

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
June 9, 2025

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on June 9, 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

Members absent: Brook Bussell, County Clerk

VISITORS: Marie Redar, Paris Tillery, Beth Hedges, Melissa Clawson, Max Cannaday, Matt Holz, Ruth Greene, Carla Fox, Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Jennifer Cooper, Mary McLennan, Kay Harper, Linda Owens, and Gary Morrow.

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 MAY 27, 2025 REGULAR SESSION AND MAY 27, 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 \$288,979.97. 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 06/09/2025 – A

Agenda Item 3 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE TAC RISK MANAGEMENT POOL INVOICE FOR PROPERTY RENEWAL – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Risk Management Pool Invoice for property. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 06/09/2025 – B

Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE LEASE FOR NEW POSTAGE METER FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE – SHERIFF – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the lease for the new postage meter for the Sheriff's office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 06/09/2025 – C

Agenda Item 5 – RECORD TAC CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION FOR ARACELI GARCIA, ERIC BELONGA, ROGELIO TORRES, SCOTT MCKINNEY, LEVI REED, MATT HOLZ, EMILEE DEGRADO, KAEDEN ALCORN, LEO HERRERA, RANDALL CORTINAS, ROBERT WHITE, RYAN HAMMONS, AND STEVE MATUS – COUNTY JUDGE – The TAC Cybersecurity Awareness Training Certificates of Completion were recorded as presented.

See Exhibit 06/09/2025 – D

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE FARMERS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE COUNTY ROAD CROSSING REQUEST FOR CR 1081 IN PRECINCT 1 – PRECINCT 1 COMMISSIONER – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the Farmers Electric Cooperative County Road Crossing Request for CR 1081 in Precinct 1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 06/09/2025 – E

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION OPPOSING DEVELOPMENT OF MARVIN NICHOLS RESERVOIR – PRECINCT 1 COMMISSIONER – After discussion, Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the Resolution opposing the development of the Marvin Nichols Reservoir. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 06/09/2025 – F

Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION OPPOSING RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE COUNTY – PRECINCT 1 COMMISSIONER – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the Resolution of the Franklin County Commissioners Court Opposing Certain Renewable Energy Developments within Franklin County, Texas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 06/09/2025 – G

Agenda Item 9 – CLARIFY THE NOTIFICATION PROCESS TO PROPERTY OWNERS FOR SETBACKS AND VARIANCES ON NEW CONSTRUCTION – MAX CANNADAY Max Cannaday addressed need to clarify the notification process regarding setbacks and variances. The amounts are determined by the class of the county road. He is going to research the old court minutes to see if he can find what was previously approved. Marie Redar, Chief Deputy County Clerk, stated the clerk's office will be happy to assist if he can provide an approximate time frame to search.

Discussion:

- 391 Commission is still being looked into.
- Pct. 3 road behind Dollar General west of Hwy. 115 – Property owner wants to install a gate to block the road off. Commissioner Cooper stated he will have to follow the procedure to petition to have the road closed.
- Mary McLennan questioned whether or not Commissioner Newsome should recuse himself from all votes regarding solar. He pointed out that he just voted in support of the resolution presented in Item 8.

Agenda Item 10 - ADJOURN - Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Regular Session on June 9, 2025.

Witnessed and recorded this 17th day of June, 2025.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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