Mills County Commissioners Court Minutes Regular Session July 28, 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, Justice of the Peace – Kim Avants, Treasurer – Summer Campbell, and Sheriff James Jones, present via Zoom — Court Coordinator Annette Watson, and County Clerk –Sonya Scott, 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 -

- 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 July 14, 2025-- Commissioner Williams moved to accept with a change The second was provided Commissioner Head Motion carried 5-0
- 3 Audience with Individuals Ernesto Galindo, from Texas Association of Counties addressed the Court as our new representative
- 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 Budget Amendments, and related matters Judge Johnson moved to approve the budget amendments with a second from Commissioner Williams Motion carried 5-0
- Discussion of 2025-2026 budget and related matters Lori Fredrick and Michael Hall from the Mills County Appraisal District were present to address any questions the court may have regarding numbers. Total market value has increased but the taxable values decreased. Lori noted that the MCAD is fully staffed at this time. MCAD provided an overview of the taxes and changes due to law changes and fluctuations in the county. Discussion only
- Consider and Act on Mills County Septic Fees, and related matters Al Hamrick has been the Septic Inspector for over 10 years without a raise. Our Charge for permits is currently \$310. We would propose \$335 for the new proposed rate. The difference of \$25,00 would go to Mr. Hamrick. Judge Johnson moved to approve the new rate with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.
- 8 Consider and Act on Kirbo Rental Agreement with Mills County Sheriff for new copiers, and related matters- handout provided This will be set-up as a 60 month rental Fees are the same as before Judge Johnson moved to approve with a second from Commissioner Sullivan Motion carried 5-0
- 9 Consider and Act on Surety Bond for James Jones, and related matters Commissioner Williams moved to approve with a second from Commissioner Head Motion carried 5-0

- Consider and Act on declaring Guy Burns's office chair as scrap, and related matters Judge Johnson moved to approve as scrap with a second by Commissioner Williams Motion carried 5-0
- Discussion on FEMA matters, and related matters -David Shaw addressed the Court Handout provided Projects are still outstanding that we are working with FEMA. Shaw will need to meet with commissioners individually to complete some of the outstanding items. Government oversight and review is slowing some of the processes. Shaw can request funds from the state on a contingency fund, (STAR) but we do not know how the funds will be repaid or if it will be a grant? This is a process for when the county needs funds and FEMA is taking too long to respond to the request. Code 418. Suggestion to rate the top 4 projects and get the information together. Engineering firm is available to discuss process/projects and then bring this back to court for further discussion.

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Commissioner Sullivan, Pct 1 – finished cleaning bar ditches and tin horns on 505 and 510 Working on installing tin horns on a FEMA project Waiting on concrete bid to complete the job

Commissioner Head, Pct 2 – patch work on 249 Working on 332 and 333 filling crossings that were washed out during the rain Will work on 250 later this week

Commissioner Partin, Pct 3 – cr 199 almost complete and back open hauled 3 miles of material on this road. Rain came and turned project into a muddy mess. Have it packed now with a tin horn Trying to do some blading but moisture is not where it needs to be. Burlington Northern inspection was cancelled. Still trying to reschedule this meeting. Dangerous as it is and needs to be fixed. County Attorney offered to assist in any manner possible. Will keep the court posted.

Commissioner Williams, Pct 4 – 540 and 536 – hauling material from Texas Material Blading on some roads Construction on 530 this week and next Freightliner is in the shop in Abilene

- County Judge's Report-Budget workshop today Emergency management training at 2 00 at the law enforcement center Red River abatement workshop this week
- Adjournment -Commissioner Head moved to adjourn, Judge Johnson provided the second Motion carried 5-0

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Mils County Clerk

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