

Mills County

Commissioners Court Special Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2025

This Special Meeting session of the Mills County Commissioners Court opened in due form of law at 9:00 a.m. in the Mills County Commissioners' Courtroom located at 1011 4th Street, Goldthwaite, Texas 76844.

Present in the Courtroom: County Judge Jett Johnson, Commissioners Craig Sullivan, Robert Head, Dale Partin and Jason Williams for a legal quorum. Also present for the meeting are County Attorney Bill Malone, County Treasurer Summer Campbell, County Deputy Clerk Joy Nowell, Sheriff James Jones and David Shaw – Emergency Management Coordinator. Via zoom – Kim Avants, Jackie Brooks.

Agenda:

1. Opening – Pledge of allegiance & Prayer

Judge Jett Johnson called the meeting to order noting the presence of a quorum. As stated, this is the first court for the year 2025 and corrected by Commissioner Jason Williams it's the second meeting of the year. Welcoming the New Elected Officials – County Attorney Bill Malone, Sheriff James Jones and County Precinct Commissioner Craig Sullivan. Judge Jett Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioner Jason Williams providing the opening prayer.

2. Audience with Individuals – None

3. Consider an Act on approving Accounts Payable.

The County Judge stated we are meeting today to review accounts payable. Treasurer Summer Campbell is busy with auditors and the stock show going on. Motion made by to approve the accounts payables commissioner Robert Head and seconded by County Judge Jett Johnson. Carried 5-0.

4. Consider and Act on Reinstating the Burn Ban

County Judge Jett Johnson spoke to the dispatcher the day before yesterday, they had another fire in the Goldthwaite and Mullin fire department. Dispatch reported 12 calls of fires in two weeks. San Saba and Lampasas have recently put on their burn ban. David Shaw -Emergency Management Coordinator can explain KBDI index numbers 575 and 550. Once KBDI reaches 550 is possible to consider a burn ban. David Shaw generally what we do in a emergency management for the State of Texas. We look at the KBDI and we try to train Emergency Management Coordinators on the local levels. When you get to level says 550 level starts a trigger mark. At 575 that's a good indicate to state to come together touch base with your fire chiefs to see what going on and check with the Texas Forestry Service data. And put on a burn ban. Government code 325 and 418 allows the Judge to put on a burn ban for only 7 days. County Judge Jett Johnson talked to three fire chiefs in favor of putting on burn ban. Commissioner Dale Partin would like to wait until Monday to put on burn ban. Motion made to put on burn ban by County Judge Jett Johnson and seconded Commissioner Craig Sullivan. Carried 4-0. Commissioner Dale Partin voted no. Commissioner Jason Williams won't be able to turn signs on the TXDOT highways. Commissioner Dale Partin is that the TXDOT responsibly or ours. Commissioner Jason Williams asked that question 14 years ago when he got in office to the TXDOT. They said that it is our responsibility to turn the burn ban signs.

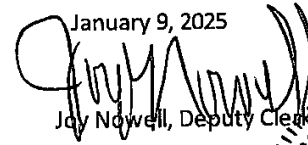
5. County Judge Jett Johnson got an email from Comptroller Office Joanna Ramirez on Bill Malone's supplement amount. Will be getting a prorated amount of \$23,333.33 and annual supplement of \$35,000.00. The \$23,333.00 will end August 31, 2024. Treasurer Summer Campbell says no budget amended just a change in payroll. Motion made to table this budget amendment for new county attorney by Commissioner Jason Williams and seconded by Commissioner Dale Partin. Carried 5-0.

6. Adjourn.

Before we adjourn by Commissioner Jason Williams, I didn't mention on Moore Service is the last bill for \$512.00 on a computer system. Does not work. And going to talk to Moore Service about this.

Motion made to adjourn Commissioner Robert Hear and seconded by County Judge Jett Johnson.

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Joy Nowell, Deputy Clerk

