

Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
Regular Session
September 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, 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 and provided the opening prayer.
2. Review of minutes - Minutes of August 26, 2024– Commissioner Williams moved to accept with a correction with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Audience with Individuals – none
4. Review and Act on Accounts Payable – Commissioner Wright moved to approve with a correction. Judge Johnson provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda was reviewed by the Court as follows:

- a. Monthly County Treasurer Report
- b. MCAD Monthly Collection Report
- c. County/ District Clerk Report Clerk
- d. Tax Assessor
- e. County Extension Reports
- f. Facilities Report – will be included in the next Commissioners Court
- g. Sheriff's Office
- h. Justice of the Peace
- i. County Judge's Report
- j. Hamilton EMS
- k. Veterans Services Officer

Motion made by Commissioner Williams to accept the consent agenda with a second by Judge Johnson. Motion Carried 5-0.


5. Consider and Act on Burn Ban. Judge Johnson has spoken with all county fire chiefs and they have varied responses. Commissioner Head moved to lift the burn ban and to place it on the next Commissioner Court agenda with a second from Commissioner Partin. Motion carried 4-1 with Judge Johnson voting against.

6. Consider and Act on Budget Amendments - typical for this time of year. Commissioner Wright moved to approve as presented with a second from Judge Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Consider and Act on approving Surety Bond for Deputy James Purcell – Judge Johnson moved to approve. Commissioner Wright provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Consider and Act on Interlocal Agreement with the Bell County Indigent Health Services – Ebony Jackson addressed the Court. 80 individuals are in the program. Judge Johnson moved to approve the interlocal agreement. Ms. Jackson noted that the original agreement was for 60 people and program is currently serving 80 people. Handout provided. Contract needs to be in line with number of people that are currently using the program. Ms. Jackson recommends taking the number out of the agreement. Motion dies from a lack of second. Judge Johnson moved to amend the interlocal agreement section 8 to remove the number of cases designated as seen in the program and that the program would process all cases in Mills County regardless of the number. Commissioner Wright provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Consider and Act on Inmate Healthcare Resolution – Ebony Jackson addressed the Court. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Head provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.
10. Consider and Act on Optional Health Care Services Notification – Ebony Jackson addressed the Court. Ms. Jackson recommends keeping the elections for services that have been approved in the past year and offer those same election of services going forward. Commissioner Wright moved to approve with options 1 and 5 being optional healthcare services approved. Judge Johnson provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.
11. Consider and Act on 2024 funding commitment for Hill Country Community Action – Ashley Johnson addresses the Court. Funding request for \$5000 for the meals program that was budgeted. Ms. Johnson provided that \$459 is the amount in the resolution request that is in part of the budgeted amount for the next fiscal year. Hand out provided. Numbers in the program are about the same. Judge Johnson moved to approve the 2024 funding for HCCA. Second provided by Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0
12. Consider and Act on declaring office desk from the Treasurer’s and Ag Agent’s offices as scrap – These are items that were damaged in the flood. Commissioner Wright moved to declare the 5 desks as scrap. Guy Burns will be in charge of disposing of the desks. Judge Johnson provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.
13. Commissioners’ Reports and request
 - Commissioner Wright, Pct. 1 – cutting brush, working on FEMA projects, some blading.
 - Commissioner Head, Pct. 2 – installed some tin horns, blading, working in the shop.
 - Commissioner Partin, Pct. 3 – shredding on roadsides, cleaning out tin horns, FEMA work, meetings out of county after that.
 - Commissioner Williams, Pct. 4 – Will be out all of next week. Will be meeting with Summer to catch up on FEMA. Hauling materials in the next few weeks and some blading. Problems with haul trailer. Boards need to be replaced. Asking other commissioners to review and discuss possible options.

Rock Crusher still down. Moore Service said that it would be after harvest season before he could look at it. TxDOT has not released any of the materials that are coming to the County.

18. Judge Johnson – Farrell Thorne prior commissioner has passed – prayers for his family. Burn Ban is lifted. Reminder to call the Sheriff's department when burning. Proposed subdivision in Precinct 3. Possible change in the Roling Oaks subdivision coming too.

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


Sonya Scott, County Clerk
Mills County Clerk

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