

Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
June 26, 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 4th 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, Justice of the Peace – Kim Avants, County Attorney – Gerald Hale, and County Clerk –Sonya Scott; present via Zoom: Clerk Joy Nowell, Deputy Garza (joined later) 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 June 12, 2023 – Commissioner Williams moved to approve with a second from Judge Johnson. Motion carried 5-0
3. Audience with Individuals – none.
4. Review and Act on Accounts Payable – Commissioner Wright moved to approve with a second by Commissioner Williams. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Consider and Act on Bum Ban – Continue to monitor but at this time Judge Jonson feels that we are in agreement to leave the ban off. No action.
6. Consider and Act on monthly Departmental Reports:
 - a) Facilities Report – Guy Bums reported to the Court. Discussed Courthouse doors. - \$48,000 to replace all doors including all hardware. Judge Internet is reaching out to see if there are other contacts to do work on doors. Texas Historic Commission requires the doors meet the historic standards. Guidelines that have to be met due to the Historic component. We will continue to do due diligence and research. No action.
 - b) Hamilton EMS Report – Discrepancy on the EMS report vs the Sheriff's office report. Commissioner Williams received clarification from Dana Allison – Hamilton Hospital, on the calls taken in the month and the numbers now reconcile. New report provided.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the monthly department reports with a second by Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Consider and Act on Mills Central Appraisal District Budget - Lori Friedrich addressed the Court. She is the temporary chief appraiser. There is a \$13,000 increase in the budget due to the increase in contracted services and the general operating expense increases. Expecting to have certified numbers by the deadline of mid-July. Budget has been sent to all taxing entities. Public Hearing is scheduled for August for final approval of budget. Commissioner Wright moved to approve the budget

as presented with a seconded from Judge Johnson. Motion carried 3-1. Commissioner Head abstained and Commissioner Partin voted against the budget.

8. Consider and Act on Prominence Painting add-on proposal – Guy Burns addressed the Court. Plans for repairs on East doors will not work after further assessment. Third floor repairs and window seals also needed repairs. \$2250 is the add on cost due from issues that were found when completing the approved painting project. Repairs are completed and bill needs to be paid. Discussion on closing the East facing doors for a time while we work on a solution. Commissioner Williams made a motion to pay the bill for \$2250 as discussed. Commissioner Partin provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Consider and Act on Courthouse entrance door replacement – This item was also discussed in the facilities report earlier in this meeting. Guy Burns discussed looking for other contractors and the Texas Historic Commission for options on door replacement. Commissioner Williams moved to table the item with a second by Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Consider and Act on declaring 2009 Ford F350 Vin No 1FDW37Y69EA45347 as surplus property from Precinct 1. – Commissioner Wright noted that he has purchased a service truck for his precinct. Commissioners have several items that need to be disposed. Commissioners are proposing to place notices in paper in a consolidated report form and then sell all items at Live Oak Auction. Commissioners will work with Jacki Brooks on coordinating the necessary postings for declaring surplus and intent to sell. Commissioner Wright moved to declare the item surplus with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Consider and Act on payment for the LEC battery backup system – Judge Johnson has spoken with the Sheriff and the Treasure on this matter. No invoice has been received at this time. Brian Holden did the repairs on the battery backup system. We will need the receipts and specs from the battery back-up system for the upcoming RFP. Per Treasurer, no funds have been paid and no invoice received. Judge Johnson will reach out to Brian Holden to get a copy of the invoice. Sheriff Hammonds states that the bill has been paid out of the Commissary account. Treasurer has access to the Commissary account and does not see any payments posted for this transaction. Judge Johnson moved to table the item with a second by Commissioner Williams. Motion Carried 5-0.

12. Consider and act on EMS building – Guy Burns address the court. Concrete work completed. Have an electrician and ceiling tile person on site this week. Propose to have automatic openers on 4 doors and manual operation on the remaining 2 doors. CTIC has been contacted and initiated the transfer for Wi-Fi and internet services at the building. Drops and internet will be completed by July 11. Other aspects that need to be completed are awaiting electrical completion. Landscape clean-up needs to be addressed. Adjusting the doors automation from 6-4 will free up funds for landscaping and/or additional cement work. Commissioner Williams moved to purchase 4 automatic door openers for the new EMS building with a change order competed for IDIQ. Second provided by Commissioner Partin. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Williams provided that the Commissioners and road hands will be able to finish the landscaping clean-up.

13. Commissioners' Requests and Reports –

Commissioner Wright, Pct. 1 – working on County Road 310 and 318. Have spoken with Iron Works about crushing material. Would require \$2.00 per yard from each precinct = \$8.00 per yard. Will bring the item back for discussion when needed.

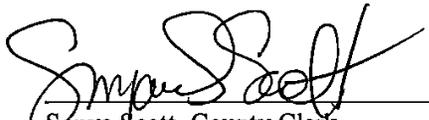
Commissioner Head, Pct. 2 – Hauling material on 333. Shredder has been repaired. Petition has been posted for potentially changing a public road to a county road.

Commissioner Partin, Pct. 3 – shredding and spraying Johnson grass. Will be working 8 hour days during the extreme heat.

Commissioner Williams, Pct. 4 – blading some roads after rain. Spraying weeds, installed tin-horn, Road hand overheated one day. Need to exercise caution in this extreme heat.

14. County Judge Report – Be safe in this heat in the next week or two. AC out in JP's office. Plans are for the unit to be repaired fixed today. Budget process is still ongoing. Calendar of budget process will be forthcoming.

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



Sonya Scott, County Clerk
Mills County Clerk



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