

Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
March 27, 2023 at 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 Partin, Head, Wright, and Williams, County Attorney – Gerald Hale, Deputy County Clerk – Julie Fincher. Treasurer-Summer Campbell Present via Zoom: Jacki Brooks, Hamilton EMS-Dana Allison See attendance sheet for audience listing.

1. Judge Johnson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Williams provided the prayer.
2. **Review and act on Minutes of March 13th and March 20th 2023.** Commissioner Partin made the motion to accept the minutes as presented and Commissioner Head provided the 2nd Carried 5-0
3. Audience with individuals.- no one spoke
4. **Consider and Act on Approving Accounts Payable:** There were questions about the plumbing repairs at the Jail. Sheriff Hammonds talked to the architect and he in turn talked to the contractors and all the bills will be covered by Sedalco (contractor) the county will be reimbursed if they pay the bill. Sedalco will pay the landscapers directly for those replacements and repairs. Commissioner Williams questioned the payment to Guardian RFID on page 9. Sheriff Hammonds stated that this was a payment plan to be paid in 4 instalments and there should be one more payment after the current one. Summer will correct which account the payment is to come out of. Commissioner Head made the motion to approve the accounts payable with Summer Campbell's correction to the RFDI payment, and Commissioner Williams 2nd the motion. Carried 5-0
5. **Consider and Act on Budget Amendments.** Hill Country Community Action. There was a bill for March 2nd 2023 for 5,000 and was apparently over looked in last budget., Commissioner Williams request to move funds from equipment to

school and training to cover training. Commissioner Williams made the motion to accept the budget amendment and Judge Johnson 2nd the motion. Carried 5-0

6. **Consider and Act on MCBank Bank Depository Resolution.** MCBank was approved last month as the County's Bank Depository. Commissioner Wright made the motion to accept the resolution and Commissioner Head 2nd the motion. Carried 5-0
7. **Consider and Act on Proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention month.** Motion made by Judge Johnson to declare April as Child Abuse Prevention month and Commissioner Partin provided the 2nd. Carried 5-0
8. **Consider and Act on 1888 Historical Jail proposal add on from RG's Pro Floors.** Guy Burns explained that there was part of the floor that needed some more work and that a stain was chosen instead of the natural wood for aesthetic purposes. Commissioner Williams made the motion to accept the add on bid proposal and 2nd by Commissioner Head. Carried 5-0
9. **Consider and Act on accepting the Texas Commission Jail Standards report.** Sheriff Hammonds gave a summary of the report. Commissioner Wright made the motion to accept the Jail Standards Report. Commissioner Williams 2nd the motion. Carried 5-0
10. **Discuss preordering/purchasing Sheriff's office patrol vehicles.** Sheriff Hammonds discussed that there is a window to preorder patrol vehicles and that window is only 3 to 4 weeks and the build-out will take about a year. The Sheriff's office is in need of 2 vehicles and the order will have to be placed during that window in order to get them next year. There was discussion on the concerns of ordering now when there is no budget for new vehicles in the current budget. The matter is tabled and will be put back on the agenda after further research has been done on when the order should/can be placed and when payment is expected.
11. **Consider and Act on plumbing repair invoices resolution for the Law Enforcement Center.** It was discussed in previous item agenda #4 accounts payable. This is a verbal agreement not really a resolution. When Treasurer Summer Campbell receives the check from the Contractor (Sedalco) she will bring it before Commissioners' Court for acceptance of payment. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the agreement with Sedalco to reimburse the county for plumbing repairs and invoices that have been presented to them for the Law Enforcement Center upon receipt of the check. 2nd was made by Commissioner Head. Carried 5-0

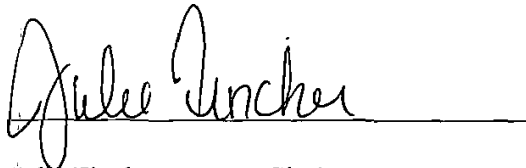
12. Discuss EMS contract and EMS dispatching services requested by Mills County Sheriff. Sheriff Hammonds stated that the current contract expires Sept 30th. Sheriff Hammonds expressed concerns about communication and the lack of. Sheriff Hammonds believes that every EMS service should be looked at. Treasurer Summer Campbell expressed that there is a time frame to notify current service and to open up and accept bids from other EMS services. This will be put back on the agenda.
13. **Consider and Act on new EMS building.** Guy Burns gave an update on electrical, plumbing it is completed, sheetrock is on site and should start tomorrow. The AC will be started this week and will be able to go in the ceiling. Doors are on their way. Building can be secured as of today. The next step should be getting bids for the parking lot. Some discussion on the road to the EMS building. The City of Goldthwaite did name the road but will not accept it as a city street unless all requirements are met. There is nothing to act on at this time.
14. **Consider and Act on selling Precinct 1 scrap material.** Change from scrap to salvage. Commissioner Wright will haul to Highway Metal or Brownwood Iron and Metal and sell it to get rid of it. Commissioner Wright made the motion to sell the salvage material 2nd by Commissioner Partin Carried 5-0
15. **Consider and Act on declaring a 15' cattleguard as surplus.** Commissioner Williams took out a cattle guard and put in a larger one. The old one had some rust and several busted pipe but could still be used if someone wanted. If no one wants will declare as salvage and get rid of it. Commissioner Williams made the motion to declare the 15' cattleguard as surplus. Commissioner Wright provided the 2nd. Carried 5-0
16. **Consider and Act on updating Mills County Road Access Policy.** The responsibility of property owner, the contractors, and the guidelines for installation was discussed. This item was tabled until the next Commissioners' Court. Commissioner Williams made the motion to table this item and Commissioner Partin provided the 2nd. Carried 5-0
17. **Commissioners' request and reports:**
 - PCT 1:** Clean up precinct yard for TXDOT, they will be delivering material, cut brush on county roads 411,410,427, and 429, blading county roads 403,442,307,507.
 - PCT 2:** Did work on CR 249 about 1 ½ miles. Clean up limbs and work on the grinder. Took the MAC to Kevin to work on the AC.

PCT 3: Blading roads

PCT 4: Worked on culvert on CR 417, trim trees, remove and replace cattleguard on CR 440&439 intersection. Noted that the Pecan Bayou bridge on FM 574 will be closed this week. Will attend a budget workshop this week that TAC is putting on and another subdivision work shop will be scheduled and would like the County Attorney, the Sheriff, and the Justice of the Peace to be there.

18. **County Judge's Report.** TXDOT will be bringing some flex base stockpile material. Talked with Carlos Reyes our TXDOT manager/engineer and will be 800 yards of asphalt available around the 16 of April. Court House could use a spring cleaning, either surplus, scrap, or salvage items that are not working or are no longer needed. Mr. Burns notified that he has been moving equipment from storage behind the Senior Center over to the old EMS building.

19. **Adjournment.** Commissioner Williams made the motion to adjourn Commissioner Head 2nd the motion. Carried 5-0



Julie Fincher Deputy Clerk

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