Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
October 13, 2026

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on October 13, 2026, 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
	Joe D. Stanley	Commissioner Precinct 1
	Toby Godfrey	Commissioner Precinct 2
	Scott Newsome	Commissioner Precinct 3
	Scott Smith	Commissioner Precinct 4
	Brook Noble	County Clerk

VISITORS: Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Chad Kelley, Kathy Johnson, Blake Sheffield, Shaun Pfund, Adriana Pfund, Mike Rambin, Mary McLennan, Marla White, Beth Hedges, Melissa Clawson, Chance Crane, Max Cannaday, and Michael Johnson.

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:
Shawn Pfund inquired about a possible power plant that will be located on FM 71.

Agenda Item 1 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2026 REGULAR SESSION – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Newsome 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 $242,269.99. Commissioner Godfrey 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 10/13/2026 – A

Agenda Item 3 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE LINE-ITEM TRANSFERS TO THE 2026 COUNTY BUDGET – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the line-item transfers moving funds from Contingency to Elections-Capital Purchases and Groundwater Conservation fees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 10/13/2026 – B

Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE POSTING THE NOTICE OF ACCEPTING BIDS FOR CULVERTS, FUEL, AND ROAD MATERIALS FOR 2027 – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve posting the notice of accepting bids for culverts, fuel, and road materials for 2027. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 10/13/2026 - C

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Agenda Item 5 – RECORD COMMISSIONER JOE D. STANLEY'S CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FOR THE OPEN MEETING ACT AND PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – Commissioner Joe D. Stanley's Certificates of Completion for the Open Meeting Act training and the Public Information Act training was recorded as presented.
See Exhibit 10/13/2026 – D

Agenda Item 6 – RECORD THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 17, 2026, FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD REGULAR MEETING – The minutes from the August 17, 2026, meeting of the Franklin County Child Welfare Board were recorded as presented.
See Exhibit 10/13/2026 – E

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ATCOG AND FRANKLIN COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE GRANTS PROGRAM – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the agreement between Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) and Franklin County for participation in the Regional Solid Waste Grants Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 10/13/2026 – F

Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE ROAD USE AGREEMENT FOR PRECINCT 3 WITH SOUTHWEST OPERATING – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Road Use Agreement with Southwest Operating regarding CR 3365 for Precinct 3. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 10/13/2026 – G

Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND SUPERIOR CLEANING SERVICES – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the contract between Franklin County and Superior Cleaning Services for janitorial services for the courthouse, East Annex, West Annex, and the HUB. Commissioner Stanley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 10/13/2026 – H

Agenda Item 10 – PRESENTATION OF AIRPORT EXPANSION PROPOSAL – Michael Johnson, owner of Vertilink, presented airport expansion proposal.
See Exhibit 10/13/2026 – I

Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO POST RFQ FOR ENGINEERS Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve posting an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for general engineering and professional consulting services. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 10/13/2026 – J

Agenda Item 12 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR MASS GATHERINGS AND ORDER OF DELEGATION – Commissioner Newsome made a motion to approve the Application for Mass Gatherings and Order of Delegation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 10/13/2026 – K

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Agenda Item 13 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE SPORTS COMPLEX LEASE AGREEMENT – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the changes to the Sports Complex Lease Agreement. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 10/13/2026 – L

Agenda Item 14 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESCINDING THE COUNTY-WIDE BURN BAN – Commissioner Smith made a motion to take no action at this time. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion:

- Proposed Tenasca/Prairie Ridge natural gas plant.
- Water availability.
- Aluminum plant.
- CR 1080 road damage.
- Dangers at the intersection of HWY 37 and FM 71 due to speed limit.

Agenda Item 15 - ADJOURN - Commissioner Newsome made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.

I, Brook Noble, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Regular Session on October 13, 2026.

Witnessed and recorded this 13th day of October, 2026.

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Brook Noble, County Clerk

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