

Mills County  
Commissioners Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
September 22, 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 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Goldthwaite, Texas 76844

Present in the Courtroom were Judge Johnson, Commissioners Craig Sullivan, Robert Head, Dale Partin and Jason Williams, County Clerk – Sonya Scott, County Attorney Bill Malone, and Sheriff James Jones Treasurer Campbell joined the meeting during the budget amendments discussion as noted 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 with Commissioner Williams providing the opening prayer
- 2 Review and Act on Minutes of September 4, September 8, September 9, and September 12, 2025 – Commissioner Williams moved to approve the minutes as presented with a second from Commissioner Sullivan Motion passed 5-0
- 3 Audience with Individuals - Karen Wesson Francis will speak on item #7
- 4 Consider and Act on Approving Accounts Payable - Commissioner Williams moved to approve the accounts payables Commissioner Head provided the second Motion carried 5-0
- 5 Consider and Act on Monthly County Treasurer Report for August 2025, and related matters - Commissioner Head moved to approve the report with a second from Commissioner Partin Motion carried 5-0
- 6 Consider and Act on Budget Amendments, and related matters – Commissioner Williams questioned how we are paying for the appraisal district payment when the County did not approve their budget? Reaching out to the Treasurer to see if she is available to join the meeting Court continued on to other items while awaiting Treasurer Campbell's arrival Taken out of order Treasurer Campbell joined the meeting Ms Campbell noted that the Court has already passed the accounts payable Commissioner Partin moved to table the budget amendments Commissioner Partin withdrew his motion Extreme overtime to cover the jail overtime as COVID has been going through the jail Sheriff Jones addressed the Court that overtime is an issue Sheriff Jones would like to have no more overtime but the jail has to be staffed due to the virus spreading through the jail Commissioner Williams moved to table the budget amendment regarding the appraisal district expense approving all other amendments Motion fails for a lack of a second Judge Johnson moved to approve all budget amendments as presented Commissioner Head provided the second Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Williams voting against
- 7 Discuss guidelines & criteria regarding Tax Abatement under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, and related matters – Karen Wesson Francis addressed the Court Jeff Allen is present via Zoom

and addressed the Court. Discussed various terms regarding abatement and jobs for the county. Judge Johnson requests a workshop in the next few weeks to discuss this further. County Attorney has a few notations/corrections that Mr. Malone would like to discuss with Mr. Allen. Discussion on guidelines with regard to auditing the conditions set forth by the County. No action taken at this time.

8 Consider and Act on Rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum of Mills County Commissioners' Court, and related matters – laws have changed to require 3 full business days for postings regarding public meetings. County Attorney made several suggestions for clarity in the rules of procedure. Discussion regarding Robert's Rules of Order. County Attorney does not recommend formally adopting Robert's Rules of Order. The Court currently has a relaxed version that we have been informally following. Judge is happy with the format we have been following. Judge Johnson moved to approve the Rules of Procedure as presented with three changes. Commissioner Sullivan provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

9 Consider and Act on Double-Wheel Vibrating Roller/Packer Bids for Precinct 1, and related matters – Commissioner Sullivan addressed the Court. No bids were received. No action was taken.

10 Consider and Act on Surety Bond Continuation Certificates for James Purcell and Shawnee Martinez, and related matters – Judge Johnson moved to approve the bonds with a second from Commissioner Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

11 Consider and Act on Declaring Judge Johnson's Chair as scrap, and related matters – Judge Johnson moved to scrap the chair with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.

12 Consider and Act on Professional Services Agreement by and between Mills County, Texas and DRS Companies, and related matters – This is a contract between the County and David Shaw. No changes except for the time and budget changes that we approved for the upcoming fiscal year. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the agreement with a second from Commissioner Sullivan. Motion carried 5-0.

13 Consider and Act on Deposit for Double-Wheel Vibrating Roller/Packer for Precinct 1, and related matters – Commissioner Sullivan moved to approve the deposit for the machine with a second from Judge Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.

14 Consider and Act on Reinstating the Burn Ban, and related matters – David Shaw addressed the Court. Judge Johnson has contacted all 4 fire chiefs and everyone would like the burn ban reinstated. Ordering new burn ban flags (4 for the Commissioner Precinct barns and 4 for the fire departments). Judge Johnson moved to reinstate the burn ban with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.

15 Consider and Act on Proclamation of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and related matters – Women Against Violence (WAV) addressed the Court. Program has been active in Mills County for 26 years. Judge Johnson moved to approve the proclamation with Commissioner Head providing the second. Motion carried 5-0.

16 Commissioners' Reports and Requests –

Precinct 1 – working on 410 Hauling RAP material and starting on 315 repairs

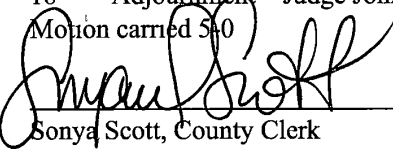
Precinct 2 – Working on 235 Built a road back up Working on near Kimbro's Shredding some until air conditioning stopped working Installing a tin horn

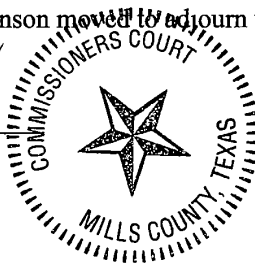
Precinct 3 – shredding and some blading around Lake Merritt Training past week Lots of changes from the legislative session

Precinct 4 – working on 416, 430, 417 Hauling RAP material Should finish with the rock crusher this week

17 County Judge's report – Will need one more Commissioner Court meeting to close out the year Setting that meeting for Friday at 9 00 am to wrap up fiscal year Dispatch report update regarding San Saba dispatching Sheriff Jones addressed the Court A few things with the COG that needs to be completed so that San Saba is operating dispatch from the Mills County Jail Hope to have the San Saba dispatch up and operating by Tuesday or Wednesday Commissioner Partin noted that the San Saba Commissioners have all expressed their gratitude for Mills County in helping out in this situation

18 Adjournment – Judge Johnson moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Head Motion carried 5-0

  
Sonya Scott, County Clerk  
Mills County Clerk



September 9, 2025