

Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
May 9, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

This regular session of the Mills County Commissioners Court opened in due form of law at 9:00am 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, Deputy County Clerk – Julie Fincher, 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. 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 April 25, 2022 - Commissioner Partin questioned item 7 on previous min. and the cost listed. Correction to be made on the cost, moved to accept the minutes with that correction. Commissioner Partin made motion Commission Williams provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Audience with Individuals – No one addressed the court

Consent agenda – Consent Agenda:

- a) Monthly County Treasurer Report submitted electronically.
- b) Quarterly County Treasurer Report.
- c) Quarterly Investment Report
- d) Accounts Payable and Payroll submitted electronically, Commissioner Williams made motion to approve with corrections of a cost, Garren 2nd Wright abstained, passed 4-1
- 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 Williams moved to approve consent agenda with a second from Commissioner Garren . Motion carried 5-0.

4. Consider and Act on final plat Rolling Oaks Subdivision. Approved the amount of the bond last meeting. Judge spoke to surveyor Don King and he has a few minor corrections to be made and it should

be ready for approval. Mr. Stepan was not aware of any changes. Judge and Clerk may accept the plat with corrections. Commissioner Wright made the motion to accept with corrections Commissioner Williams provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Consider and Act on County Policy for entrances onto County Roads, this is in reference to the tin horn policy. Commissioner Partin, Williams and Judge has worked on this, whose responsibility and what procedure to get installed. Wright questioned the type and procedure of what can be installed and who installs it. Commissioners discussing policy for private entrances and approval. Commissioner Williams made a motion to table for one meeting. Commissioner Wright provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Discussion of potential subdivision of Grelle property. Commissioner Partin discussed the map of the property, the road in discussion is a private road with at least 6 easements. Clarence Grelle decided not to sell all of lots making this a non-issue. Was kept on the agenda just for future subdivisions that could possibly come in and have and to have an idea what needs to be done and how it should be handled and by what guidelines. -

7. Consider and Act on Participating Agency Agreement with Capital Area of Texas RAC. It is recommended that Mills County work through its RAC (Central Texas RAC) instead of the Capital of Tx Travis County RAC. Judge Smith made the motion to table Commissioner Wright provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Consider and Act on. Contingency Collection Contract for J. P's office. This relates to the JP's software package net Data and is a collection agreement for unpaid fines and fees with a fee of 30% of collections. The current contract was signed in 2016 for 5 years followed by annual 1 year extensions. Commissioner Williams questioned why a renewal of the contract is necessary when it renews automatically yearly. Judge Avants said there is not any difference other than the name and we will be locking ourselves in for 5 more years. Judge Avants will call and clear up the terms of the contract. Commissioner Garren motion to table Commissioner Partin provided the second. Motion passed 5-0.

9. Discussion of schedule to canvas election results. Will have a special meeting on 05/12/2022 at 9 am

10. Consider and Act on purchase of used service truck. Commissioner Garren stated that he has the money in his budget and was seeking approval from. Commissioner Wright moved to go forward with the purchase, Commissioner Partin second the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Consider and Act on declaring scrap: HP printer in the Treasurer's office and a trip light batter backup in the Judge's office. scrap and disposing of items. Motion from Commissioner Wright to approve the items as scrap and be disposed with a second from Commissioner Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Discussion of the sale of EMS station on 4th St. Mills County owned the building. Mills County gave the building to Hamilton County Hospital District. If EMS ever built another building, then the existing building would be sold and the profit split. Mills county signed a deed transferring property to Hamilton EMS. There was an agreement in 2015 and 2019. The Hamilton Board claims that they never accepted the property. The title needs to be cleaned up before the property can be sold. Old station should be declared surplus, made marketable, and dedicate proceeds to whatever the county decides to do for the

next EMS station. Joint resolutions should be drawn up to accept the title back from Hamilton Hospital District. Judge Smith and County Attorney Gerald Hale will get together and get the ball rolling on getting the title all cleared up so that Mills County can move forward with the sale of the property.

13. Consider and act on construction of new EMS station with approximately 946,000 A.R.A grant. This grant went to every county in the country and is split into two installments. We have until 2026 to use the money. The county has come up with floor plans in order to get a cost estimate. The county owning the EMS station is independent of who provides the EMS services. County Treasurer, Summer Campbell, will check with the A.R.A grant fund on what if any requirements there are relative to construction- an architect, or bids and what time frame we are looking at. Motion was made by Commissioner Garren for Judge Smith to continue to peruse and collect info regarding this matter and report to the court, Commissioner Williams 2nd carried 5-0

14. Consider an act on 911 dispatching. An ad was run for dispatch personnel which generated a few calls but no employment inquiries yet. Considering running as for another week. Judge contacted jail standards about what would be proposed to do as far as leave it at the current location which is the Law Enforcement Center, send them the floor plan for a new location, Judge Smith has asked questions electronically and ask for phone numbers for people to talk to and he does not have that yet. Judge Smith moved to table Commissioner Williams 2nd and the motion carried 5-0

15. Discussion of Budget Goals and Calendar for 2022-2023 fiscal year. Spring training didn't occur so we did not get an official budget calendar, Judge just started working on it. Budgets have to be approved before tax rate can be approved, there has to be a Public Hearing on the Budget before you can vote on that. Proposed Budget has to be filed by July 29. Notice was sent to all Community organizations and County Departments, that budget process was under way. Department budgets are due June 3rd. Every Monday in Aug will have a meeting posted in order to get budget finalized. Judge talked about goals for all departments. See the 2 handouts, one on the budget calendar and one for the budget guidelines.

16. Commissioners request and reports:

Pct 1 Commissioner Wright: pct 1 railroad crossing on CR 316 and 315 almost complete. Cleaning right of way on 429 and 427. Still just spot blading since it is so dry.

Pct 2 Commissioner Garren: tree clean up with what has blown over along with some preventative removal of dead trees.

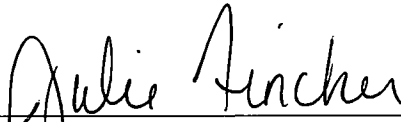
Pct 3 commissioner Partin: put in 7 tin horns, used rock grinder, and it worked great, the purchased truck is needing work, the estimate seems high but we will go from there.

Pct 4 Commissioner Williams: started work on 540 which was very sandy. Work on new houses on the roads increased heavy truck traffic and vehicles were at risk of being stuck in the dry sand. McCoy's material was sold out, available material in Lampasas cost twice as much. New owners on swinging bridge RV park are cooperating on security camera covering the swinging bridge. New CEO for Hill Country Community Action is working on proposal for a project on CR 433, and is in the process of getting contact info and paperwork for property owners out there. Child welfare board met last week, 7 kids under the

care or supervision of CPS in mills county and thus subject to Board involvement. Planning an annual safety meeting for road hands sometime this month, will send out a couple of dates to the other Commissioners and see which one works best for them and their crew.

17. Judges report: has several meetings this week.

18. Commissioner Wright moved to adjourn; Commissioner Garren seconded. Motion Carried 5-0.



Julie Fincher
Mills County Deputy Clerk

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