

Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
August 25, 2025
Regular Meeting – 9 00 AM

This regular session of the Mills County Commissioners Court opened in due form of law at 9 00 AM at the Mills County Courthouse 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, Deputy Clerk Shawnee Martinez, Annette Watson, Via Zoom

Agenda

1 Opening Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

2 Review and Act on Minutes of August 18, 2025

Motion to approve minutes as written by Commissioner Williams with a second by Commissioner Partin

Motion carried 5-0

3 Audience with individuals –

1 Duane Rawson presented his concerns on CR 259, Farm Road 16 going and coming has become a safety hazard due to other drivers running him off the road into the ditch Requested the gravel and rock be put into the holes on the road to once again have a two lane instead of one lane Commissioner Head requested to meet after court this morning with Mr Rawson

2 Karen Wesson Francis asked the court to vote against any tax incentives or approve the abatements or any solar energy companies that come into Mills County She suggested that we asked them to enter a road use agreement or put up a bond to fix roads if they damage them in the process Mrs Francis also said the jobs, hotels etc will be employed by out-of-county workers not in county like presented Texas House Bill NO 5 presented in the 88th legislative prohibits school districts from giving tax breaks Also, Bill NO 819 prohibits taxing authorities from granting property tax abatement to wind and solar projects Mrs Francis spoke to Krik Chastain Precinct 1 Commissioner out of Brown County, and he stated they did not give Red Rivier Clean Energy an abatement

4 Consider and Act on approving Accounts Payables

Motion to approve account payables by Commissioner Williams with a second from Commissioner Sullivan

Motion carried 5-0

5 Consider and Act on Budget Amendments, and related matters

Commissioner Partin questioned where there were two amendments on fuel and oil, Commissioner Sullivan then commented it must have been a typo 326 Should be tires and 8,000 will be for fuel

Motion to approve the budget amendments with corrections by Commissioner Head with a second by Commissioner Williams

Motion carried 5-0

6 Consider and Act on Interlocal Agreement with the Bell County Indigent Health Care, and related matters

Motion to table Interlocal Agreement with Bell County Indigent Health Care until next meeting by Judge Johnson with a second from Commissioner Partin

Motion carried 5-0

7 Consider and Act on Inmate Healthcare Resolution, and related matters

Mary Gails presented a presentation on source totals report with Mills County Indigent Health Care, along with a dashboard report showing the largest outpatient care would be inmates at this time. Currently Indigent Health has processed thirty-three new "clients". There is sixty-four clients for the fiscal year. Commissioner Partin questioned the \$28,145.28 that was billed from Indigent to Mills County, the number is Medicaid rates. Hendricks was outside of the service area and was not willing to accept Medicare rate until now. Mrs. Gails stated bills were sent to customers directly instead of Indigent defense to challenge the rates.

Motion to approve the Resolution by Judge Johnson no second

Motion opposed 5-0

Motion to table Inmate Health Care Resolution due to the not having the Resolution in court only the report by Commissioner Williams with a second by Commissioner Head

Motion carried 5-0

8 Consider and Act on Optional Health Care Services Notification, and related matters

Form presented by Mary Gails, commissioners reviewed and agreed this was the same form that was signed last year presented to court Form 3083

Motion to approve Optional Health Care Service Notification by Judge Johnson with a second from Commissioner Williams

Motion carried 5-0

9 Consider and Act on Election Judges & Polling Locations for the 2025-2027 Election Cycle, and related matters

Motion to approve Elections Judges & Polling Locations for the 2025-2027 Election Cycle by Judge Johnson with a second from Commissioner Sullivan

Motion carried 5-0

10 Consider and Act on Double-Wheel Vibrating Roller/Packer Bids for Precinct 1, and related matters
- Commissioner Sullivan presented this information to the court due to the limit being over the \$50,000.00, if approved Commissioner Sullivan will post in the paper

Motion to approve by Double Wheel Vibrating Roller/Packer Bids for Precinct 1 by Judge Johnson with a second from Commissioner Sullivan

Motion carried 4-1

11 Consider and Act on whether to begin the Process for Creating a Reinvestment Zone at Request of Red River Clean Energy, and related matters

Motion to table whether to begin the process of creating a reinvestment zone by Judge Johnson with no second

Motion failed for a lack of second

County Attorney Bill Malone stood up and reassured the Commissioners of the language that court needs to vote on correctly

Motion to table the process of creating a reinvestment zone until the next commissioners court meeting by Judge Johnson with a second from Commissioner Partin

Motion to table 2-3

Judge Johnson presented to commissioners that he spoke with other counties in the abatement situation and they all stated they did not approve an abatement Commissioner Partin stated within years the county will lose money if we move forward with this process by at least eight percent, all commissioners are concerned about the fifty percent abatement that was presented by Red River Clean Energy Project Commissioner Williams would like to talk with Red River Clean Energy Project about a lower abatement percentage Commissioner Partin, commented about the deficient budget deficit which means county must make money up somehow, the wind project has capped and amount of money from the project is decreasing

Motion to begin the process of creating investment zone and all details that go along with abatement process by Commissioner Williams with a second by Commissioner Partin

Motion carried 4-1

12 Commissioners Requests and Reports

Commissioner PCT #1 Craig Sullivan – Currently still working county road 327 and possibly working over on county road 314 and trying to straighten roads up in that area

Commissioner PCT #2 Robert Head – Work on county road 235 and put tin horns back in place, hauling and building road up to try and get the road to last longer

Commissioner PCT #3 Dale Partin – Just about finished up on CR 545 and public has commented on county road 549 where it has washed out, this is a FEMA Mitigation area

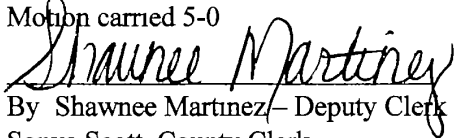
Commissioner PCT #4 Jason Williams – Tree removals on county road 437, cattle guard cleaned out after a landowner complained it was too full Worked on some FEMA, taking the loader over to PCT 1 to begin getting millings RAP, after speaking with David Shaw, Commissioner Williams will be looking into another mitigation project when engineers come on September 9th, 2025

9 County Judge's Report – Will be attending legislative conference in Austin later this week Next commissioners court meeting will be September 8, 2025

10 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn from Judge Johnson with a second from Commissioner Head

Motion carried 5-0


By Shawnee Martinez – Deputy Clerk
Sonya Scott, County Clerk
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