

**Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
December 8, 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, Treasurer Summer Campbell and via zoom, Annette Watson and Kim Avants.

AGENDA

Meeting called to order 9:01 AM

1. Opening Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.
2. Review and Act on Minutes of November 24, 2025
 - Motion to table minutes until next Commissioner Court December 15, 2025, by Judge Johnson with a second from Commissioner Head.

Motion carried 5-0

3. Audience with individuals. N/A

4. Review and Act on Accounts Payable.

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

Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Monthly County Treasurer Report
- b. MCAD Monthly Collection Report
- c. County/District Clerk Report
- d. County Tax Collector-Assessor Report
- e. County Extension Report
- f. Facilities Report
- g. Sheriff's Office
- h. Justice of the Peace
- i. County Judge's Receipts
- j. Hamilton EMS
- k. Veterans Service Officer
- l. Emergency Management Coordinator
- Motion to approve consent agenda made by Commissioner Head with a Second from Commissioner Sullivan.

Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION AGENDA

5. Consider and Act on Outdoor Burning and Fireworks Ban. (December Fireworks Season), and related matters.

- David Shaw concurred with Mills County fire chiefs , fuel moisture is above the normal range which shows low concerns. Judge Johnson presented reminder to call local sheriff department is burning a large brush pile and refraining from burning on windy days to avoid any issues.

- Motion to leave the burn ban off as is by Commissioner Williams with a second from Commissioner Head.

Motion carried 5-0.

6. Discussion on Tax Abatement for Blue Heron Solar, LLC, and related matters.

- Bill Pentak, Steve Wolavar and Jeff Allen present by via zoom. Mr. Allen stated he and his partners are discussing the tax increase/decrease for the next ten years to get a number for the court. Judge Johnson addressed that the proposed estimated revenue with no abatement is roughly \$8.7 million , with the suggested pilot full abatement the suggested rate with a 20% is \$6.9 million. Commissioner Head questioned suggested pilot for Road and Bridge, Mr. Allen recommended that the INS taxes should not be included and would not affect any bond the county has at this time. All rates that have been presented to commissioner's court from Mr. Allen do not include the INS tax rate. Commissioner Williams questioned Mr. Allen if the depreciation rate was on production or physical side, answered on the physical side only. Confirmation will be given. Mr. Allen requested an open meeting , face to face to discuss each line item with the court all agreed and suggested next commissioner's court on December 15, 2025. Commissioner Head asked Mr. Allen for discretion in the contract and if changes can be made, answer is yes, which is another reason why he would like to meet face to face. Commissioner Partin questioned the bottom out at 20% depreciation at the end of eight years, regardless of how the area is appraised it is a black and white number that can be referenced.

7. Consider and Act on Material Aggregate Bids, and related matters. – No bids were presented to the court.

No action to be taken.

8. Consider and Act on Fuel Bids, and related matters. – No bids were presented to the court.

No action to be taken.

9. Consider and Act on Joint Primary Election Services Contract, and related matters.

- Motion to approve Joint Primary Election Service Contract by Judge Johnson with a second from Commissioner Head.

Motion carried 5-0.

10. Commissioners Request and Reports

Precinct 1 – Commissioner Craig Sullivan - Work continued county road 317, radiator went out on freightliner was able to buy another part and get installed.

Precinct 2 – Commissioner Robert Head – Hauled material on 312, bladed south end of precinct and will begin hauling RAP (Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement) this week.

Precinct 3 – Commissioner Dale Partin – Blading and hauling dirt , bridge on county road 508 is coming along. Bridge itself is built but still needs guardrails, estimated time to complete this project is end of year 2025.

Precinct 4 – Commissioner Jason Williams – Safety meeting was held Friday December 6, 2025, for the Precinct 4 crew. There will only be one road hand and commissioner present until the end of the year, so please be patient with the work being done. Both roads that go into the swinging bridge were bladed last week.

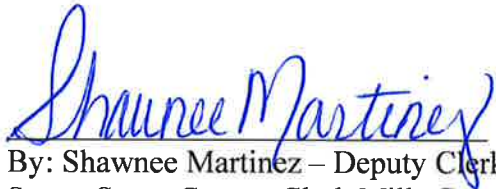
11. County Judge's Report. – Past weekend Christmas parade was held; gratitude was given to all those who helped and involved.

12. Adjournment

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 am.


By: Shawnee Martinez – Deputy Clerk

Sonya Scott, County Clerk Mills County



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