Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Special Session
November 16, 2026

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Special Session on November 16, 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: Marla White, Paris Tillery, Lisa Lawrence, Beth Hedges, Kathy Johnson, Landon Ramsay, Robert Zinn, Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, and Mary McLennan.

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 – AWARD BIDS FOR ROAD MATERIALS, CULVERTS, AND FUEL – Commissioner Smith made a motion to award the bids for road materials, culverts, and fuel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 2 – DISCUSS ENGINEERING FIRMS THAT SUBMITTED RFQ'S – The Court discussed pros/cons of the three firms who submitted RFQ's for engineering services.

Agenda Item 3 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO EXTEND THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to extend the current interlocal agreement with the City of Mt. Vernon for fire protection services for four months. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 11/16/2026 – A

Agenda Item 4 – DISCUSS COUNTY AI POLICY – The Court discussed implementing a county AI policy setting out what provider(s) may be used and setting rules regarding the use of AI.

Agenda Item 5 – DISCUSS COUNTY TRANSFER STATION – No discussion took place on this matter.

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Discussion:

- County road maintenance issues with solar company.
- Burn ban.

Agenda Item 6 - ADJOURN - Commissioner Newsome made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM.

I, Brook Noble, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Special Session on November 16, 2026.

Witnessed and recorded this 17th day of November, 2026.

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Brook Noble, County Clerk

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