

Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
August 7, 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 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, Justice of the Peace – Kim Avants, Tax Assessor Collector – Lori King, Sheriff Clint Hammonds and County Clerk –Sonya Scott; present via Zoom: Jackie Brooks and Terrel Harris. Absent – County Attorney Gerald hale. 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 July 24—Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve with corrections. Second by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0
3. Audience with Individuals – James Miller addressed the Court regarding retired employees receiving a raise. John Mann addressed the Court regarding retired employees need a raise too. Duane Rawson addressed the Court regarding an incident with burial benefits for a veteran.
4. Review and Act on Accounts Payable – Commissioner Williams noted that the money is in the account and is due to Mike Williams Motion carried 5-0.
5. Budget Workshop – Ed Smith addressed the Court. 9:21 Judge moved to recess to budget workshop with a second from Commissioner Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

Charles Miles addressed the Court. Less income from property taxes as two of the wind farms are on PILOT programs.

- a. Courthouse budget
- b. Non-Departmental & Community
- c. Judicial
- d. Related dedicated & Special Use Funds.

Judge moved from workshop at 11:07 with a second from Commissioner Williams to recess with a break and then reconvene at 11:13 Motion carried 5-0.

6. Consider and Act on stray Policies and Procedures – Taken out of order with the accounts payable. Commissioner Williams spoke with Mike Williams about the stray issue that was discussed in the last meeting. Sheriff Hammonds noted that the person that holds the estrays has to be responsible for the invoicing to the County. This could be the delay in the County receiving the invoice. Commissioner Williams moved to pay Mike Williams with a second from Commissioner Partin. Sheriff

Hammonds will be posting in the paper from this time forward. Clerk noted that there are 3 places on the websites that this information can be posted. Will remove the places for posting on the website. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Consider and Act on County vehicle registration fee schedule for DMV – Annual approval needed. Motion made by Commissioner Williams and a second from Commissioner Wright to approve as submitted. Motion was withdrawn to get more information from Ms. King.. Lori King provided that we are at the maximum allowed for fee charges. Judge Johnson moved to approve the vehicle registration fee with no change with a second from Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Consider and Act on TxDOT Resolution for CR 112 at Browns Creek – Commissioner Partin noted that this is the old bridge near Lake Merritt. TxDOT will use 100% state funding to complete the bridge repairs. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the resolution with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Consider and Act on expenses for material for CR 220, Precinct 2. – Commissioner Head would like to use money from Road and Bridge to pay for material on CR 220. Commissioner Partin moved to approve the expenditure out of Road and Bridge (\$12,500) with a second from Commissioner Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Consider and Act on declaring three flood lights as scrap and five flood lights as salvage – Guy Burns addressed the Court on updating the lights as approved by Commissioner Court. 3 of the lights are not able to be sold and need to be scrapped. The 5 lights could be used as salvage/surplus and sold. Commissioner Williams moved to declare 3 flood lights as scrap to be thrown away and 5 lights to be declared as surplus to be sold as Live Oak Auction. Second by Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Consider and act on Courthouse entrance door replacements - Jim Johnson addressed the court with a bid proposal. Court discussed whether funds were available for this repair. The doors will be raw and Guy Burns will paint the doors. Will need a SAL permit for the Historical Commission. Commissioner Head moved to accept the bid paying for the new doors from the Courthouse Security Funds in the amount of \$34,354 with a second from Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Consider and Act on new EMS building - Guy Burns updated the Court with Terrel Harris (IDIQ) on Zoom. Many projects have been completed. Need to install bumper post in front of the bay doors and restriping the parking lot from white to yellow. Some issues with the concrete floor were noted as the floor was not sealed correctly. A test site of finished product (floor) from resealing looks as posted in the job scope. Floor will be cleaned and sanded and sealed. Insulation in the bay areas is damaged. IDIQ will re-top the whole section of insulation so it will not look patched. Bay doors - no update at this time. Once the floors are completed, we can move forward with the appliances. Hamilton will supply their own washer and dryer. Reminder regarding prior discussions to use TxDot material to top Justice Lane road from the Law Enforcement Center to the EMS building. No further action.

13. Consider and Act on Basic IDIQ draw – Terrell Harris via Zoom. Judge Johnson noted that the last draw was not typically paid until the work was complete. Commissioner Partin asked if there was some credits due back to the court. Harris will meet with Guy Burns on credits. Commissioner Williams moved to NOT give the last draw at this time. Commissioner Head provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

14. Commissioners' Requests and Reports –

Commissioner Wright, Pct. 1 – cutting brush, hauling material and working on some repairs on equipment.

Commissioner Head, Pct. 2 – Worked on CR 224 installed tin horns and re-topped. Worked on equipment and a sink hole.

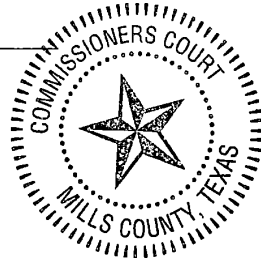
Commissioner Partin, Pct. 3 – working on roads and hauling, filling potholes

Commissioner Williams, Pct. 4 – working on roads 530 and 531. Meeting for Child Welfare Board local and state. Safety pool money of \$750. Past use has been cones, safety vest, first aid stations. Will discuss with other Commissioners on how to spend this money.

14. County Judge Report – working on budget with more to come. Thank you to Summer Campbell, Charles Miles and Ed Smith. Huge fire danger as we are so dry.

15. Commissioner Wright moved to adjourn; Commission Head seconded. Motion Carried 5-0


Sonya Scott, County Clerk
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