

Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
August 29, 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 Jett Johnson, 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 Jett Johnson called the meeting to order noted the presence of a quorum; Judge Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioner Williams providing the opening prayer.
2. Review of minutes August 22, 2022 – Commissioner Garren made a motion to accept as presented. Commission Wright provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Audience with Individuals – Patricia Graham addressed the court with regards to the budget that was recently passed.

Sam Goldsmith – IT vendor for Mills County gave the Commissioners an update on the scheduled phone system upgrade. The go-live for phone transition is scheduled for tomorrow. Goldsmith will be in the building for training and transitioning each office this afternoon through Wednesday.

4. Consider and Act on approving Accounts Payable – Commissioner Williams moved to approve accounts payable with a second from Commissioner Garren. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Consider and Act on line-item budget amendment - Commissioner Williams requested amendments to re-allocate funds to cover expenses. Judge Johnson made a motion to approve the amendment with Commissioner Garren providing the second. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Consider and Act on interlocal agreement with Bell County Indigent Health Services – taken out of order – Ebony Jackson addressed the Court. Commissioners discussed the optional health care services. Court will receive the optional coverages from Ms. Jackson to discuss at the next meeting. Court can approve the agreement now and the optional services at a later date. Judge Johnson made a motion to accept the agreement with a second from Commissioner Garren. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Consider and Act on camera & recording equipment purchases and related line-item budget transfers. – Sherriff Hammonds addressed the court with regards to the security system updates. Judge Johnson made a motion to table until the next meeting to discuss the system upgrades with the Sherriff. Commissioner Garren provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Consider and Act on Grant Application for Ballistic Shields – Sherriff Hammonds addressed the Court. After the Uvalde school shooting the Governor of Texas opened a Grant program for shields for the Sherriff's office. This is independent of the funds that Sheriff's office has raised locally. Commissioner Williams moved to accept the grant with a second from Commissioner Partin. Motion passed 5-0.
9. Consider and Act to apply write-in filing fees to Clerk's election expense account. – Clerk addressed the Court that the Court decides how the money is allocated. Motion from Commissioner Garren to allocate

write-in funds current and future to be allocated to the Elections funds/expense with a second from Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 3-2 with Commissioners Partin and Williams voting against. Judge Johnson, Commissioner Garren and Wright voting for.

10. Consider and Act on new EMS station – Guy Burns addressed the court –Fencing contractor has been hired. Still waiting on the surveyor. IDIQ requires a first payment by October 1, 2022. Justice Lane road is planned for re-topping if funds are available after construction. Drainage work is also planned to alleviate drainage issues. No action/motion. This item will remain on future agendas.

11. Commissioners request and reports:

Pct 1 Commissioner Wright: blading on roads. Need approval from the court to move the portable agenda EMS station to the Precinct Barn. Determined that moving the building was discussed in prior meetings so no action/agenda item needed.

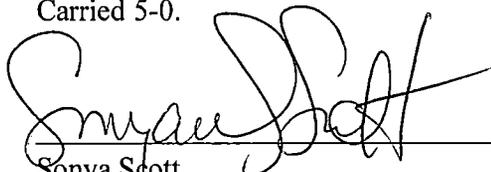
Pct 2 Commissioner Garren – grading some roads.

Pct 3 Commissioner Partin: All trucks are wired to be compatible with trailers. Grading some roads. Will finish project soon. Have .5 miles left to complete roads.

Pct 4 Commissioner Williams: Legislative conference last week. Bladed some roads. Shredded some and will continue. Hopefully rain will allow more road work.

12. Judges report: Judge Johnson wanted to thank Judge Smith for the smooth transition. Looking forward to working with all the Commissioners ahead. Will be meeting with all elected officials in the next few weeks. Excited and ready to get

13. Commissioner Williams moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Garren. Motion Carried 5-0.


Sonya Scott
Mills County Clerk

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