

Mills County  
Commissioners Court Minutes  
April 10, 2023 – 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 were Judge Johnson, Commissioners Mike Wright, Robert Head, Dale Partin and Jason Williams, County Treasurer – Summer Campbell, County Attorney – Gerald Hale and County Clerk –Sonya Scott; present via Zoom: Kim Avants – Justice of the Peace, and Jackie Brooks. Audience sign-in sheet is attached to the minutes.

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

Agenda: -

1. Judge Johnson called the meeting to order noted the presence of a quorum; Judge Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Williams provided the opening prayer.
2. Review of minutes - Minutes of March 27, 2023 and April 6, 2023– Commissioner Williams moved to approve with a second from Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Audience with Individuals – Daniel Seals – addressed the court. He lives on the county line between Brown County and Mills County. Seals would like more information on how the court feels about the influx of wind turbines.

Consent Agenda was reviewed by the Court as follows: (taken out of order)

- a. Monthly County Treasurer Report
- b. Quarterly County Treasurer Report
- c. Quarterly Investment Report
- d. Accounts Payable
- e. MCAD Monthly Collection Report
- f. County Clerk Report Clerk mentioned that with changing to a new system, there is a difficulty in reconciliation the new system with the reports as the Clerk's office still in the process of switching from one vendor to the other. Clerk and Treasurer are working to fix the problem.
- g. District Clerk Report
- h. Tax Assessor
- i. County Extension Reports
- j. Facilities Report
- k. Sheriff's Office
- l. Justice of the Peace
- m. County Judge's Report
- n. Hamilton EMS
- o. Veterans Services Officer

motion made by Commissioner Williams to accept the consent agenda with exception of accounts payable. The motion was seconded by Judge Johnson, Motion Carried 5-0.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the accounts payable with a second by Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Discuss preordering/purchasing Sheriff's office patrol vehicles – Sheriff Hammonds addressed the court at the last meeting. The question from last meeting was due to the long lead time, can the vehicles be pre-ordered. Judge Johnson noted that he spoke with TAC legal and was advised that this is an acceptable process. Commissioner Williams noted that he and the Treasurer attended a budget conference recently and the advice was to provide language that eliminates the liability to the county if the budgeted amount was not approved. Recommendation was to go ahead with the purchase with the appropriate verbiage. Commissioner Williams will provide the appropriate language for the bid specs to Sheriff Hammonds. Sheriff Hammonds will let the court know when the item needs to be back on the Court agenda.

5. Consider and Act on purchasing equipment for Precincts and Road & Bridge – Commissioner Partin noted the recent workshop. Court agreed that the used prices are too close to new prices. Court is looking to buy a new belly dump and a ground load haul trailer. The cost would be shared equally along with the equipment between precincts. Road and Bridge equipment line does not have enough funds to cover the purchase. Each Commissioner would have to agree to help fund the purchase. Have a trailer that Commissioners would like to sell and use that proceeds to help fund these purchases. Commissioner Partin moved to buy the two pieces of equipment as described using the monies available in the Road and Bridge account and each commissioner splitting the remaining cost equally from their respective equipment budget with a second by Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Consider and Act on updating Mills County Road Access Policy - Commissioner Williams provided that this was tabled from the last meeting. The Commissioners had a workshop last month to discuss changes that needed to be made regarding the County policy. Contractors list would be maintained by the court. Per County attorney, an approved contractors list is a good policy. County Attorney noted that a process to get on the list needs to be decided and a standard for approving contractors. Judge Johnson proposed to table the item to schedule a workshop with a second from Commissioner Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Consider and Act on going out for bids for EMS Services - Patricia Graham addressed the Court. Judge Johnson noted that he is presenting a RFP to the Court. Notice must be given 120 days before the current contract expires or the current contract automatically renews. Commissioner Williams noted that supplying the building is not noted in the RFP and should be included. Medical director (page 7) - clarification is needed on who appoints the Medical Director. Sheriff Hammonds noted that we may need to approach Dr. Rudolph to ascertain if he is still interested in his current appointment of Medical Director. Does the RFP need to specify the levels of care? Treasurer noted the cost projection is not noted to be the same or increase over the number of years the contract is in effect. Standard or exceed is needed for service descriptions. Dispatch in the RFP is contracted by the EMS service and not the responsibility of the County. Judge Johnson moved to table this item and schedule a Special Commissioners Court meeting on Thursday at 2:00 pm. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Consider and Act on declaring 12 ft roll up garage door as salvage – Commissioner Head noted that the door is old and not in use. Commissioner Wright moved to declare the door as salvage with a second by Commissioner Williams. Motion carried 5-0. This will be on the next agenda to vote on the disposal/sell of this item.

9. Consider and Act on new EMS building – Guy Burns addressed the Court. CTTC is running fiber to the building. The new EMS service provider will be responsible for paying for the internet service. The CTTC form included in the Court packet would be used by whomever is awarded the EMS contract and is not related to the current process in place in the Courthouse. Commissioner Partin discussed the possibility of a water spout on the North end of the EMS building so the Commissioners can fill up at that location. Guy Burns noted that setting up a water station could be added separate from the EMS building at a later time. No action taken at this time.

10. Commissioners' Reports and request

Commissioner Wright, Pct. 1 – crushed material, hauled and worked on roads. Have not heard from TxDot on delivering materials. New road hand starts April 17

Commissioner Head, Pct. 2 – worked on washboard roads. Hauling material on 249. Widening some roads with heavy turbine activity. Some rain in the Moline area and have been able to blade roads.

Commissioner Partin, Pct. 3 – blading some roads. Hauling on 112.

Commissioner Williams, Pct. 4 – working on cr 550, hauling rock and completing road work. Would like to use the rock crusher soon – end of the month. Budget workshop.

11. Judge Johnson – deadline for RFP for security camera is approaching. Hailey Ragsdale, TDEM is in Court today.

12. Commissioner Wright moved to adjourn; Commissioner Williams seconded. Motion Carried 5-0

  
Sonya Scott, County Clerk  
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