

Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
August 21, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

This special 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, 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 and Act on Minutes of August 14, 2023 and August 17, 2023 – One noted change for minutes on August 14. Commissioner Head to approve the minutes of August 14 and August 17. Commissioner Williams provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Audience with Individuals – Don Kissire spoke behalf of the museum. Stacy Hodge addressed the budget.

Judge Johnson moved to go to Public Hearing at 9:11am with Commissioner Williams providing the second. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Public Hearing on County Budget for 2023-2024 – Ed Smith and George King addressed the Court. Judge Johnson moved to resume Commissioners Court at 9:16 am with a second by Commissioner Head. Motion Carried 5-0.
5. Consider and Act to Approve Salaries and Allowances of Elected officials (TLGC 152.013) – Commissioner Wright moved to approve as presented. Judge Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Consider and Act on 2023-2024 Budget – Charles Miles addressed the Court. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the 2023-2024 budget with a second by Commissioner Wright.

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

7. Consider and Act on Tax Rate – Judge Johnson moved to approve the tax rate with a second from Commissioner Williams.

	YES	NO

Commissioner Wright	X	
Commissioner Head	X	
Commissioner Partin	X	
Commissioner Willaims	X	
Judge Johnson	X	

Motion carried 5-0.

8. Consider and Act on Accounts Payable – Judge Johnson moved to approve with a second my Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Consider and Act on Budget Amendments – no action taken
10. Consider and Act on credit card usage – Treasurer Campbell handed out the Credit Card policy as it now stands. Reporting a problem in getting receipts. Cost are occurring and then requesting approval is the issue. Commissioner Williams made a motion to table this item with a second by Judge Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.
11. Consider and Act on 2023 funding commitment for Hill Country Community Action – Judge Johnson moved to approve \$5,000.00 which includes a \$459.00 matching amount to continue the meals to seniors program. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
12. Consider and Act on amending the RFPS for the security and cameras – David Sons addressed the Court. Bids have been split into 2 separate jobs. Commissioner Williams moved to move forward with ASAP for the Courthouse security project. County Attorney noted that by only doing one project, this changes the public offering/scope from both projects to only one project. Lack of a second, the motion dies. Commissioner Williams moved to table to determine the legality of the split project. Commissioner Partin provided the second. This will be on next weeks agenda. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Wright voting against.
13. Consider and Act on Courthouse Christmas Lights – This is the same company’s proposal that we used last year for \$16,350.00. Judge Johnson moved to approve the proposal for \$16350. Second by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Head voting against.
14. Consider and Act on Way Services, LTD Proposal – Guy Burns addressed the Court. This proposal is for the software upgrade for the Courthouse building automation controls. This was included in the maintenance AC budget for the 2023-2024. Judge Johnson moved to approve the contract with a second by Commissioner Williams. Motion carried 5-0.
15. Consider and Act on Schedule of Fees for Appointed Attorneys for Brown and Mills Counties – Judge Johnson brings this from Judge Smith from District Court. Commissioner Wright moved to approve with a second by Judge Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.
16. Consider and Act on order of Special Election for November 7, 2023 – Judge Johnson moved to approve the Special Election Order with a second by Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.
17. Consider and Act on election Judges for 2023/2024 election cycle – Judge Johnson moved to approve as presented with a second by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.

18. Consider and Act on Joint Election Agreement with Priddy IDS –Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Joint Election with Priddy ISD. Commissioner Head provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

19. Consider and Act on 2024 Holidays and Regular Commissioner’ Court schedules – Holidays typo – should be 11 not 12. Correction will be made. Commissioner Wright moved to approve the holidays after correction. Commissioner Partin made the second. Motion carried 5-0. Judge Johnson moved to approve the Commissioner’s Court calendar for 2024 as presented with Commissioner Wright providing the second. Motion carried 5-0.

20. Consider and Act on declaring five flood lights as scrap – Guy Burns addressed the Court. Tried to save as surplus but the lights are not salvageable. Judge Johnson moved to declare as scrap with a second by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.

21. Consider and Act on new EMS building – Terrel Harris of IDIQ addressed the Court. Itemized change order for the Court to review/approve. Bay doors are to be delivered by September 5, 2023. We should allow 3 days for installation. Potential walk-through next week. Commissioner Partin moved to approve the itemized list a \$805,446.22 be consider paid in full for the completion of the EMS project. Commissioner Head provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

22. Commissioner’s Request and Reports

a. Commissioner Precinct Mike Wright – picked up a spare for the rock crusher from Kirby Moore’s Working on county road 310 and 306. Discussion on monthly schedule for the rock crusher.

b. Commissioner Precinct 2 Robert Head – repairs on equipment. Cleaning up tree limbs. Waiting on rain.

c. Commissioner Precinct Dale Partin – finished road work. Spot hauling. New Service truck.

d. Commissioner Precinct Jason Williams. – using rock crusher this week. Moving material. Re-working areas with rock crusher.

23. Judge Johnson – busy week. Lots of meetings.

24. Adjournment – Judge Johnson moved to adjourn with a second by Commission Head. Motion Carried 5-0


Sonya Scott, County Clerk
Mills County Clerk

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