

Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
October 23, 2023 – 9:00 p.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 Attorney – Gerald Hale and County Clerk –Sonya Scott; present via Zoom County Treasurer – Summer Campbell, Justice of the Peace – Kim Avants 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 October 9, 2023– Motion made by Commissioner Williams to approve the minutes with a correct of spelling of Schlee street in the Commissioner's Report for Pct. #3 with a second by Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Audience with Individuals – none.
4. Consider and Act on Accounts Payables –Motion made by Judge Johnson with a second by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Consider and Act on approving surety bond for deputy Christopher Darragh – Motion made by Commissioner Williams to approve the Bond with a second by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Discussion on Genesis eBONDS Licensing and service provider agreement for the Law Enforcement Center – Jail Administrator Amanda Williams addressed the Court. Program will reduce the movement of money through the jail. Bonds will be digitally submitted so legibility will be better. All of Brown County and several other local counties are also using this service. This is a free service to the county. This will be put back on the agenda as this was only listed as a discussion only.
7. Discussion on Jail Standards Report – Jail Administrator Amanda Williams addressed the Court with regards to the recent Jail Standards Report. Two deficiencies were noted. The noted deficiencies included the recertification of the suicide prevention services and the dietician plan that has to be approved by a physician. Ms. Williams noted that half of the staff has been trained on the suicide prevention and the remainder of the staff will complete training by tomorrow. Jail has been having difficulty in contracting with a doctor to come to the jail for kitchen inspection and the dietician approval of meals. Jail standards did not report on the cameras.
8. Consider and Act on Rural Interlocal Agreement for Hill Country Transit District – Proposal is on the agenda for the next Hill Country Transit District to close the office in San Saba and is trying to remove Mills and Hamilton Counties as part of the Board as these two counties did not provide the

additional funding that was requested. Judge Johnson invited the Commissioners to join him at the meeting this week. The Transit Board has been vague on what services will be removed from Mills County. Commissioner Partin moved to table the item and a second was provided by Commissioner Williams. Judge Johnson will report back to the Court after this weeks meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Consider and Act on the sale of the Ridge School House property – County Attorney has completed his research with regards to the property. County Attorney approves of the 1.07 acres listed in the survey. Judge Johnson would propose to utilize a sealed bid or a public auction to sell the property and building. The County Attorney will prepare the contract for the sale. Judge Johnson made a motion to have a public auction to sell the Ridge School house on November 17th at 10am on the north side of the courthouse for cash, as is with Commissioner Williams acting as auctioneer. Judge Johnson amended the motion to include a minimum bid of \$5,000.00. Commissioner Head seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Consider and Act on distance between tin horns on county roads as per Subdivision Regulations & County Road Standards –Commissioner Partin addressed the Court that a possible workshop would be need as the distance between tin horns needs to be addressed in Court. This can be an issue for maintaining right of way and drainage. County Attorney noted that we need to amend our standards for tin horns based on Commissioners recommendation. Workshop will be Friday morning at 9:00 am. Commissioner Williams moved to have a workshop to discuss tin horn standards on Friday at 9:00 am with a second from Judge Johson. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Consider and Act on new EMS building – Judge Johnson noted that the doors have been hung and are working. One last payment was held until the project was completed. Guy Burns addressed the Court with regards to concrete work that needs to be completed. This would include the West side of the building and a sidewalk. Discussion on where the funds would come from to pay for this project. Approximately \$18,000 left in ARPA funds. This will be back on the agenda. Commissioner Williams moved release the last payment to Basic IDIQ with a by Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Commissioners' Reports and Requests –

Commissioner Pct 1 – hauling materials, met with landowners regarding clearing right of ways, making repairs,

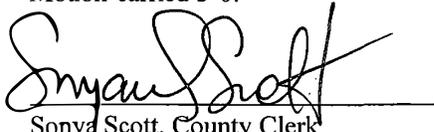
Commissioner Pct 2 – cleaned debris from Bennett creek, will be hauling material

Commissioner Pct 3 – ripped pavement from Schlee street and ground material. Hauling material

Commissioner Pct 4 – worked on roads, helped precinct 3 with Schlee street. Ready for rain this week.

23. County Judge's Report – Careflight and AirEvac will be in Mills County on November 9 for a presentation. Prominence Painting here last week completing repairs on windows. Trees have been trimmed and Christmas lights will be installed this week.

24. Adjournment Commissioner Wright moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Head.
Motion carried 5-0.



Sonya Scott, County Clerk
Mills County Clerk

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