

Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
Regular Session
January 12, 2026– 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 4th 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, and Sheriff James Jones; present via Zoom: Court Coordinator Annette Watson, Justice of the Peace – Kim Avants, Jay Dyer – Also with TCDRS and Richard Ashcraft - TCDRS. 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 December 15, 2025 (regular meeting and workshop meeting) and December 29, 2025–Commissioner Williams moved to accept as presented with the second from Judge Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Audience with Individuals – none
4. Review and Act on Accounts Payable –Judge Johnson moved to accept as presented with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.

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

5. Consider and Act on Peace Officer Training Reimbursement Agreement with Danner L Eudy, and related matters – Sheriff Jones addressed the Court regarding this matter. Latest new hire would like to participate in the program. We have used this program in the past with great success. Discussion on regarding payment of training and meals. Discussion of sign-on bonuses instead of paying for training. This hire will make the Sheriff's department fully staffed. Citations are up approximately 500 from last year. New investigator is seasoned and doing a great job along with all other deputies. Judge Johnson moved to approve the training with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Consider and Act on extending submission dates on camera bids for LEC, and related matters - David Sons of Goldsmith addressed the Court. Holidays caused a slight delay in answering questions on the bid for cameras. Sons would like to add two weeks to the bid process in order to allow all vendors an opportunity to provide accurate bids. Propose to open bids in the next Commissioner Court. Commissioner Williams moved to extend the submission dates for the camera bids with a second from Commissioner Sullivan. Motion 5-0.

7. Consider and Act on hardware recycling from the Sheriff's Department, and related matters – David Sons and Sheriff Jones addressed the court regarding the computers and accessories that are outdated and need to be destroyed. Judge Johnson moved to approve with a second from Commissioner Williams. Motion passed 5-0

8. Consider and Act on declaring four metal halide light bulbs as scrap, and related matters – Judge Johnson moved to declare as scrap with a second by Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Consider and Act on reinstating the Burn Ban, and related matters. - Judge Johnson has spoken to 4 Fire Chiefs and all agree to reinstate the Burn Ban. David Shaw also addressed the Court that surrounding counties are reinstated as well. Judge Johnson moved to reinstate the burn ban with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Discussion of FEMA project status, and related matters – David Shaw addressed the Court. Updated status worksheet provided. Currently in phase 5 of the 7 stages of a FEMA submission. All projects are completed. Expect the county to receive approximately 5.2 million dollars for the work that has been done and or needs to be completed. Shaw will be presenting binders to all court members and the treasure to document the process. Discussion only.

11. Consider and Act on Texas Historical Commission Application/Installation for AED Wall Cabinet, and related matters – David Shaw addressed the Court. Have discussed installing an AED device for the Courthouse and one for the Sheriff's Department. Have acquired the devices and the cabinet that holds the device. Guy Burns will install the cabinet/device. Will be installed outside the Judge's office. Training will be provided to all employees. Purchased with Grant funding. Judge Johnson moved to approve the application with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Consider and Act on amending Mills County Mitigation Plan, and related matters. David Shaw addressed the Court. Mills County has an approved Mitigation plan that we approved last year. Have added an action item and updated the cost. Document provided that when signed from the Judge will be sent to the Texas Division of Emergency Management for approval. This will streamline the process when we need to apply for emergency funds and can submit faster. Commissioner Williams moved to amend the Mills County Mitigation plan as presented with a second from Commissioner Partin. Motion carried 5-0.

13. Consider and Act on Accepting RAP material from TxDOT, and related matters. Judge Johnson provided that there is approximately 13,000 pounds (682 cubic yards of RAP on the Mills County Brown line. Commissioner Williams noted that Lampasas County turned down the material. Discussion on math of what is provided. Judge Johnson will reach out to TxDOT regarding how much Mills County is supposed to receive. Commissioner Williams moved to table this item until further information is received. Commissioner Head provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

14. Discussion on TCDRS, and related matters – Taken out of order – Richard Ashcroft of TCDRS addressed the Court. Our program for retirement is at approximately 90.9% funded and the plan looks great. Discussion only.

15. Consider and Act on Surety Bond for Julie Fincher, and related matters – Judge Johnson moved to approve with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.

16. Consider and Act on Surety Bonds for District and County Clerk, Sonya Scott, and related matters- Judge Johnson moved to approve the bond with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-+0.

17. Consider and Act on Appointment of Joe Brooks to the Development District of Central Texas (DDCT) Board, and related matters – Judge Johnson noted that he had received a request from the district to provide a member (preferably 2) for the economic development strategy. Judge Johnson has asked several and found that people were not that interested. Joe Brooks has agreed to do this appointment. Not aware of Mills County participating in the past. Commissioner Williams will abstain as he is related to Joe Brooks. Commissioner Williams also noted that the website list Dexter Morris of Mullin is an active Board member. Johnson moved to appoint Joe Brooks with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion Carried 4-0.

18. Consider and Act on Budget Line-item Transfer, and related matters – Judge Johnson provide that he did not need to have this on Commissioner Court at this time. No action taken.

19. Discussion on Courthouse Maintenance Projects, and related matters – Guy Burns address the Court. Court needs to prioritize the work that needs to be completed. The leaks on the South wall are causing most of the issues. Mortar work is needed and some of the steps and sidewalks need to be repaired. Some work on the 1888 jail is also needed. Burns offered that there is a grant to help pay for repairs on restored courthouses. Finding contractors has been very difficult. Commissioners would like to see bids.

20. Commissioners' Reports and Requests:

Commissioner Sullivan, Pct. 1 – working on CR 330, hauling material and packing it down. Working on 317 and will start on 315 soon.

Commissioner Head, Pct. 2 – tried to shred some bar ditches. Installing tin horns on 312. Worked around the shop too.

Commissioner Partin, Pct. 3 - RAP on 100 and 500. Close to complete by the end of this week. CR 508 bridge work is coming along.

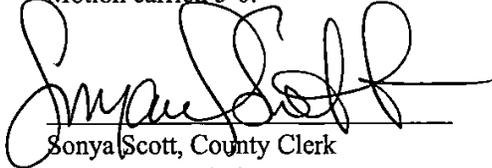
Commissioner Williams, Pct. 4 – have been helping pct 3 on roads. One road hand will be posting for the opening to hire replacement. Hard to find someone with a CDL. Have money for schools and training but did not budget for paying for a person to get their CDL. Cost of obtaining the

CDL is approximately \$5,000 and is a 4-week course. On the 27th, there is mandatory HR training for all elected officials.

15. County Judge's Report- Starting a new year. Optimistic for the year ahead.

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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