

Mills County  
Commissioners Court Minutes  
April 11, 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 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Goldthwaite, Texas 76844.

Present in the Courtroom: Judge Ed Smith, Commissioners Williams, Partin, Garren and Wright, County Clerk – Sonya Scott, Treasurer – Summer Campbell, and Sheriff Clint Hammonds. 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. Judge Smith called the meeting to order noted the presence of a quorum; Judge Smith led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioner Williams providing the opening prayer.
2. Review of minutes March 28, 2022 - Commissioner Garren moved to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Wright provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Audience with Individuals – Susan Lindsey addressed the court with regards to the library funding on the jury donation list.

Patricia Graham – addressed the Court with regards to EMS dispatch. Ms. Graham noted that the Court should take time to make decision on this matter.

Barbara Carroll – deferred her time to Ms. Lindsey

Consent agenda – Consent Agenda:

- a) Monthly County Treasurer Report
- b) Quarterly County Treasurer Report
- c) Quarterly Investment Report
- d) Accounts Payable and Payroll
- e) MCAD Monthly Collection Report
- f) County Clerk Report
- g) District Clerk Report
- h) County Tax Collector – Assessor Report
- i) County Extension Report
- j) Sheriff's Office
- k) Justice of the Peace
- l) County Judge's Receipts
- m) Hamilton EMS
- n) Veterans Service Officer

Commissioner Garren moved to approve consent agenda with a second from Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Consider and Act on Ban on Outdoor Burning – Judge Smith provided that the current Burn ban expires tomorrow. Based on drought index, Judge Smith moved to extend the burn ban to May 24, 2022. Second was provided from Commissioner Garren. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Consider and Act on consolidating voting precincts – This is for the May 24, 2022, runoff election. Commissioner Garren made a motion to approve the notice. Commissioner Williams provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Consider and Act on Order of Special Election on May 24, 2022. - Commissioner Williams moved to approve with the second by Commissioner Garren. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Consider and Act on removal of cattle guard on County Road 338. – Commissioner Garren addressed the court with regards to removing the cattle guard. Adjacent landowners have verbally agreed to removal of the cattle guard. Wind energy contractors have requested the removal for ease of transportation of turbine parts. The two landowners have verbally agreed to waive the 90-day waiting period. Commissioner Garren moved to approve the removal of the cattle guard following the required 90 day notice unless waived by the two adjacent landowners and Commissioner Wright provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Consider and Act on county list for juror fee donations – Court discussed options with input from the County Treasurer and County Clerk. Commissioner Garren moved to table until the County Attorney is present for input for this topic. Commissioner Partin provided the second. Motion passed 5-0.

9. Discussion of Employee Handbook – Handbook is reviewed at least annually and approved by commissioners' court. A summary of definitions from the Transportation and Penal Codes was provided by Judge. Sheriff Hammonds addressed provided further clarification to the Court. Handbook is the County policy. Listed as discussion item only.

10. Consider and Act on 911 Dispatching – Judge Smith clarified with Sheriff Hammonds that the “clock” has stopped on his 120 day notice of ceasing to dispatch 911 calls for EMS service due to the involvement of attorneys and the time constraints in dealing with attorneys. Judge Smith proposed a citizen committee to look into the options. The Sheriff stopping the clock does not necessarily stop the for the subsequent termination notices from Hamilton Healthcare. Judge Smith will visit with Hamilton Healthcare to see if they will stop their clock and allow the parties to continue to seek a resolution. Judge Smith moved to table with a second from Commissioner Garren. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Consider and Act on declaring a Sheriff's Office printer scrap and disposing of item. Printer is 2016 vintage, broken and no longer working. Motion from Commissioner Williams to approve the item as scrap and be disposed with a second from Commissioner Partin. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Commissioner's Requests and Reports

Commissioner Wright, Pct. 1 – installed 6 tin horns, cut brush, repaired equipment. Railroad wants to close the CR 316 crossing for repair (1 day only) Commissioner Wright will be in school next week.

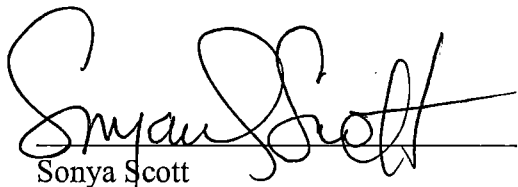
Commissioner Garren, Pct. 2 – rock crusher working again. Installed cattle guard and road work.

Commissioner Partin, Pct. 3 –Hauling dirt, installing 8 tin horns, newly acquired truck and belly dump working. Hauled a mile of material in 5 days. Nice to have a positive on the road work. Would like to contact Eastland County with regards to the recent fire. Is there anything that we could do to help Eastland County. CTTC has a haul trailer available.

Commissioner Williams, Pct. 4 – road work, hauling material, bladed some roads. Still need rain. Child Welfare Board meeting and Mills County Appraisal District meeting.

12. Judge Smith – Commissioners’ Court and public hearing tomorrow on subdivision ordinance at 9:00 am. Friday is a County Holiday. Clerk’s office will be open for 3 hours on Good Friday.

13. Judge Smith moved to adjourn; Commissioner Garren seconded. Motion Carried 5-0.

  
Sonya Scott  
Mills County Clerk



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