

Mills County  
Commissioners Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
October 13, 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 Attorney Bill Malone, County Clerk –Sonya Scott , and Sheriff James Jones; present via Zoom: Court Coordinator Annette Watson, Treasurer – Summer Campbell, Justice of the Peace – Kim Avants, and Jeffrey Allen – retained counsel. 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 of minutes - Minutes of September 26, 2025 and October 2, 2025– Commissioner Head moved to accept with a second from Commissioner Williams. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Audience with Individuals – none
4. Review and Act on Accounts Payable –

Consent Agenda was reviewed by the Court as follows:

- a. Monthly County Treasurer Report
- b. Quarterly County Treasurer Report
- c. Quarterly Investment Report
- d. MCAD Monthly Collection Report
- e. County/ District Clerk Report Clerk
- f. County Tax Assessor
- g. County Extension Reports
- h. Facilities Report
- i. Sheriff's Office
- j. Justice of the Peace
- k. County Judge's Report
- l. Hamilton EMS
- m. Veterans Services Officer
- n. Emergency Management Coordinator

Motion made by Commissioner Williams to accept the consent agenda with a second by Commissioner Sullivan. Motion Carried 5-0.

5. Consider and Act on Subdivision Variance, and related matters – Gerald Hale addressed the court. Keith and Brenda Brooks are selling a house just south of Tim Spradley to Spradley's daughter and future son-in-law. Variance from subdivision regulations have been provided along with the appropriate application fees. There is no intention of subdividing any other portion of the property. Judge Johnson moved to approve the variance with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Williams abstained as he is related to the seller.
6. Public Hearing Regarding Adoption of Guidelines and Criteria, and related matters – Jeffery Allen addressed the court. Establishing uniform guidelines for tax abatement overview was read by Judge Johnson. Guidelines that were in place sunset every two years making this hearing necessary. Judge Johnson moved to recess the Commissioners' Court to go into a public hearing with a second from Commissioner Williams. Motion carried 5-0. No audience participation. Judge Johnson moved to close the public hearing at 9:17 with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion 5-0. Judge moved to return to commissioner court with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Consider and Act on Guidelines and Criteria Pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, and related matters – Jeffrey Allen noted that the provided guidelines are standard. Threshold of 2 permanent fulltime employees is included in the guidelines. Application is designed to hit all the high points with leaving the Commissioners' Court the ability to adjust via vote after reviewing a specific application. County Attorney Bill Malone noted that he had made a few suggestions/revisions, but he has no objections to the agreement. Malone's changes were made and a new revision will be sent. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the guidelines as presented with a second from Commissioner Sullivan. Motion passed 4-1 with Judge Johnson voting against. Subsequent steps must be taken at this time. Reinvestment zones will be established by a special posting when an application is received.
8. Consider and Act Resolution for Texas Indigent Defense Commission grant program, and related matters – Yearly approval required by the Court. Amount of grant is determined by population. Judge Johnson moved to approve as presented with a second by Commissioner Williams. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Consider and Act on Mills IT Acceptable Use Policy, and related matters – David Sons of Goldsmith addressed the Court. This document comes from the IT Committee. The policy would be signed by the department heads and will set guidelines for things that can be used and/or not completed on County provided IT. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the policy as presented with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.
10. Discussion of Grants with EMC David Shaw, and related matters – David Shaw addressed the Court with regards to grants that he has applied for with regards to Mills County. One grant was requested in the amount of \$13,432. for the sheriff's office. This was approved, has been signed and accepted for the sheriff to use. The second grant from State Homeland Security is still on hold. Monies have not been released from the state. We were originally approved for 15,900 but possibly the amounts will be increased. Discussion only.
11. Discussion of MOU from ICE regarding 287G Policy, and related matters – Sheriff Jones addressed the court. New House Bill 8 required local law enforcement to cooperate with ICE to promote public safety. This bill puts procedures in place that after illegal aliens are apprehended there is a policy to transfer the defendant into ICE custody. There will be some training for jailers to complete the requirements of the new bill. Discussion only.

12. Discussion of Request for Proposal for Mills County Law Enforcement Cameras, and related matters – Sheriff Jones and David Sons addressed the Court with regards to a new RFP for appropriation of new cameras for the Law Enforcement Center. This is being presented for review only and would be brought to the next meeting for approval so the process may begin. This will be placed on the next agenda. Questions can be directed to David Sons and he will coordinate with Sheriff Jones.

13. Discussion of 35<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Order Setting Salary of Official Court Reporter and Appointing Same, and related matters – This has been included in our budget but being presented as required by law. Discussion only.

14. Commissioners' Reports and Requests:

Commissioner Sullivan, Pct. 1 – working on 315 hauling materials. Starting on 318 and 317.

Commissioner Head, Pct. 2 – have repaired all the wash outs from the July 4<sup>th</sup> rain. Have worked on roads. Installed tin horns. Will be filling up extremely deep ditches

Commissioner Partin, Pct. 3 – too dry to blade right now. Installed large tin horn. Many meetings with TxDot with regards to 508 (officially closed.) Active construction was supposed to start today. Many meetings on the Hoof and Horns protentional subdivision.

Commissioner Williams, Pct. 4 – repaired culvert on 527 that was damaged with telephone coop damaged it installing fiber. Hauling on 508. Getting too dry to blade now. Added material to rough places. Requesting the Mac truck and hauling trailer this week. Trailer has had a flat that destroyed the lights. Commissioner Partin noted that we need to get back to the schedule for trailers.

15. County Judge's Report– SB 22, need to start working on compliance reports for 2025. More fire danger with this dry weather. County Clerk reminds people that early voting starts October 20-31 excluding Saturday and Sunday. Please see the county website for hours.

16. Adjournment -Judge Johnson moved to adjourn; Commissioner Head provided the seconded. Motion carried 5-0.



Sonya Scott, County Clerk  
Mills County Clerk



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