

Mills County  
Commissioners Court Minutes  
January 26, 2026  
Workshop – 9 00 am  
No Action Taken – Discussion Only

This regular session of the Mills County Commissioners Court opened in due form of law at 9 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, County Attorney Bill Malone, Sheriff James Jones and Emergency Management Coordinator David Shaw Present Via Zoom were Deputy Clerk Shawnee Martinez , County & District Clerk Sonya Scott, Deputy Clerk Joy Nowell and County Liaison Officer Brittany Hammond

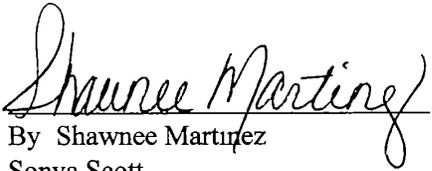
Meeting called to order 9 56 AM

- 1 Opening Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
- 2 Audience with Individuals – N/A
- 3 Discussion on Mills County EMC Operations and Grants, and related matters
  - David Shaw pointed out to the court that many of the items on the list provided did not all have to be addressed today and could be taken up on a later date Commissioner Williams addressed that when opening the position for the Emergency Management Coordinator, descriptions of duties were agreed on Commissioner Williams then expressed that not all commissioners are not aware of what to do in an emergency state Other counties have been reaching out to Mills County Commissioners on how FEMA (The Federal Emergency Management Agency) works, with questions that directly for Emergency Management Coordinator Mr Shaw informed the court of all the work that has been done behind the scenes of FEMA on Emergency Management programs Commissioner Williams mentioned how informative training was a few years ago that he attended All parties of the court agreed that the Emergency Director should have a radio for communication Commissioner Partin and Clerk Sonya Scott both expressed how the county employees would benefit from 1<sup>st</sup> Aide and basic life skills training Sheriff Jones offered to provide and house this said trainings at the Mills County Law Enforcement Center Emergency Management Coordinator David Shaw addressed concerns and wants from the court and mentioned he would be more than happy to put these in motion with the full support of the court First responders must be able to always communicate with Mills County dispatches, especially during emergencies For Motorola services to come out and fix said issues, there must be commitment At this point in time, Mills County cannot provide the basic communication needed, as the county continues to grow, using the same type of radios and or systems would greatly improve outcomes and safety Commissioner Partin stated just how expensive technology is as Commissioner Williams agreed and addressed the court with the many unfunded mandates the state is asking for of school districts, counties etc David Shaw touched on the emergency protocols that have begun to be put in place for Goldthwaite Elementary, everyone involved but be informed and follow all protocols that are to be taken in order all this specific action to work smoothly Sheriff Jones shared how important mitigation for radio services truly are counties must be at certain levels to qualify for most grants The Uvalde

Strong Act now requires more from school districts and law enforcement agencies regarding safety and communication measures, he then stated how the state is becoming more aware on how many small counties are unable to follow certain mandates due to funding At this time the county must become more compliant with mandates to qualify for grants David Shaw is requesting that the court come together as one and support the changes to come Training can be provided with the commitment from all county's employees on attendance It was requested to allocate in the budget to have for grants , it would greatly benefit the county to have a mechanism for situations The goal for Mr Shaw is to eventually hire and train a part-time employee to be able and ready to step up when the time comes Code Red system that is now in place will soon expire due to funds, which means there will be no type of communication or with the Mills County Citizens There will be two presentations from two separate companies who can provide communication services to the public, which David Shaw will share with the court if able to attend Many systems are available and each have a price, it was requested that the county come together and come to an agreement on practices that can be put in place Emergency Management Coordinator David Shaw and the Commissioners' Court agreed on scheduling workshops monthly

4 Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned 10 59 AM

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



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