

Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
August 17, 2023 – 3:00 p.m.

This special session of the Mills County Commissioners Court opened in due form of law at 3:00 pm 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, 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. Audience with Individuals – none.
3. Budget Workshop - Judge Johnson noted that this should be the last year for the 1888 Jail restoration project. A sum was added to the retirement fund for former employees. Budget has funds for miscellaneous and emergencies. As is, the budget has a surplus of approximately \$80,000. A \$.01 cent decrease in the tax rate will decrease the county budget by approximately \$82,000 in funds that we have available.

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding the Sheriff's forfeiture funds. After speaking with the District Attorney and Auditors, Commissioner Williams reported that this is a Special Use Fund, and it does not feed the General Fund. Auditors have noted that the County must budget to be able to use the funds. Treasurer Campbell noted that no funds were budgeted as we did not have many funds; however, since that time, we have had several seizures that have increased this account. The Sheriff is responsible for submitting a detailed report to the Attorney General 60 days after the beginning of the fiscal year. The Attorney General states that all reports must run through the Treasurer's office. Treasurer Campbell reminded the Court to review the materials provided by TAC that reviews Special Use Funds.

Judge Johnson spoke about Hill Country Transit requesting \$25,000 for the upcoming cycle. Discussion noted that the other entities in the county are not willing to help fund this at this time. If there is a windfall for the County or a change in the feeling of the Court, we can petition to resume services in the County at the prior level of service.

General Discussions on cameras, security, and funds set for equipment.

4. Consider and Act on proposed Tax Rate for 2023 - Judge Johnson noted that the last 5 years, the Commissioners Court has been able to lower the tax rate each year. Judge Johnson is suggesting a tax rate of 0.5961 (lower than last year by \$0.1. Judge Johnson made a motion to leave the tax rate as the same budgeted last year:0.6061. Commissioner Wright provided the second. Judge Johnson amended his motion to approve the following tax rates:

Interest and Sinking 5.89, General Fund 45.05, Road and Bridge 9.67

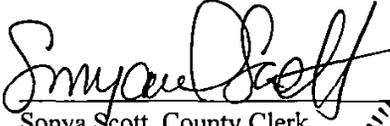
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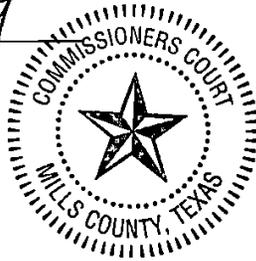
	YES	NO
Commissioner Wright	X	
Commissioner Head	X	
Commissioner Partin	X	
Commissioner Willaims	X	
Judge Johnson	X	

Motion carried 5-0.

5. Adjournment - Commissioner Williams moved to adjourn; Commission Head seconded.

Motion Carried 5-0


Sonya Scott, County Clerk
Mills County Clerk



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