH TEXPOOL – DAVID SCHECHTMAN** – David Shechtman presented information to the Court about the TexSTAR and LOGIC government investment pools.  
**05/12/2025 – Q**

**Discussion:**

- Bob Stinson provided an update on the West Annex and addressed issues with the gas line, plumbing, gutters, sprinklers, and concrete that was splattered on exterior.
- Workshop at 2:00 PM for review of HOT Tax applications, and Workshop at 6:45 at City Hall to discuss full-time fire department.
- The Regular Session scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup> will be rescheduled to Tuesday, May 27, 2025 due to the Memorial Day holiday.

**Agenda Item 13 - ADJOURN** - Commissioner Newsome made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:59 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Regular Session on May 12, 2025.

Witnessed and recorded this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2025.

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Brook Bussell, County Clerk