

Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
August 19, 2024 – 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: Judge Jett Johnson, Commissioners Williams, Partin, Head and Wright, County Clerk – Sonya Scott, Treasurer – Summer Campbell, Justice of the Peace – Kim Avants, and County Attorney Gerald Hale. Present via Zoom: Jacki Brooks.

The meeting is available to the public to view on the Mills County YouTube channel.

1. Judge Johnson called the meeting to order noted the presence of a quorum; Judge Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioner Williams providing the opening prayer.
2. Review of minutes August 12, 2024, and August 14, 2024- Commissioner Wright moved to approve the minutes with a second from Judge Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Audience with Individuals – none
4. Public Hearing on County Budget for 2024-2025 - Judge Johnson moved to recess Commissioners Court to a public hearing with a second from Commissioner Williams at 9:04 am. Motion carried 5-0. No audience. Judge Johnson moved to close the public hearing and return to the regular session of Commissioner Court. Commissioner Wright provided the second. Motion carried 5-0 at 9:05.
5. Consider and Act approving Salaries and Allowances of Elected officials - Judge Johnson moved to approve the salaries for elected officials with a second from Commissioner Wright Motion carried 5-0.
6. Consider and Act on 2024-2025 County Budget - Judge Johnson moved to approve with a second from Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Consider and Act on Tax Rate – Judge Johnson moved to approve the tax rate as presented with a second from Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Consider and Act on 2025 Holidays and Regular Commissioners' Court schedules - Judge Johnson proposed to add Columbus day as a regular holiday and retain the 2 floating holidays. Commissioner Williams asked how does adding this holiday effect the Sheriff's Department and budget that we just passed. Commissioner Partin noted that there is a generous package already in place and work to be done. Commissioner Williams moved to remove the Columbas day holiday and have 11 set holidays with 2 floating holidays. Judge Johnson provided the second. Motion carried 5-0. Judge Johnson noted that the Commissioners Court calendar will be adjusted accordingly.

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9. Consider and Act on County Treasurer Software – Treasurer provided that the cost is \$1700 per month for 2 users. 3rd quarter of next year is the expected go-live date. There is no conversion cost. Judge Johnson moved to approve the software with a second from Commissioner Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Consider and act on copy leases for County/District Clerk, County Treasurer, and Veteran Services Officer offices – Discussion on current and future of copiers as recommended by the IT/Security committee meetings. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the copy leases as presented. Commissioner Head provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Consider and Act on fence and retaining wall at the Law Enforcement Center - Commissioner Partin and Head met with potential contractor on this project. Mr. Coronado provided a quote. Commissioner Head moved to accept the bid from Mr. Coronado at \$4700 with the concrete being charged to the county and half of the cost paid up front to the contractor. Cost will be from the Sheriff's Office equipment line. A second was provided by Commissioner Partin. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Commissioners' Request and Reports -

Commissioner Precinct 1 – still working on flood damage. Mowing county rights-of-way.

Commissioner Precinct 2 – worked on county roads, added tin horns, hauled material, working on flood damage and maintenance on equipment.

Commissioner Precinct 3 – working on FEMA, too dry to do much road work. Have been shredding bar ditches and rights-of-way. Maintenance on equipment.

Commissioner Precinct 4 – moving equipment, blading, will be installing culverts. Will be working on flood damage.

13. County Judge's Report – Budget has taken a lot of time and teamwork. Extreme fire risk danger.

14. Commissioner Wright moved to adjourn; seconded by Judge Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.


Sonya Scott
Mills County Clerk

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