

Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
Regular Session
October 14, 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 and Jason Williams, County Treasurer Summer Campbell, and County Clerk –Sonya Scott; present via Zoom: Court Coordinator Annette Watson. Audience sign-in sheet is attached to the minutes.

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 of minutes - Minutes of September 23, 2024 and September 30, 2024– Commissioner Williams noted that the workshop meeting from last Friday has not been presented. Commissioner Partin noted a correction on minutes from Sept. 30 #7number should read 213. Commissioner Wright moved to accept as presented with noted correction second from Judge Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Audience with Individuals – none
4. Review and Act on Accounts Payable –Judge Johnson made a correction to designation on accounts payable. Judge Johnson moved to accept Accounts Payable with needed changes with a second from Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda was reviewed by the Court as follows:

- a. Monthly County Treasurer Report
- b. Quarterly County Treasurer Report
- c. Quarterly Investment Report
- d. MCAD Monthly Collection Report
- e. County/ District Clerk Report Clerk
- f. County Tax Assessor
- g. County Extension Reports
- h. Facilities Report – Guys Burns addressed the Court. An ambulance pulled into the garage before the door was fully retracted. Hamilton Hospital insurance paid for the replacement.
- i. Sheriff's Office
- j. Justice of the Peace
- k. County Judge's Report
- l. Hamilton EMS
- m. Veterans Services Officer

Motion made by Commissioner Williams to accept the consent agenda with a second by Judge Johnson. Motion Carried 5-0.

5. Consider and Act on Burn Ban - Judge Johnson has spoken with the local fire chiefs. All parties are in agreement that the Burn Ban needs to be reinstated. Commissioner Wright moved to approve the burn ban with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Consider and Act to update bank signature cards to reflect change in Treasurer's Office – County Treasurer said they would be removing Debby Grba and adding Jackie Brooks. Judge Johnson moved to approve the signature changes with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Consider and Act on Inmate Housing Contract for Brown County – Sheriff Pool addressed the Court. Brown County will be renovating their jail and would like a housing agreement with Mills County to be used if space is available and the need arises. Commissioner Williams moved to approve with a second from Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Consider and Act on Inmate Housing Contract for Mills County with Brown County – Sheriff Pool addressed the Court. Mills County jail is having some plumbing issues. The main issue is the incoming water line into the facility. This is a pressure reducing valve that has failed. The estimate to make the repairs is between 4-24 hours. Jail standards state that a jail can only have no running water for 48 hours. Brown County has said that they will have space if the need arises and this agreement would need to be in place to meet jail standards. The rate would be \$75 per day. It is possible that we would not need to move prisoners, it just depends on how long the repairs would take.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the agreement as presented. Commissioner Wright provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Consider and Act on declaring three office chairs from the Sheriff's office as scrap – Sheriff Pool addressed the Court. Live Oak will not accept the chair for sale. Commissioner Williams made a motion to declare as scrap with a second from Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Consider and Act on approving surety Bond for George Drake, Joy Nowell, Britney Breann Cornelius, and Tina Covault -Judge Johnson moved to approve the bonds with a second from Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Consider and Act on Resolution for Texas Indigent Defense Commission Grant Program- This is an annual renewal. Judge Johnson moved to approve the Indigent Defense Grant Program. Commissioner Wright provided the second. Motion carried. 5-0.

12. Consider and Act on Hardware Recycling by Goldsmith – This is an annual election process. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the contract with a second from Judge Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.

13. Consider and Act on hard Drive Destruction by Goldsmith – Commissioner Williams moved to approve the policy as presented. Commissioner Head provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

14. Commissioners' Reports and request

Commissioner Wright, Pct. 1 – brush cutting 505/506. Replacing the delineators. Working on FEMA paperwork.

Commissioner Head, Pct. 2 – hauled material, trimmed trees on 217. Will be working on the TxDot roads next week. Working on paperwork.

Commissioner Partin, Pct. 3 – working on FEMA paperwork. County road 142. Lake Merritt roads need work as well.

Commissioner Williams, Pct. 4 – met with TxDot, have reviewed the bridge report. Working on FEMA paperwork. Rock Crusher is finished but still at Moore's. Will deliver to Precinct 1 yard after reattaching the crusher. Training in Abilene and Austin this week. Taking some vacation days next week. MCAD – all entities except Goldthwaite CISD denied the increased budget. Working on road 550/408. Cleaning out culverts and reworking materials.


15. County Judge Report– met with Red River Clean Energy. Approximately 720 acres that will tie into the Oncor lines. Red River Clean Energy has an agreement with ERCOT in place. Handouts will be posted on our website. Central Texas Rural transit meeting in Early. Next Commissioner Court Mr. Salazar of Central Texas Rural Transit will be present to address the court regarding the new transit district for Mills County. The district that we were part of has moved to an urban district and Mills County needed to find a new rural district. Move date should be from January 1 to March 31, 2025. The goal is to get back to three drivers and three busses. There will be a resolution for the Court to review and sign if accepted. Judge Johnson noted that there is no cost for the new district.

Elevator repairs will take one week and the elevator will be shut down for that week. Tentative date set for repairs is in December.

Audit process has begun. Most will be completed remotely. January 13, 2025, all elected officials will need to be available to answer questions.

County Clerk noted that early voting starts Monday, October 21 and a jury trial starts on October 22.

16. Commissioner Wright moved to adjourn; Commissioner Head seconded. Motion Carried 5-0


Sonya Scott, County Clerk
Mills County Clerk



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