

Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
July 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 4th Street, Goldthwaite, Texas 76844.

Present in the Courtroom: Judge Ed Smith, Commissioners Williams, Partin, and Wright, County Attorney – Gerald Hale, County Clerk – Sonya Scott, and Treasurer – Summer Campbell. Present via Zoom: Jacki Brooks and The Goldthwaite Eagle. See attendance sheet for audience listing. Commissioner Garren was absent.

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 June 27, 2022 – Commissioner Williams made motion to accept as presented. Commission Wright provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Audience with Individuals –Gary Styles opted to speak when the agenda item of Windmill Hill Subdivision was discussed.
4. Review and Act on Accounts Payable – Motion from Commissioner Williams to approve with a second provided by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 4-0.

Consent agenda – Consent Agenda:

- a) Monthly County Treasurer Report submitted electronically
- b) Quarterly County Treasurer Report
- c) Quarterly Investment Report
- d) MCAD Monthly Collection Report.
- e) County Clerk Report
- f) District Clerk Report
- g) County Tax Collector – Assessor Report – no report
- h) County Extension Report
- i) Sheriff's Office
- j) Justice of the Peace
- k) County Judge's Receipts
- l) Hamilton EMS
- m) Veterans Service Officer – no report

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of the missing County Tax Assessor Collector and Veterans Service reports with a second from Commissioner Partin. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Consider and Act on Ban on Outdoor Burning - Commissioner Wright made the motion to extend the burn ban until August 10, 2022. Commissioner Williams provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.
5. Discuss potential Windmill Hill Subdivision – Gary Styles addressed the Court presenting two separate designs for a new subdivision in the County. Mr. Styles was asking the courts view on a variance

to the 2,500' limitation on roads ending in a cul de sac. . Court discussed the proposed lot layouts with input from the County Attorney. No action as this was listed for discussion only and no formal application has been received at this time.

6. Consider and Act on Election Judges for 2022/2023 election cycle - Commissioner Wright moved to approve with a second from Commissioner Partin. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Consider and Act on Budget Amendment for expenditures from Sheriff's Forfeiture Account - Court discussed the correct process for approval and use of funds from this account. Judge Smith moved for approval to use the forfeiture fund to purchase a drone for use by the local DPS and a Special Budget Amendment to cover the purchase. Commissioner Wright provided the second. Motion passed 4-0.

8. Consider and Act to designate as scrap from the Sheriff's Office Bissell Powerforce vacuum – Commissioner Williams moved to declare as scrap with a second provided by Judge Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

9. Consider and Act on Tyler Technologies agreement for conversion of Mills County public records – This will move the Open Public Record (OPR) records and vital statistics to the same vendor as the Uniform Case Management System that was approved in court in June 2022. The cost of the conversion and the on-going technology services agreement will be funded through the Clerk's dedicated records management and archive funds however expenses will be in the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2022. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the agreement with a second from Judge Smith. Motion carried 3-1. Commissioner Wright voted against.

10. Commissioners request and reports:

Pct 1 Commissioner Wright: TxDot delivered materials each precinct will receive 7 loads. Guy Burns troubleshooting electrical issues in the precinct 1 barn and determined the barn needs rewiring. Both the service truck and the Commissioners truck were in the shop some this week. Tin horn work. Storm in the Pleasant Grove area blew a tree into the county road.

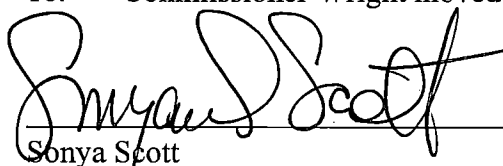
Pct 2 Commissioner Garren: not present

Pct 3 commissioner Partin: wash out repair East side of Priddy. Might move back from 10 hour to 8 hour days. 6:30-2:30 due to heat. Decision still outstanding. Possible other subdivision in the Mullin area.

Pct 4 Commissioner Williams: Blading on 432 and 550. Received 1 inch of rain. Worked some back slopes, hauling material. Worked on maintenance on vehicles.

15. Judges report: Governor has declared a drought emergency for 160 counties including Mills. County Court this week on Wednesday. Surveyor has staked the potential 4 corners of the new EMS station. Moving impound yard fences will have to happen at some time as well as paving the road to the new building. No news on the status of the title clean up needed for the sale of the old EMS station.

16. Commissioner Wright moved to adjourn; Commissioner Williams seconded. Motion Carried 4-0.


Sonya Scott
Mills County Clerk



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