

Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
Regular Session
January 22, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

This regular session of the Mills County Commissioners Court opened in due form of law at 9:00 am in the Mills County Commissioners' Courtroom located at 1011 4th Street, Goldthwaite, Texas 76844.

Present in the Courtroom were Judge Johnson, Commissioners Mike Wright, Robert Head, Dale Partin - absent and Jason Williams, and County Clerk –Sonya Scott; Audience sign-in sheet is attached to the minutes. Kim Avants present by Zoom.

The meeting is available to the public to view on the Mills County YouTube channel.

Agenda: -

1. Judge Johnson called the meeting to order noted the presence of a quorum; Judge Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Williams provided the opening prayer.
2. Review and Act on Minutes of January 8, 2024 – minor typographical errors need to be corrected. Changes noted– Commissioner Williams moved to approve with corrections with a second by Commissioner Head. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Audience with Individuals – none.
4. Consider and Act on Approving Accounts Payable. – Review of accounts payable. Commissioner Wright moved to approve the accounts payable as presented with Judge Johnson providing the second. Motion carried 4-0.
5. Consider and Act on designation of Judge ProTem – This is an annual election – Judge Johnson moved to appoint Commission Williams as Judge ProTem with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 4-0.
6. Consider and Act on approving Investment Policy – NO changes to the policy from the previous year. Commissioner Williams moved to approve with a second provided by Commissioner Head. Motion carried 4-0.
7. Discuss and Act on the position description of Jail Sergeant – Amanda Williams addressed the Court. Policy and Procedure needs to be documented to address the position description to meet Jail Standards. This was brought to the Court for transparency. Summer Campbell noted that the description should be on file with the jail and the HR department. Ms. Campbell suggested to table and take no action as job descriptions have not been approved in court prior to this submission. No action taken or needed at this time.
8. Consider and Act on accepting the 2023 Racial Profiling report as required by Texas Occupations Code 1701.164 – Sheriff Pool addressed the Court. This is an annual report required to be approved by the Court. Sheriff Pool noted that there have been zero complaints against Mills County for Racial profiling and the department should be commended. Judge Johnson moved to accept the report with a second by Commissioner Williams. Motion carried 4-0.

9. Consider and Act on bids for materials for Mills County Precinct Road System – Court completes this bid process yearly at the suggestion of our auditors. This is the same bid as last used with the exception of changing the dates. The Court does not have to have responses to the bid but do have to show that we have requested a bid. Dates will be changed on item 9 and 10 to align the dates to be the same. Process needs to be moved to the beginning of the budget cycle. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the bid for materials for the Road System when the dates are corrected. Commissioner Head provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

10. Consider and Act on bids for fuel for Mills County Precinct Road System – This is the same process as discussed in item 9. Commissioner Williams moved to act on the bid process for fuel for the Mills County Precinct Road System with a second by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 4-0.

11. Discussion regarding the Disaster Declaration Order for Solar Eclipse April 2024 – Judge Johnson noted that he has been in discussions with Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM). Judge Johnson read the county’s request to the Governor for extra services and personnel to manage the people and potential chaos during the upcoming April 2024 eclipse.

12. Commissioner’ Request and Reports –

Precinct 1 – road work shopping for equipment. Mac truck is ready to go.

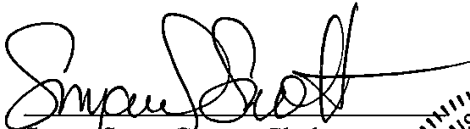
Precinct 2 – blading multiple roads. Some tree work clearing roads. Dura Haul door not working properly. Possible control valve issue.

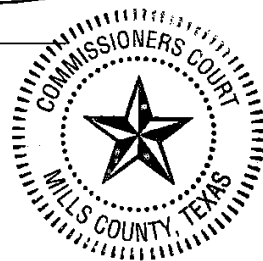
Precinct 3 – not present

Precinct 4 – working on new tin horn installation and road work in the Ebony area. Met regarding boring for drainage issues at the courthouse. Have reached out to an Austin drainage company that will assess the issues. Buster Taylor and James Bonnett were also consulted. Law Enforcement Center drainage issues could be addressed the week of February 19th if commissioners will agree to work on that issue that week. All agreed.

13. County Judge’s Report – Safety meeting this week, and several other meetings this and next week. Courthouse doors are working.

14. Adjournment – Commissioner Wright moved to adjourn; Judge Johnson seconded. Motion Carried 4-0


Sonya Scott, County Clerk
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