

Mills County

Commissioners Court Regular Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2024

This Regular Meeting session of the Mills County Commissioners Court opened in due form of law at 9 a.m. in the Mills County Commissioners' Courtroom located at 1011 4th Street, Goldthwaite, Texas 76844.

Present in the Courtroom: County Judge Jett Johnson, Commissioners Mike Wright, Robert Head, Dale Partin and Jason Williams for a legal quorum. Also present for the meeting County Treasurer Summer Campbell, County Attorney Gerald Hale, County Deputy Clerk Joy Nowell, Randell Leonard, Hollee Ragsdale-TDEM, Melissa Womack, Sheriff Anthony Pool, Rex Williams and John Fincher. Zoom attendants David Sons and Kim Avants.

Agenda: -

1. Opening – Pledge of allegiance & Prayer
Judge Jett Johnson called the meeting to order noting the presence of a quorum. Judge Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioner Williams providing the opening prayer.
2. Review and Act on Minutes of December 18, 2023, December 28, 2023, and January 4, 2024.
Motion made that Minutes 12.18 & 12.28.2023 & 01.04.24 be approved by Commissioner Mike Wright seconded by Commissioner Robert Head. Carried by 5-0.
3. Audience with Individuals - Rex Williams
Discuss City of Mullin streets on behalf of the city council and citizens to thank you for your hard work fixing streets to Commissioners court.
4. Review and Act Accounts Payable
Commissioner Partin question on disposal of tires \$1,600 dollars, seems can get a lot cheaper than.
Commissioner Wright question on page 2 Precinct 1 on charges to clarify what they're for \$155.02 not a tarp it's a tarp switch and PVC pipe. Repairs to truck a data port went out. Carried it into Waco they fixed it charge \$157.99 and other \$1,034.81 flinders and mounting brackets.
Commissioner Partin question on \$25,000 Sheriff test ballistic test that's on agenda already.
Judge Johnson question on Danny Cox for materials.
Motion made to approve Accounts payable by Judge Jett Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Wright. Carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: Discuss Departmental Monthly Reports a-m.,

The Treasurer Report from clerks' office Commission Jason Williams questioned has it been reconciled.

Treasurer Summer Campbell commented on the Clerk's monthly reports.

Motion made first to approve Consent Agenda by Jason Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mike Wright.

Amend Motion was made to approve minus the Facility report by Commissioner Jason Williams and seconded by Commissioner Mike Wright. Carried 5-0.

ACTION AGENDA:

5. Consider and on approving Surety Bonds for Chief Deputy Daniel Garza, Deputy John Fincher, and Deputy Clerk Julie Fincher. Motion made by to approve Surety Bonds for the three individuals Jett Johnson and seconded by Robert Head. Carried by 5-0.

6. Discussion on Angel Armor Ballistic Vests.
Judge Jett Johnson will talk about \$25,000 grant.

Sheriff Anthony Pool gave explain of Angel Armor Ballistic Vest applied for Grant over a year ago. Just at the beginning of the month ago was approved by the Governor. Funds are there. Just have ordered the vest. They came and fit everybody. We ordered the vest. We pay for it with our funds first once that vest is received. Then we turn in the product was received to the Governor and then they reimburse the actual amount.

7. Consider and Act on order for Primary Election on March 5, 2024.

Motion made to approve the Primary Election on March 5, 2024, by Jett Johnson approved and seconded Commissioner Mike Wright. Carried 5-0

8. Consider and Act on Purchasing/Lease agreement with Star link to have a backup internet connection available for the eclipse.

With David Sons by zoom. This is many requirements to have for our backup for our current system. This is a basic backup to the internet server for our CCTC system we currently have. So, what we purpose here is a secondary internet connection to using a commercial Starlink connection. Will be installing if approved at the Law Enforcement Center first. The second step to that is getting a connection to the courthouse and Law Enforcement Center. David wants to get it in prior to the eclipse on April 8. We think there is going to be a lot of internets jamming up there with all the people coming in connecting on the airways we want a secondary internet connection for our emergency responders. Add one thing Commissioners that is in your packet a upfront cost of \$6,866 and a \$250 monthly assessment. Not a long-term agreement a month by month. If we did a year or two this is not a long-term lease. We could find a more inexpensive job. Commissioner Dale Partin said this is a completely different deal. If CCTC goes down this secondary base will take over. Starlink is a satellite. Right now, don't have a land base solution.

Hollie Ragsdale, TDEM Representative spoke. In the pass what we have been doing for comparing this about 2017 the Wyoming that DPS, EMS, Sheriff had problem with communication. Except for the loss of internet service. David says to have two computer connections. Commissioner Jason Williams asked about what does Star link, 1TB. Motion made by Judge Jett Johnson to purchase and Lease agreement with StarLink and seconded by Commissioner Jason Williams. Carried by 4-1. Opposed by Commissioner Dale Partin.

9. Consider and Act on accepting 3' x 30' tinhorn donated from landowner to Precinct 1.

Showed a picture. Motion to accept donate of 3' X 30' tinhorn by Commissioner Jason Williams and seconded Commissioner Dale Partin. Commissioner Mike Wright abstained. Carried by 4-0.

10. Consider and Act on repairs for Dura-Haul Belly Dump.

Commissioner Robert Head commented on repairs for Dura- Haul Belly Dump. Will be taken our of Road and Bridge. Motion made to buy the parts Commissioner Mike Wright and seconded Commissioner Dale Partin. Carried 5-0.

11. Commissioners' Requests and Reports.

Precinct 1 Wright: busy with road work

Precinct 2 Head: two weeks working with Dale, Louis Coronda lower water crossing and poured concrete.

Precinct 3 Partin: two weeks road jail and Mullin streets. Appreciate the help from other Commissioners.

Tommy Head gave us materials. Working on equipment.

Precinct 4 Williams: Road work on few roads and equipment. Worked on CR road 550. Service truck still down.

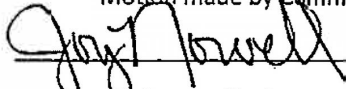
12. County Judge's Report.

Facility report on courthouse doors will not open and close properly. Contacted the owner of Integrity One.

The flooding issue at the Law Enforcement center will keep working on. Also, flooding issues in the Courthouse.

13. Adjourn:

Motion made by Commissioner Mike Wright to adjourn and seconded by Commissioner Robert Head.


Joy Nowell, Deputy Clerk

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