

Mills County  
Commissioners Court Minutes  
October 9, 2023 at 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 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Goldthwaite, Texas 76844.

Present in the Courtroom: Judge Jett Johnson, Commissioners Wright, Head, Partin, and Williams, Deputy County Clerk – Julie Fincher. Present via Zoom: Jacki Brooks, J.P. Kim Avants, Treasurer Summer Campbell, and Sheriff Clint Hammonds. See attendance sheet for audience listing.

1. Pledge of Allegiance led by Judge Jett Johnson and Commissioner Williams provided the prayer.
2. Review and Act on Minutes from 9/25/23 and 9/28/23. Commissioner Wright made the motion to accept the minutes as presented and Commissioner Head 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 5-0
3. Audience with Individuals: John Braun spoke on concerns of the Valor Battery Backup Storage. Koni Carroll our new Chief Appraiser at Mills County Appraisal District introduced herself.
4. Review and Act on Accounts Payable: There were questions regarding the purchase of 2 Tahoe's for the Sheriff's department and if they went thru the procurement program. Motion was made by Judge Johnson to approve the Accounts Payable. Commissioner Wright 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it carried 5-0

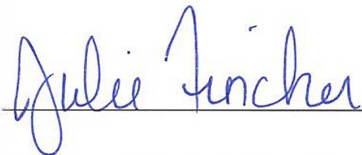
**Consent Agenda:** Departmental reports were looked over and there was some discussion on the Bay doors at the EMS station. And basement flooding in the Court House is still an issue and looking for ways to resolve that. Commissioner Williams made the motion to the consent agenda. Commissioner Wright provided the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried 5-0

5. Consider and Act on bond release of Rolling Oaks Subdevelopment: Doug Moresco was present to answer any questions. All requirements were met and signed off on by engineer Sam Swan. Commissioner Wright made the motion to release the bond for Rolling Oaks Subdevelopment. Commissioner head provided the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried 5-0
6. Consider and Act on budget amendments. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the budget amendment with 2<sup>nd</sup> provided by Commissioner Wright. Carried 5-0
7. Consider and Act on approving Surety Bonds for Deputy George Drake, Deputy Clerk Joy Nowell, Justice Clerk Tina Covault, and Deputy Tax Assessor Collector Britney

- Cornelius. Motion made by Judge Johnson to approve the Surety Bonds, Commissioner Wright 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 5-0
8. Consider and Act on reappointing Brandon Grebe to the Board of mills Central Appraisal District (Texas Tax Code 6.03). Brandon was appointed earlier this year to fill an unexpired term. That term is expiring and Brandon has agreed to the appointment starting in January 2024. Commissioner Head made the motion to approve Brandon Grebe to the Board of Mills Central Appraisal District. Judge Jett Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 5-0
  9. Consider and Act on TIPS agreement for the Court House Security Cameras. There were bids from 2 companies, ASAP and GraceWay. The Commissioners' discussed all options and decided that ASAP was the best way to go and only approved the option that does not include additional cameras. Commissioner Partin made the motion to go with ASAP for Court House only for \$58,951.81, Commissioner Head 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 5-0
  10. Consider and Act on Hill Country Interlocal Agreement. Judge Johnson said that he received it late Friday afternoon and there was some verbiage that was changed that he was not comfortable with and made the motion to table it until they could look into it a little more. Commissioner Wright 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 5-0
  11. Consider and Act on Order of Special Election. This was already approved in a previous Commissioners' Court but this is a Revised Order to include Early Voting Dates. Judge Johnson made the motion to approve the Order of Special Election, Commissioner Wright 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 5-0
  12. Consider and Act on Resolution for Texas Indigent Defense Commission Grant Program. Judge Johnson made the motion to approve the Resolution for Texas Indigent Defense Commission Grant Program. Commissioner Wright 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 5-0
  13. Consider and Act on the sale of the Ridge School House property. At the request of County Attorney Gerald Hale to table this item until further information can be gathered Commissioner Williams made the motion to table this item. Commissioner Wright 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 5-0
  14. Consider and Act on TxDot bridge rankings. The bridges on County Roads 508 and 112 are already active projects for repair. Commissioners' and Judge ranked the remaining 3 bridges on the list for repair in order of greatest need CR 427 Shaw Creek, CR 411 Nabors Creek, CR 433 Colorado River. Any other bridges that are in need of repair the commissioner will email Jason Scantling with TxDot a list and he will inspect. Judge Johnson made the motion to rank the bridges as discussed. Commissioner Williams 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 5-0
  15. Consider and Act on the distance between tin horns on county roads as per Subdivision Regulations & County Road Standards. There was discussion and Commissioner Partin recommended that there be 150ft between tin horns. Commissioner Williams made the motion to table this item until more research could be done. Commissioner Head 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 5-0
  16. Consider and Act on preliminary plat approval for Hoof and Horns Ranch. This was discussion only no action taken
  17. Consider and Act on revising the 2024 regular Commissioners' Court schedule. Moving from Monday 4/8/2024 to 04/09/2024 because of Eclipse, 05/27/2024 to 05/28/2024 because of Memorial Day, and 11/11/2024 to 11/12/2024 due to Veterans Day. Judge

Johnson made the motion to change those Commissioner Court dates. Commissioner Head 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 5-0

18. Consider and Act on new EMS building. Still having issue with getting the overhead doors installed. Bumper post should be done today, need to get quotes for concrete apron, side walk from the back door that comes all the way to the riser, there are a couple of areas that could use some more concrete work. Need to get estimates from Buster as long it is under \$50,000. Motion was made by Commissioner Williams to get proposals from Buster. Commissioner Head 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 5-0
19. Commissioners' request and reports:
  - PCT 1- Cutting brush on county roads 315, 411, 412, 223, 424, 429, and 427. Replace the fuel filter on the mac truck, and replace the motor for tarp on the belly dump.
  - PCT 2- Blading, and digging material out of pit.
  - PCT 3- Used some of the state base provided by TxDot on CR 508 (Mullin). Rip up pavement on Schlee St., going to grind up and relay to make the road better. Would like to set up a work shop to discuss plats and subdivisions.
  - PCT 4- Short both hands but did some blade work, had some meetings with some land owners. Will be hauling material today working on CR 508 all week due to a bad wash out.
20. County Judge's Report- Mullin 2<sup>nd</sup> annual re-building celebration will take place on 11/04/23 from 1-4pm. There will be a tire disposal 11/17/23 from 3-6 and 11/18/23 from 8-12 at the Goldthwaite Masonic Lodge.
21. Adjournment: Motion by Commissioner Wright 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Head



Deputy Clerk Julie Fincher

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