

Mills County  
Commissioners Court Minutes  
September 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

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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 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Goldthwaite, Texas 76844.

Present in the Courtroom: Judge Jett Johnson, Commissioners Partin, Garren and Wright, Commissioner Williams was absent, County Attorney – Gerald Hale, Deputy County Clerk – Julie Fincher, and Treasurer – Summer Campbell. Present via Zoom: Jacki Brooks, The Goldthwaite Eagle, and Justice of the Peace – Kim Avants. See attendance sheet for audience listing.

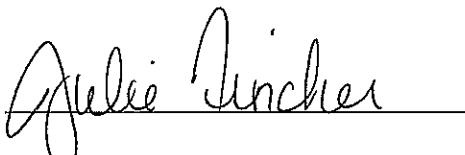
The meeting is available to the public to view on the Mills County YouTube channel.

1. Opening pledge of Allegiance and Prayer was led by Judge Johnson
2. Review and act on Minutes of August 26, 2022, August 29, 2022, & September 8, 2022.- Motion by Commissioner Garren with correction of name on 8/26/2022 minutes. Carried 3 to 1 with Commissioner Wright abstaining.
3. Audience with Individuals- Mike Williams spoke regarding the conditions and process of deciding how and when a Burn Ban should be in place.
4. Review and Act on Accounts Payable: Motion to accept Accounts Payable as presented was made by Judge Johnson and Commissioner Garren 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-1 with Commissioner Wright abstaining.

Consent Agenda, Judge Johnson made the motion to accept Departmental Reports as submitted, Commissioner Garren 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 3-1 with Commissioner Wright abstaining.

5. Consider and Act on Outdoor Burning: No Action was taken
6. Consider and Act on line-item budget amendments: Motion by Commissioner Garren to accept amendments, Commissioner Partin 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried 3-1 with Commissioner Wright abstaining
7. Consider and Act on Approving Bond for Judge Jett Johnson: Judge Johnson made motion to accept, Commissioner Garren 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried 4-0
8. Consider & act on camera & recording equipment purchases and related line-item budget transfers: Sheriff Hammond spoke on the couple of bids that we have and said he would be comfortable with the 19,685 bids from Sydaptic Inc. See images for other bids. Sheriff said that he had the funds in his equipment budget so there would be no cause for a line-item transfer. Motion was made by Judge Johnson for Sheriff to proceed and Commissioner Garren provided the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Wright abstaining.
9. Consider and Act on appointment of elected official to serve on the Board of Hill County Transit District. Judge Johnson said that he would be happy to serve on the Board. Judge Johnson made the motion that he serve on the Board and Commissioner Partin provided the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 4-0

10. Consider and Act on renewing Tax Abatement Guidelines. Former Judge Ed Smith addressed the Court on the guidelines for Abatements. Commissioner Garren made motion to continue with the guidelines that are already in place, Judge Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 4-0
11. Consider and Act on 2023 funding commitment for Hill County Community Action. Motion made by Judge Johnson to contribute 459.00 grant to HCCAA which allows them to apply for additional funds from TDA for home delivered meals. Commissioner Garren provided the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 4-0.
12. Discuss signage on county roads pertaining to wind turbines- There have been a few accidents and wind companies would like signs to be added on county roads, and would be willing to invest in the signs. It was discussed that this was not feasible due to the number of county roads, the number and cost of the signs plus the maintenance of the signs.
13. Consider and Act on letting the portable building be used by Precinct 1- Precinct 1 would use the building to store supplies and tools. Judge Johnson made the motion that Precinct 1 have use of the building. Commissioner Wright provided the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried 4-0
14. Consider and Act on declaring televisions, bunk beds, and other items in the portable building as surplus and/or salvage, A detailed list of items was presented to the court. The volunteer fire department and other county departments will have a chance to see if there is anything that would be of use to them. County Attorney Gerald Hale explained the process of declaring items as such. Judge Johnson made the motion to declare items as salvage or surplus and for Commissioner Wright to proceed with the items previously mentioned and will come back to court with whatever might be scrap. Commissioner Wright provided the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried 4-0
15. Consider and Act on declaring Judge Ed Smith's desk plaque as scrap. Judge Johnson made the motion. Commissioner Garren 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 4-0
16. Discuss EMS project- Guy Burns spoke on the project and said there has been no movement since the last meeting. Judge Johnson will sign the contract today that was approved in previous Commissioners Court. Fencing has not been done yet and survey sill has not been done. Guy will check on the progress and get back with update.
17. Commissioners' Request and Reports
  - Pct 1- Blading roads and work on CR 429
  - Pct 2- Hauling materials and blading roads
  - Pct 3- Blading roads and start CR 199 project.
18. County Judge's Report- Minimum bid for old EMS building was not met and building did not sale.
19. Commissioner Wright made motion to adjourn, Commissioner Garren 2<sup>nd</sup> Carried 4-0

  
Julie Fincher

Mills County Deputy Clerk



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