

Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
Regular Session
November 25, 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, and Dale Partin, County Treasurer Summer Campbell, and County Clerk –Sonya Scott; present via Zoom: Court Coordinator Annette Watson. Commissioner Jason Williams was not present. 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. provided the opening prayer.
2. Review of minutes - Minutes of November 14, 2024– Commissioner Wright moved to accept as presented with noted correction second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Audience with Individuals – none
4. Review and Act on Accounts Payable –Commissioner Wright moved to accept Accounts Payable with a second from Commissioner Partin. Motion carried 4-0.
5. Consider and Act on Burn Ban - Judge Johnson has spoken with the local fire chiefs. Parties are in agreement that the Burn Ban needs to be reinstated. Commissioner Wright moved to approve the burn ban with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 4-0.
6. Consider and Act on Corrected Plat for Rolling Oaks Subdivision. – Doug Moresco addressed the Court. Surveyor Don King and County Attorney Gerald Hale have both approved the changes requested. 3 tracks = 83.+ changes. The new track will divide the 3 tracks into 8. Moresco noted that no water issues. Design was over engineered on purpose for growth. Commissioner Wright noted that Moresco has been very good to work with on this project. Judge Johnson moved to approve the corrected plat for Rolling Oaks Subdivision with a second from Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 4-0.
7. Consider and Act on Appointment of Brandon Grebe and Jed Garren for another term on the MCAD's Board - Hannah Bradley addressed the court. Judge Johnson moved to approve another term on the MCAD Board with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 4-0.
8. Consider and Act on MCAD Budget – Hannah Bradley addressed the Court with the proposed increase in the MCAD budget to be more competitive in staffing and salaries. Have two applications for ag appraiser. Increase is to cover salaries and be fully staffed. \$66,000 is a breakdown for ag appraiser salary and benefit package. Yearly audit has been completed. Commissioner Partin requested what is

the excess from the audit. Exact amount is not available at this time. Commissioner Partin noted that in the last few years, the commissioners Court has allowed the MCAD to keep the excess funds to pay off the building and to purchase a new vehicle. Commissioner Partin noted that until we know what the excess funds total, we need to wait. 4 entities pay into the MCAD budget. All three other entities have approved the request. No motions. No further action.

9. Consider and Act on the applicants for Mills County Historical Commission – County Attorney noted that per statute, this item needs to occur in January. Commissioner Wright moved to table this item. Judge Johnson provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

10. Discuss Security Cameras for the LEC – Sheriff Pool and Chief Deputy Jones addressed the Court. Some of the technologies are at the end of life for the Law Enforcement Center. Bringing this issue to the Court. LEC will need an entire camera replacement. DVR system is failing. Two have already failed and the third is in the process of failing. Chief Deputy Jones reported that they will move to a cloud-based system. Exploring options for replacing the system and the cameras. Will be looking at bids for replacement. Judge Johnson noted that Goldsmith needs to be involved in this process. Estimate 30 cameras that will need to be replaced. Treasurer noted that we recently passed an Procurement policy that will need to be followed. Goldsmith usually helps with RFP's and needs to be included. Body cameras are worn by jailors and deputies. Many cameras have been disconnected so that vital cameras are running. Chief Deputy Jones noted that he wants to operate with full transparency.

11. Discuss that the County Attorney Supplement money has not been received - Judge Johnson noted that we have not received the supplement for the County Attorney. Comptroller noted that the payment is in process. Mills County did not receive the payment for last year. Judge Johnson will continue to monitor the situation and report to the Court.

12. Consider and Act on Updated Mills County Subdivision Regulations – hand out reflects the changes that were discussed in the Subdivision workshop. County Attorney Hale addressed the Court. Legislature recently passed took away much of the discretion that the Commissioner Court had in the past. There are some exemptions that are statutory. If we would like a more fluid document, the subdivision regulations need to reference the statute and not list specifics so if the law changes, the document does not have to be amended. No other substantive changes. Mr. King and County Attorney Hale both recommend approving the plat as presented. Discussion of mailboxes in clusters instead of mailboxes all along the county road. County Attorney noted that it is possible to include the mailboxes in the road access agreement. Commissioner Wright moved to approve the subdivision regulations as presented. Judge Johnson provided the second. Motion failed with Commissioner Head and Partin voting against the measure. Commissioner Wright and Judge Johnson voted for the measure. Commissioner Partin noted that the language on page 32 instead of striking the placement of mailboxes. Commissioner Partin moved to approve the revision with leaving the clause about cluster mailboxes on page 32. Commissioner Head provided the second. Motion carried 4-0. County Attorney Hale will make the changes and have a clean copy at the Judge's office for Commissioners to sign. Effective date of change 11-25-24.

13. Commissioners' Reports and request

Commissioner Wright, Pct. 1 – Big dump truck needed radiator replaced. Have been blading and hauling materials. Will be starting TxDot project on 411. Have worked on low water crossings.

Rock Crusher still down. New road hand started today. Met with David Shaw on Thursday. Concerns over water trailer. Is owned by the county but Commissioners do not have access to use unless it is an emergency. Shaw would like an office at the EMS building. Hamilton had no issue with Shaw having a office in the building. Shaw asked for a shed for trailer storage at the EMS building. This can be added to the next agenda for discussion. Commissioner Wright will be taking some time off during the Thanksgiving Holiday.

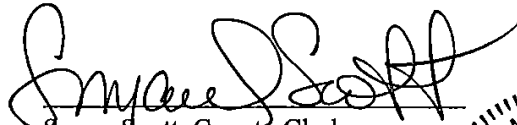
Commissioner Head, Pct. 2 – Thanks for the help with malfunctions while Commissioner Head was away at training. Hauled material on 235.

Commissioner Partin, Pct. 3 – working on projects. Blading on 549. Have Scott McCoy hauling. Working on 508 – TxDot project. Getting tin horns in place. Many road hands are using their vacation between now and the end of year. Maintainer has been down since May.

Commissioner Williams, Pct. 4 – not present

15. County Judge Report– Commissioner Partin and Judge attended the solar meeting at the community center. Courthouse closed Thursday and Friday

16. Commissioner Wright moved to adjourn; Commissioner Head seconded. Motion Carried 4-0


Sonya Scott, County Clerk
Mills County Clerk



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