

Mills County

Commissioners Court Special Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m.

This Special session of the Mills County Commissioners Court opened in due form of law at 2:00 p.m. in the Mills County Commissioners' Courtroom located at 1011 4th Street, Goldthwaite, Texas 76844.

Present in the Courtroom: Judge Jett Johnson, Commissioners Mike Wright, Robert Head (ran late 2:15 PM), Dale Partin and Jason Williams for a legal quorum. Also present for meeting, Treasurer Summer Campbell, County Deputy Clerk Joy Nowell, County Attorney Gerald Hale. Present via Zoom: Jacklyn Brooks and Justice of the Peace Kim Avants. Also present in courtroom Sheriff Clint Hammonds, Ed Smith and Sonya Scott, Clerk.

The meeting is available to the public to view on the Mills County YouTube channel.

Agenda:

1. Opening Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer:

Judge Jett Johnson called the meeting to order noting the presence of a quorum and led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Jason Williams providing the opening prayer.

2. Audience with Individuals - None

3. Consider and Act on approving Accounts Payable

On Brazos Trailer for all Precincts bill. Will be paid once the trailer is built and picked up. Motion made by Judge Jett Johnson to approve accounts payable as presented and second by Commissioner Mike Wright. All those in favor I's for 4-0. Commissioner Robert Head arrived after this vote.

4. Consider and Act on going out for bids for EMS Services.

Regarding the RFP, County Judge Jett Johnson feels like that this is the proper way to approach our EMS for Mills County. Judge Johnson also noted that several elected County Officials agreed that is the correct way to go. Judge Johnson stated for the record that in doing this RFP EMS services does not reflect anything detrimental on the Hamilton EMS. By appointing a committee to review the RPF, it will provide Mills County with another level of transparency. Judge Johnson noted that a lot of time has been spent on this RFP. Commissioner Jason Williams has provided a handout with questions and revision to discuss. Judge Johnson requested that the Court review the questions before calling for a vote.

County Attorney Gerald Hale asked to speak and provided material under the TX Local Gov Code for soliciting offers for an RFP. Again, these are discretely conditions there is certain nothing wrong with going through with the formal bidding process. Correct me if wrong. The current contract with Hamilton EMS provides for automatic renewal every year unless either party - County or Hamilton – give notice? The current contract is a 60 advance notice to NOT extend. The Court was given notice approximately one year ago in Court that Sheriff Hammonds would not be willing to dispatch for the EMS services any longer if the contract was still with Hamilton. This notice from Sheriff Hammonds resulted of that Hamilton EMS gave formal notice not the extend contract under the provision of the contract. Subsequently, the Sheriff agreed to dispatch for another year to the end of the current contract. after EMS Hamilton give notice of not to extend so the contract automatic extends. County Attorney Hale noted a couple of options on bidding process and explained on how to or if to take bids. Discussion continued. Motion made by Judge Jett Johnson to approve the RFP with corrections. And 2nd by Commissioner Mike Wright. Motion failed 2-3 – Judge Johnson and Commissioner Wright voted for the RFP with Commissioners Williams, Head and Partin voting against the measure.

Then A motion was made by Commissioner Jason Williams to put on Monday agenda. Motion died for lack of a second.

5. Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Robert Head and seconded by Commissioner Mike Wirght to adjourn.


Joy Nowell, Deputy Clerk

April 13, 2023

