

COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA
Tuesday, January 13, 2026
9:30 a.m.



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COMMISSIONERS COURT
Neal Franklin, County Judge
Commissioner Christina Drewry, Precinct 1
Commissioner John Moore, Precinct 2
Commissioner J Scott Herod, Precinct 3
Commissioner Ralph Caraway Sr, Precinct 4



**COUNTY OF SMITH
COMMISSIONERS COURT
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Tyler, Texas 75702**

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Pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, this notice is to advise that a regular meeting of the **Smith County Commissioners Court** will be held at **9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2026**, in the **Smith County Commissioners Courtroom** on the 1st floor of the **Smith County Courthouse Annex**, 200 E. Ferguson, Tyler, Texas.

Questions regarding this agenda should be directed to Commissioners Court Administrative Assistant at 903-590-4605. The agenda is available on the County's website (<http://www.smith-county.com>).

**CALL TO ORDER
DECLARE A QUORUM PRESENT
DECLARE LEGAL NOTICES POSTED AND COURT DULY CALLED
INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public who have previously filled out a participation form have an opportunity to address the Commissioners Court on agenda items. The Court is unable to deliberate on non-agenda items. If you desire to request a matter on a future agenda, you may make the request to a member of Commissioners Court. Individual comments are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. If you wish to address the Court, obtain a public participation form at the Commissioners Court entryway and submit the completed form to a staff member before the meeting begins. Please be mindful of the Commissioners Court Rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum when making your comments and/or attending public meetings.

OPEN SESSION:

RESOLUTION

1. Consider and take necessary action to approve a resolution proclaiming January 15, 2026, as "Jerry Benet Embry Day" in Smith County.

COURT ORDERS

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2. Discuss, consider and take necessary action to determine next steps for the Budget Officer position.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

3. Consider and take necessary action and authorize the county judge to apply for the Sheriff Immigration Law Enforcement Grant program on behalf of the Sheriff's Office through the Secretary of State grant portal.
4. Consider and take necessary action to approve the Sheriff's Office Detention Officer, one time exception, request to increase pay by \$6,991, based on the level of experience.
5. Consider and take necessary action to approve the Sheriff's Office Bookkeeper, one time exception, request to increase pay by \$16,247, based on the level of experience.

RECURRING BUSINESS

ROAD AND BRIDGE

6. Consider and take necessary action to authorize the county judge to sign the:
 - a. Final Plat for Piney Acres, Precinct 2,
 - b. Re-Plat for the Cumberland Ridge Subdivision, Unit VI, Block 20, Lots 26-28, Precinct 1, and
 - c. Final Plat for the Magnolia Meadows Subdivision, Precinct 1.
7. Receive pipe and/or utility line installation request (notice only) for County Road 3118, West Gregg Special Utility District, install water meter, Precinct 3.

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8. Receive monthly reports from Smith County departments.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

9. Consider and take necessary action to approve and/or ratify payment of accounts, bills, payroll, transfer of funds, amendments, and health claims.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: For purposes permitted by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, entitled Open Meetings, Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.0745, 551.075, and 551.076. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to exercise its discretion and may convene in executive session as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, et seq., on any of the items listed on its formal or briefing agendas.

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**SMITH COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT FOR
DISABLED PERSONS**

This meeting site is accessible to disabled persons as follows: Entrance to the Courthouse Annex is accessible through the front entrance on the south side of the Courthouse Annex located at 200 E. Ferguson. A wheelchair ramp provides access to the front entrance. The Commissioners Courtroom is on the first floor. If any special assistance or accommodations are needed in order to attend a Commissioners Court meeting, please contact Commissioners Court staff at 903-590-4605, in advance, so accommodations can be arranged.

Date: 1/6/2026

Time: 5:00 p

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Neal Franklin".

NEAL FRANKLIN, COUNTY JUDGE

Posted By: Jennafer Bell