Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
November 9, 2026

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on November 9, 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: Gary Boren, Kathy Boren, Kathy Johnson, Mary McLennan, Sarah Brod, Shaun Pfund, Marla White, Beth Hedges, Ricky Jones, Max Cannaday, Brantin Carr, Robert Zinn, and Kim Maale.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 9:03 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 28, 2026 REGULAR SESSION; OCTOBER 13, 2026 REGULAR SESSION; AND THE OCTOBER 26, 2026 REGULAR SESSION – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the minutes for September 28, 2026; October 13, 2026; and October 26, 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newsome. 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 $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 11/09/2026 – A

Agenda Item 3 – RECORD FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 – LINDA HAMMOND – The minutes of the Franklin County Child Welfare Board Regular Meeting were recorded as presented.
See Exhibit 11/09/2026 – B

Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE SELINDA HASSELL AS NEW CHILD WELFARE BOARD MEMBER – LINDA HAMMOND – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve Selinda Hassell as a new Child Welfare Board member. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
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Agenda Item 5 – RECORD ORDER SETTING SALARY FOR COUNTY AUDITOR – The Order Setting Salary for County Auditor was recorded as presented.
See Exhibit 11/09/2026 – D

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE POLICY FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Policy for Franklin County, and Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 11/09/2026 – E

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING: REPLAT OF LOTS 7R AND 8R, HICKORY HILLS SUBDIVISION PHASE 1 – KIM MAALE – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the second reading of the replat of Lots 7R and 8R, Phase 1 of the Hickory Hills Subdivision. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Plat Cabinet 349A

Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICES AND FRANKLIN COUNTY – AG EXTENSION AGENT – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Cooperative Agreement between Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Services and Franklin County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 11/09/2026 – F

Agenda Item 9 – RECORD THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS COMPLIANCE REVIEW OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY JAIL – RICKY JONES – The Texas Commission on Jail Standards Compliance Review of the Franklin County Jail was recorded as presented.
See Exhibit 11/09/2026 – G

Agenda Item 10 – OPEN BIDS FOR CULVERTS, FUEL, AND ROAD MATERIALS – Bids from the following were received and opened:

- Brooksey Crow, Inc. – Mt. Vernon, TX
- Quality Rock, Inc. – Idabel, OK
- Seaton Construction – Cookville, TX
- Wilson Culverts, Inc. – Elkhart, TX
- Penn Custom Construction & Fabrication, LLC – Winnsboro, TX
- NexPath Freight, LLC – Mt. Vernon, TX
- Patriot Sand & Gravel, LLC – Mt. Vernon, TX
- R.K. Hall, LLC – Paris, TX
- Winkle Oil Co., LLC – Winnsboro, TX
- C Rae Materials – Powderly, TX
- Burgin Pipe & Supply – Sulphur Springs, TX
- Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc. – Austin, TX
- P^2 (P Squared) Emulsion Plant, LLC – Elm Mott, TX

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Agenda Item 11 – OPEN REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES – Requests for Qualifications were received from the following and opened:

- WLJ Engineering, Inc. – Gilmer, TX
- Hayter Engineering – Paris, TX
- GLS – Lufkin, TX

Agenda Item 12 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO EXTEND OR RESCIND THE COUNTY-WIDE BURN BAN – Commissioner Smith made a motion to reinstate the county-wide burn ban. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-1, with Commissioner Newsome voting no.

Discussion:

- Solar/BESS, and what Van Zandt and Delta Counties have done.
- CR 1080 and 1081 – electric company has done some repairs.
- Commissioner Stanley stated the solar company will not comply with the terms of the Road Use Agreement.
- There will be a workshop or special session on Monday, November 16, 2026.
- County dump/transfer station.
- Mount Vernon Fire Department – extension of the interlocal agreement expires at the end of November.
- Backhoe at the dump.

Agenda Item 13 - ADJOURN - Commissioner Newsome made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.

I, Brook Noble, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Regular Session on November 9, 2026.

Witnessed and recorded this 12th day of November, 2026.

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Brook Noble, County Clerk

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