

Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
Regular Session
May 12, 2025– 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 Craig Sullivan, Robert Head, Dale Partin and Jason Williams, County Attorney Bill Malone, County Clerk –Sonya Scott, and Sheriff James Jones; present via Zoom: None. The audience sign-in sheet is attached to the minutes.

The meeting is available to the public to view on the Mills County YouTube channel – Audio/visual was not working and meeting was not streamed.

Agenda: -

1. Judge Johnson called the meeting to order noted the presence of a quorum; Judge Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioner Williams providing the opening prayer.
2. Review of minutes - Minutes of May 12, 2025– Commissioner Sullivan noted one correction. Commissioner Williams moved to accept with noted correction Judge Johnson provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Audience with Individuals – none.
4. Review and Act on Accounts Payable –Commissioner Williams moved to approve with a second from Commissioner Sullivan. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Consider and Act on proclamation declaring June as Elder Abuse month, and related matters – Judge Johnson moved to make June Elder Abuse month with a second from Commissioner Partin. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Consider and Act on Application for Unclaimed Capital Credits (TLGC 381.004) and related matters. - Commissioner Head moved to approve application for unclaimed credits with a second from Commissioner Sullivan. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Consider and Act on Rules and Procedure, Conduct & Decorum of Mills County Commissioners Court, and related matters. Judge Johnson explained that the rules updated in 2021 omitted a sentence in the public speaking portion. – Commissioner Partin move to approve the updated corrected version of rules and procedures with a second by Commissioner Williams. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Consider and Act on contract for detention Lock & Door at the MC Law Enforcement Center, and related matters – Sheriff Jones addressed the Court. Sheriff Jones reported that a vendor has inspected the lock system in the Jail. None of the locks have been serviced since the building was completed 9 years ago. A bid was received to inspect/maintain the locks on an annual or semi-annual schedule. There are 68 rolling locks with 10 deficiencies found in the inspection. Sheriff Jones has found one other company that provides this type of service. Jones will report back to the Court when he receives a bid from the other company. This will be paid out of the repair budget for the law

enforcement center. Commissioner Williams noted a few questions about the bid process relating to emergency services calls and insurance amounts. Commissioner Partin moved to table this item until information is received from second company. Commissioner Head provided the second. Motion Carried 5-0.

9. Consider and Act on Payroll Budget Amendments for Sheriff's Office, and related matters. – Sheriff Jones addressed the Court. Law Enforcement Center (LEC) is operating outside of budgeted amount for overtime. One of the reasons is that we are currently 2 deputies short. Providing bailiffs for numerous courts has also taxed the manpower of law enforcement. There is also an increase in duties of deputies in general. Jones reports that the LEC has done very well managing overtime with all aspects considered. The cadets being sent to training has also increased the overtime. Judge Johnson noted that we will have two new deputies starting in July. That will reduce the overtime when the deputies are working full time. Jones reported that the budgeted amount was set too low to begin with in his opinion and will be addressed in the next budget cycle. Commissioner Williams noted from Treasurer Campbell, you cannot have a line-item transfer for salaries. This type of transaction requires a budget amendment. Jones reported some stats as to the volume of calls is up 10% with two deputies short. Citations are up 25%. The crash rate is about the same as last year with a full staff. Reporting has been steady on cases. Jones reported that they have a fantastic staff, but these things take time. Sheriff Jones reported that he has used SB22 monies to replace tasers and handguns for all staff when was out of schedule and needed to be completed. Sheriff Jones reported that Hamilton and San Saba numbers are also down as far as jail expenses and housing inmates. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the payroll budget amend as presented with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried. 5-0.

10. Consider and Act on Calvary Construction Bid Regarding Courthouse Flooding, and related matters. – The County Attorney's office has continued to flood with the recent rains. Conference call last week with Calvary Construction with Commissioner Partin and Guy Burns regarding flooding. The proposal is to inject a bentonite-like substance into the wall and place 4 inches on the outside wall with a guarantee for 1 year. Total Quote: 14k with a start date of May 28-29th. Commissioner Partin reported that he has some skepticism that this is just a Band-Aid and will not be a permanent fix. Company has the ability to locate and fill voids. This is a two-part fix (inside and outside). Burns addressed the court to clarify the three-step process. High pressure injection from the inside, high pressure injection into the soil from the outside, will be up to 500 gallons of this product, a 4-inch trench will be dug and filled with the product as an outside barrier. The other option is to dig out the outside wall on the south side and re-apply the moisture barrier. The cost for that process will be 3x the amount of this proposal. Judge Johnson noted he is open to suggestions for solutions to this problem. Would like the guarantee of one year written on the contract. This quote is for repairs to the attorney's office and treasurer's office. Commissioner Partin noted that the drainage problem needs to be fixed first before the moisture barrier. The proposal is to seal 2 twenty-foot sections of the wall. Judge Johnson moved to approve the proposal quote with the addition of a written 1-year warranty. Commissioner Partin made the second. Commissioner Head would like the elevator shaft addressed too. Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Williams opposed. Commissioner Williams would like a more detailed contract.

11. Consider and Act on Top Cut Lawn Care for Courthouse Flooding, and related matters. Judge Johnson noted that the 2 downspouts on the south side of the courthouse would be trenched to north of the 1888 jail. New grass would be laid. This quote would also address the blocked line on the north side of the Courthouse. This may be an ongoing issue and once it starts we find other areas that need to be addressed as well. Johnny Escobar will be here today and will give a solid number for a bid. Bid

will include replacing the grass that is disturbed. Funds can come out of the building improvement fund for these two jobs. Estimate is under 10k, but we do not have a solid bid at this time. Commissioner Partin moved to table the item until we have a solid bid with a second by Commissioner Sullivan. Motion carried 5-0

12. Consider and Act on UniFirst Customer Service Agreement for County Departments, and related matters. – Guy Burns noted that this contract has come to court every three years. Commissioner Williams moved to approve with a second form Judge Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.

13. Commissioners' Reports and requests

Commissioner Sullivan, Pct. 1 – hauling RAP, have not spread out yet but will when grinder is available.

Commissioner Head, Pct. 2 – bladed roads, installed two tin horns

Commissioner Partin, Pct. 3 – hauling materials until rains hit. 4.5 to 5.2 inches of rain in the Mullin area. Will be spot repairing.

Commissioner Williams, Pct. 4 – working on drainage problems, culvert installed. Some roads are washed out after this weekend. Lot of tree removal from the winds/storm. Region 7 Child Welfare Board. Conference on investments and technology. Several roads completely washed out. Bridge on 550 is worse. Blanket creek is up and running. Rock crusher is available for who needs it next.

13. County Judge's Report– RG floors is in the County Attorney's office removed the carpet and needs to remove the glue on the floor. Kudos to the sheriff's office on the recent arrest of the person that stole from the MC Bank. Guy Burns is doing a great job. Budget is in the works. Will be scheduling a workshop to start the budget process maybe next week. Workshop with Red River Clean energy on Thursday.

14. Adjournment -Commissioner Head moved to adjourn; Commissioner Sullivan provided the seconded. Motion carried 5-0.


Sonya Scott, County Clerk
Mills County Clerk



May 27, 2025