

Mills County  
Commissioners Court Minutes  
July 31, 2025  
Workshop – 10 00 am  
No Action Taken – Discussion Only

This regular session of the Mills County Commissioners Court opened in due form of law at 10 00am 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, Jason Williams, Deputy Clerk Shawnee Martinez and County Liaison Officer Brittany Hammond

- 1 Opening Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
- 2 Audience with Individuals – N/A
- 3 Discussion on Red River Clean Energy (Chisme Solar & Storage Project) Presentation provided by Bill Pentek

Mike Luo – President of Red River Clean Energy

Don Battenfielder – Red River Clean Energy Project manager

Mike Fry – Tax Consultant of Red River Clean Energy

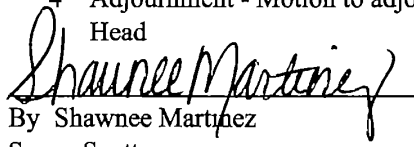
Connor Danahy – Jr Tax Consultant of Red River Clean Energy

What is being covered

- About “abatements” (or Pilot) – which means a payment in lieu of taxes. An abatement is a flexible economic development tool to reduce unemployment, strengthen businesses and increase tax revenue. The pilot that is being asked of Mills County has a limited duration of 10 years.
- Why does a pilot make sense for Mills County? – Guaranteed revenue and long-term certainty, that locks in predictable annual payments and with a no risk of future devaluation. Pilot's terms are negotiated locally in which Mills County can structure the agreement.
- Why is Red River asking for a pilot? Investment committees fund the projects that satisfy their fiduciary responsibility to their investors. The Chisme project needs some tax relief to viably compete with their solar farms (and Priddy Wind) in the ERCOT market and must be competitive with other solar projects that have received abatements.
- A copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be given to the court.
- At commission, Red River will donate the funds to Mullin VFD to purchase a good, used fire pumper for their station. The company stated this will lower ISO ratings saving each citizen hundreds, or thousands of dollars per year in lower insurance premiums.

Solar Value see statute 23 26

4 Adjournment - Motion to adjourn made by Judge Johnson with a second from Commissioner  
Head



By Shawnee Martinez  
Sonya Scott,  
County Clerk, Mills County Texas



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