

Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
Workshop Meeting - Solar
June 16, 2025 – 12:45 pm

This workshop meeting of the Mills County Commissioners' Court opened in due form of law at 12:45pm 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, and County Clerk –Sonya Scott. Present via Zoom: Jeff Allen, Attorney. 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. Audience with Individuals – Ed Smith – addressed the court to offer his services.
3. Solar Workshop, via Zoom, with attorney Jeffrey Allen, and related matters. – Mr. Allen has worked with Mills County before with tax abatements on the Bluebonnet/Lantana program. Mr. Allen addressed the Court with his history of working with landowners and counties on energy-based programs. Discussed who sets depreciation schedule. The trend for PILOT programs vs no abatements. Solar projects do not typically create jobs. Allen will confirm the cost per megawatt hour. Possibilities around the I & S fund to keep the project on the tax rolls. Mr. Allen recommends seeing what the company proposes. After seeing the proposal, we will have more information about the long-term impact, potential for jobs, tax rate. No blanket denial. Guidelines for reinvestment zones need to be updated. The county does not need to update the reinvestment agreement if the County does not plan on offering tax abatements. Red River Solar plans to start construction in July. There has been no official request for a tax abatement. Workshop with X-Elio solar farm next week. Do we need to update our criteria before we meet with Solar company. Does the majority of the court want to do abatements? This would need to be on the next Commissioner Court agenda for a vote.
4. Adjournment- Judge Johnson moved to adjourn; Commissioner Sullivan provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.


Sonya Scott, County Clerk
Mills County Clerk



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