

Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
Regular Session
April 9, 2024– 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 Attorney Gerald Hale, County Treasurer Summer Campbell, Kim Avants – Justice of the Peace and County Clerk –Sonya Scott; present via Zoom: Court Coordinator 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 of minutes - Minutes of March 25, 2024– Commissioner Head moved to accept as presented with a second from Commissioner Williams Motion carried 5-0.
3. Audience with Individuals – Lynetta Barnet – Will speak during the agenda item.
4. Review and Act on Accounts Payable – Commissioner Williams moved to accept Accounts Payable with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda was reviewed by the Court as follows:

- a. Monthly County Treasurer Report
- b. Quarterly County Treasurer Report
- c. Quarterly Investment Report
- d. MCAD Monthly Collection Report
- e. County/ District Clerk Report Clerk
- f. Tax Assessor
- g. County Extension Reports
- h. Facilities Report – not included
- i. Sheriff's Office
- j. Justice of the Peace
- k. County Judge's Report
- l. Hamilton EMS
- m. Veterans Services Officer

Motion made by Commissioner Williams to accept the consent agenda except the facilities report with a second by Commissioner Partin. Motion Carried 5-0.

5. Consider and Act on Interlocal Cooperation Contract ICC for Failure to Appear (FTA) Program with Texas Department of Public Safety. Kim Avants addressed the Court. Notice of Interlocal Cooperation program. Mills County has been doing this all along to force compliance services with DPS. Judge Johnson moved to approve the contract with a second from Commissioner Williams. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Consider and Act to establish Grievance Committee of 9 Citizens – This has been our process for dealing with any salary grievances in the past. Judge Johnson moved to have a Grievance Committee of 9 members with a second from Commissioner Partin. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Selection of Grievance Committee Member: Leslie Hammond, Karen Jones, Richard Gilliland, Dedra Reinart, Rachael Wright, Nancy Speers, Laura Wilson, Tracy Thompson, Timothy Darnell. 9 alternates – Randolph Doyer, William, Jeanes, Stephan Geltz, Rocky Welch, Richard Covington, James Mason, Sara Adams, Wesley Schmidt, Magally Mores.
8. Consider and Act on moving the Mills County Historical Commission to the 1888 Jail – Lynetta Barnett addressed the Court. Handout provided. Building is not move in ready at this point but hopefully within the next few months. Judge Johnson moved to move the Historical Commission to the 1888 Jail. Commissioner Partin provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Consider and Act on proposal from Pablo Davila for the 1888 Jail – Guy Burns addressed the court. Quote for \$25,000 to do masonry work. Quote includes a draw of 50% to pay for boom lift. This is half of the cost from our prior bid. Do not know if his work provides a warranty. Commissioner Partin noted that it is not a good practice to pay for labor prior to labor taking place. Treasurer Campbell noted that the bid was prepared by the Judge's office and not the vendor. That is against standard practice in the construction world. Are we certain that Davila understands English well enough to know what he is committing to doing. Could ask an interpreter to read and ensure that Davila understands to requirements for the contract. Money has been budgeted to complete this work. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the proposal provided by Davila with a %50 front for prework. Commissioner Wright provided the second. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Partin voting against.
10. Consider and Act on materials and labor for Muffin Monster (sewer grinder) replacement at the Law Enforcement Center – Guy Burns addressed the court. This is a unit that will be installed at the Law Enforcement Center. Burns has done the research to ensure that it is compatible and useful. It will take \$30,000 purchase and install the unit. The current system has lasted 8 years. Money is available in the Building Improvement Fund. Will have to shift some of the repairs that were scheduled to ensure that this happens now. Judge Johnson moved to approve the purchase of the equipment with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.
11. Consider and Act on accepting 8,000 Cubic Yards of RAP from TxDot for all four Precincts, to be placed in Precinct 1 yard – Carlos Reyes addressed the Court. TxDot allows \$13,798 every budget as County assistance. This year TxDot allotted 33000 cubic yards of RAP that will accumulate from the project on 84 West project. Material will be available at an assigned location and will be measured by TxDot when picked up. Will allocate the RAP for the next 3 years at approximately 13798 per year. Allocation will be approximately 8000 to the County with a \$20 per cubic yard assessment. Project will start next week. TxDot has prepared an alternate site if Commissioners Court does not approve this resolution. Original notice of distribution was emailed to the County Judge in December 2023. It was

noted that this is an annual action that the court usually act upon earlier in the year. Commissioner Williams verified that the County could use the County trucks to pick up from the contractors directly. Mr. Reyes will provide the Commissioners the contractor contact information. Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept the RAP with a second from Commissioner Head. Motin carried 5-0.

12. Commissioners' Reports and request

Commissioner Wright, Pct. 1 – Busy last few weeks. Blading a lot, drove all precinct roads during the eclipse, filling potholes and mechanic work.

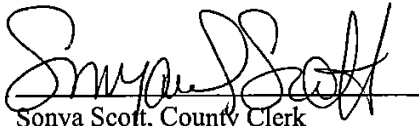
Commissioner Head, Pct. 2 – bladed roads and some shredding, getting ready to haul material. Drove precinct roads.

Commissioner Partin, Pct. 3 – spot hauling around Priddy, will be working in Mullin area on grant work before summer heat. Will be hauling some soon. Tractor down but parts on order. Waiting on part.

Commissioner Williams, Pct. 4 – Eclipse busy day. Swinging bridge back open. one incident during eclipse. New culvert and blading, hauling and road work.

13. Judge Johnson – mainly busy with the eclipse all weekend. No real issues. Large group of approximately 250 people at the Courthouse. Traffic was congested afterwards but cleared quickly. Thank you to all staff.

19. Commissioner Wright moved to adjourn; Judge Johnson seconded. Motion Carried 5-0


Sonya Scott, County Clerk
Mils County Clerk



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