

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

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Workshop Session on June 9, 2025, at 2:00 PM 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, Marla White, Paris Tillery, Melissa Clawson, Robert Zinn, Max Cannaday, Brantin Carr, Mary McLennan, Blake Sheffield, Gary Boren, and Kathy Boren.

County Judge Scott Lee called the meeting to order at 2:02PM. Commissioner Smith offered prayer. The Pledges of Allegiance to the American flag and the Texas flag were recited.

Items discussed:

1. Fire Protection – Blake Sheffield addressed the Court. He spoke about cost share with the City of Mt. Vernon. He presented a written comparison showing a 50/50 Cost Share Agreement versus a 60/40 Cost Share Agreement. Many other various costs were discussed. Commissioner Smith questioned why Chief Sheffield is just now addressing the toll this arrangement will take on the city department. The county purchasing a fire truck was also discussed. Budget comparison between the two cost share agreements is \$850K on the 50/50 split, and \$1M on the 60/40 split. Auditor White stated the county could manage the 50/50 and a truck better than doing the 60/40.  
**See Workshop Exhibit 06/09/2025 – A**
2. 2026 Budget – Budget requests are due Friday, June 13, 2025. Auditor White has put together figures for 3% across the board salary increases and asked the commissioners to review them before budget hearings on June 25<sup>th</sup>.
3. South part of the county was hit hard again by recent storms.
4. New subdivision manual is coming soon.

**Adjourn** – Commissioner Newsome made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:49 PM.

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

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

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Brook Bussell, County Clerk