

Mills County  
Commissioners Court Minutes  
August 14, 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, Summer Campbell – Treasurer, County Attorney – Gerald Hale, Clint Hammonds – Sheriff (arrived late) 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 August 7, 2023– Commissioner Wright moved to approve minutes as presented with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Audience with Individuals – none
4. Review and Act on Accounts Payable – Review of credit card charges for the Sheriff. Discussion of the County Employee handbook regarding hotel charges being over the limit. One of the charges is Clint Hammonds personal card and he is requesting reimbursement. After discussion, Judge Johnson moved to approve all accounts payable and to address the credit card issue at next meeting with a second by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 3-2 with Commissioners Partin and Williams voting against.

Consent Agenda was reviewed by the Court as follows:

- a. Monthly County Treasurer Report
- b. MCAD Monthly Collection Report
- c. County Clerk Report
- d. District Clerk Report
- e. Tax Assessor
- f. County Extension Reports
- g. Facilities Report
- h. Sheriff's Office
- i. Justice of the Peace
- j. County Judge's Report
- k. Hamilton EMS
- l. Veterans Services Officer

A motion made by Commissioner Williams to accept the consent agenda with a second by Commissioner Head. Motion Carried 4-0.

## Action Agenda

1. Consider and Act on Budget Amendments - Commissioner Williams moved to approve the amendments except for the fund 10 regarding estrays with a second by Commissioner Partin. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Consider and Act on amending the RFPS for the security and cameras. – David Sons of Goldsmith Solutions addressed the Court. A request has been sent to the 4 vendors that responded to the RFPS. One vendor has requested an extension. To be fair, all vendors have been given an extension until Friday August 19. Sons recommended to table until the next meeting. Commissioner Williams moved to table this item until Monday with a second by Commissioner Partin. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Consider and Act on new EMS building – resealing of floors is underway. No action taken.

Judge Johnson moved to recess into Budget Workshop at 9:44 with a second from Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.

4 Budget Workshop – open discussion by department. (no representation from the Law Enforcement Center was present)

- a Law Enforcement
- b. Jail/Dispatch
- c. Sheriff's Special Use Funds
- d. Courthouse Security Expense
- e. Part Time Position (Maintenance)
- f. Precinct Budgets
- g. Road and Bridge

Break and will return at 10:55

Commissioner Williams moved to recess until 1:30 with a second from Judge Johnson. Motion carried.5-0. Back in workshop session at 1:32 PM.

Back to session 2:22 pm on

5. Consider and Act on proposed Tax Rate for 2023. Motion made by Commissioner Robert Head to table Proposed Tax rate and seconded made Commissioner Dale Partin. Motion carried 5-0.

Schedule proposed budget special meeting on Thursday 8/17 afternoon at 3 P.M.

6. Discuss COLA for retirees. To get Ralph Wallace to come in here in two month what can do for the retirees. To do 3% cost of living or \$142K.

7. Commissioners' Reports and request

Commissioner Wright, Pct. 1 – road work and Tx Dot gave us a good report on bridges

Commissioner Head, Pct. 2 – been running the rock crusher

Commissioner Partin, Pct. 3 – finish fence roll over at Priddy, hauling ruff spots material.

Commissioner Williams, Pct. 4 – hauling material from CR 536, had several large limbs falling out of big trees. Several issues trees with live oak wilt. Catch y'all up on Ridge school house doing survey that been done. Subdivision on our handbook have to look at some rules and regulations changes from the legislations. Basically, on the flag lots. Material on Hwy 16 -TX Dot.

11. Judge Johnson – nothing to report.

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

  
Sonya Scott, County Clerk  
Mills County Clerk



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