

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

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Workshop Session on May 12, 2025, at 6:45 PM at the City of Mount Vernon located at 109 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, Ricky Jones, and others present at the City Council meeting.

County Judge Scott Lee called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

1. Full-time fire department – The Commissioners Court and City Council discussed funding of a 24/7 full-time fire department. The City proposed a 60/40 split, and the County suggested 50/50 with the County continuing to fund 100% of the ambulance service. Franklin County will have to wait until 2025 to contribute their part as it is not in the 2025 budget. Sheriff Jones offered some funding out of Inmate Housing to help get it started. He also recognized the efforts and response time of the current MVFD full-time day staff. The current city fire department will have to be remodeled to add on living quarters/bunk rooms, etc.
2. Judge Lee thanked the City for operating and overseeing the PAWS/City of Mount Vernon Animal Shelter.

**Adjourn** – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

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

Witnessed and recorded this 21st day of May, 2025.

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Brook Bussell, County Clerk