Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
October 26, 2026

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on October 26, 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: Ruth Greene, Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Mary McLennan, Mark Sustaire, Kim Maale, Marla White, Beth Hedges, Paris Tillery, Brantin Carr, Max Cannaday, Adriana Pfund, and Shaun Pfund.

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 FROM THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 REGULAR SESSION – COUNTY CLERK – No action taken as this should have been for approval of the October 13, 2026, minutes.

Agenda Item 2 – AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENTS – COUNTY TREASURER – The total amount submitted for approval is $131,186.55. 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 10/26/2026 – A

Agenda Item 3 – MONTHLY REPORTS – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve monthly reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 10/26/2026 – B

Agenda Item 4 – RECORD 15.75 HOURS OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMPLETED BY YESINIA VALENZUELA CASTRO THROUGH ATTENDANCE AT THE 44TH ANNUAL ELECTION LAW SEMINAR FOR COUNTY ELECTION OFFICIALS – The Certificate of Attendance presented to Yesinia Valenzuela Castro reflecting 15.75 hours of Professional Education and Development for attending the 44th Annual Election Law Seminar for County Election Officials was recorded as presented.
See Exhibit 10/26/2026 – C

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Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESCINDING THE COUNTY-WIDE BURN BAN – No action taken.

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING: REPLAT OF LOTS 7R AND 8R, HICKORY HILLS SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 – KIM MAALE – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the first reading of the replat of Lots 7R and 8R, Phase 1 of the Hickory Hills Subdivision. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE 2027 FRANKLIN COUNTY RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR THE TEXAS INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM– Commissioner Newsome made a motion to approve the 2027 Franklin County Resolution to apply for the Texas Indigent Defense Commission Formula Grant Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 10/26/2026 – D

Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR THE UPDATED 2027 FRANKLIN COUNTY HANDBOOK– Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the resolution for the updated 2027 Franklin County Handbook. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 10/26/2026 – E

Discussion:

- Repair of backhoe at dump.
- Mt. Vernon Fire Department.
- Parking lot at sports complex.
- CR 1080/1081 road damage due to rock hauling, and road damage caused by solar company.
- Maintenance employee begins Monday, November 9, 2026.

Agenda Item 9 - ADJOURN - Commissioner Newsome made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 AM.

I, Brook Noble, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Regular Session on October 26, 2026.

Witnessed and recorded this 5th day of November, 2026.

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Brook Noble, County Clerk

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