Mills County Commissioners Court Minutes August 22, 2022–9:00 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: Judge Ed Smith, Commissioners Williams, Partin, Garren, and Wright, County Attorney – Gerald Hale, County Clerk – Sonya Scott, and Treasurer – Summer Campbell. Present via Zoom: Jacki Brooks, and James Taylor - The Goldthwaite Eagle. See attendance sheet for audience listing.

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

- 1. Judge Ed Smith called the meeting to order noted the presence of a quorum; Judge Smith led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioner Wright providing the opening prayer.
- 2. Review of minutes August 15, 2022 Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept as presented. Commission Garren provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.
- 3. Audience with Individuals none

Judge Smith moved to recess for a Public Hearing at 9:02 with a second from Commissioner Garren. Motion carried 5-0.

- 4. Public Hearing Judge Smith opened the public meeting with a Power Point overview of the proposed 2022-2023 budget and tax rare. Although invited, none of the public attendees spoke in the hearing and the Judge closed the hearing and reconvened Commissioners Court at 9:18 am.
- 5. Consider and Act on approving Account Payable Commissioner Wright made the motion to approve the accounts payable as presented. Commissioner Williams provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.
- 6. Consider and Act to Approve Salaries and Allowances of Elected officials Commissioner Williams provided a motion to approve the salaries and allowances as publicly noticed with a second from Commissioner Garren. Motion carried 5-0.
- 7. Consider and Act on 2022-2023 Budget Judge Smith moved to approve the budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023 as presented. Commissioner Garren provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

For: Judge Smith, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Partin, Commissioner Garren and Commissioner Wright.

Against: none

8. Consider and Act on Tax Rate – Judge Smith moved to adopt the tax rates as presented. Commissioner Williams provided the second. Motion passed 5-0.

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Against: none

- 9. Consider and Act on 2022 (Agenda Item incorrectly reads 2023) schedules of Holidays and Regular Commissioner' Court meetings Commissioner Garren to approve the schedules with a second from Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.
- 10. Consider and Act on Interlocal Agreement with CTCOG for 911 Public Safety Answering Point. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the agreement as presented with a second by Commissioner Garren. Motion carried 5-0.
- 11. Consider and Act on Texas A & M AgrilLife Extension Services Agreement Commissioner Garren moved to approve the agreement as presented with a second by Judge Smith. Motion carried 5-0.
- 12. Discuss EMS Station Project no change since last meeting. Awaiting surveyor
- 13. Commissioners request and reports:

Pct 1 Commissioner Wright: Received complaints regarding CR 429 and 412 – have made some repairs. Haul truck is down.

Pct 2 Commissioner Garren – working on roads as have received some moisture. Some mowing. Wind turbine construction is progressing quickly.

Pct 3 Commissioner Partin: Have completed 1.9 miles on a road project. Working on trailer wiring for compatibility of use with all vehicles

Pct 4 Commissioner Williams: Hill Country Community Action board meeting last week – New interim CEO is doing well. Moved TxDOT material from Precinct 1 yard. Worked on several roads with new material. Maintenance on rock crusher but ordering more teeth for it. Attended TAC legal training in Brownwood. Will be out Wednesday – Friday for TAC legislative briefing. Shredding on CR 406 and 530.

15. Judges report: Judge Smith thanked the Commissioners and County Officials for completion of the budget process. Judge Smith noted that he will be retiring and delivering a letter to the County Clerk later this week. He will not be completing his full term. The public has already voted on a new Judge who is unopposed in the November 8 general election.

16. Judge Smith moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Garren. Motion Carried 5-0.

Sonya Scott

Mills County Clerk

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