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IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF  
MILLS COUNTY, TEXAS

DEC 13 2021

**ORDER ADOPTING REDISTRICTING PLAN  
FOR COMMISSIONERS COURT PRECINCTS**  
SONYA SCOTT County & District Clerk  
Mills County, Texas

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 29th day of November 2021, came on to be considered the issue of periodic redistricting of county political boundaries. This Court has given deliberate consideration to the legal issues and of governmental duties-imposed law.

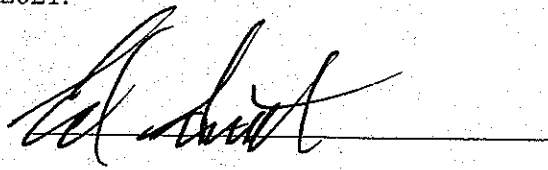
This Court has received an Initial Assessment for the purpose of making a preliminary determination of population distribution between the four commissioners court precincts, and the obligation to comply with "one-person-one vote" balance as required by applicable state and federal law. This assessment has been filed in the minutes of this Court, and is incorporated by this reference as Exhibit 1, Initial Assessment. A finding, based upon this assessment, recognized the legal duty to redraw political boundaries to comply with applicable law, and a copy of this finding is entered into the minutes of this court, by which reference this prior finding is incorporated into this Order of the Commissioners Court, Exhibit 2, Order Requiring Redistricting.

After convening in Public Hearing for comment upon any and all proposed plans, and after meeting in open session for the purpose of considering alternatives available to the County modification of existing political boundaries in a manner designed to achieve both acceptable levels of numerical balance between the four commissioners court precincts, and to protect the voting rights of all residents of Mills County, the Commissioners Court has determined to adopt the redistricting plan attached to this Order in map and data form, Exhibit 3, Proposal J. At a later date, this Court will receive a more complete description of this plan, including a map depiction of all new political boundaries, polling places, and election precinct boundaries. This

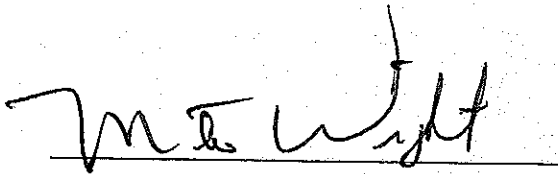
supplemental order will be taken up and considered by the Court after public notice as required by law.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Redistricting Plan depicted in the maps and data attached to this Order are hereby APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Commissioners Court of Mills County, Texas. The Redistricting Plan adopted by this Order shall be effective on January 1, 2022, and for all subsequent elections until changed or modified by later Order of this Court.

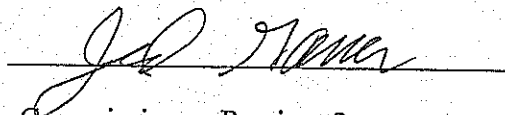
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County Judge, Mills County



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Commissioner, Precinct 2

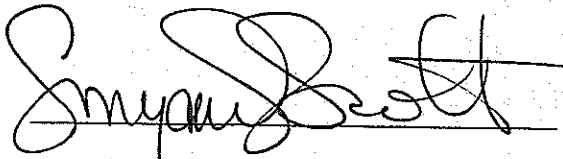


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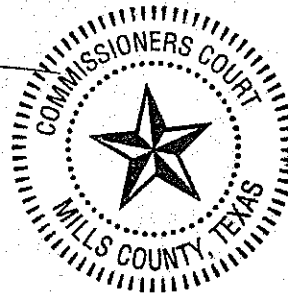


Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:



County Clerk, Ex Officio Clerk of the  
Mills County Commissioners Court



**Exhibit 1**

**Mills County Commissioner Precincts**

Initial Assessment from 2020 Census

Commissioner Precinct	Voting Precinct	2020 Census	Ideal population 25%	Variance from ideal		
				#	%	
1	1	1,139	1,114	25	2%	
2	2,4	1,185	1,114	71	6%	
3	6,8	977	1,114	(137)	12%	
4	9,11	1,155	1,114	41	4%	
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,456</b>	<b>4,456</b>	-		
total Maximum deviation (sum of all %, ignoring +/- signs)					25%	

**Modeling Scenarios**

Initial Assessment from 2020 Census

Commissioner Precinct	Voting Precinct	2020 Census	Redistricting Adjustments	Remodeled Precinct Population	Ideal population 25%	Variance from ideal	
						#	%
1	1	1,139	-18	1,121	1,114	7	1%
2	2,4	1,185	-75	1,110	1,114	(4)	0%
3	6,8	977	100	1077	1,114	(37)	3%
4	9,11	1,155	-7	1148	1,114	34	3%
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,456</b>			<b>4,456</b>	-	
total Maximum deviation (sum of all %, ignoring +/- signs)						7.36%	

Redistricting Compliance Testing (pass/fail)

**PASS**

Option J

Exhibit 2

IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF  
MILLS COUNTY, TEXAS

**FINDINGS OF FACT REGARDING POLITICAL BOUNDARIES  
OF MILLS COUNTY, TEXAS  
FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF 2020 CENSUS DATA  
AND  
ORDER FOR REDISTRICTING OF POLITICAL BOUNDARIES**

On the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021, the Commissioners Court of Mills County met in called session, having posted notice of said meeting in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

The Commissioners Court of Mills County has conducted an Initial Assessment of existing political boundaries of Mills County, following the issuance of census data by the United States Census Bureau. Attached to this Order, and incorporated herein for all purposes by reference, is a copy of the initial assessment. This assessment is based upon United States Census data.

Based upon the information, Mills County has a total maximum deviation of 24.6%. The term total maximum deviation is determined by dividing the total population of Mills County by four, the number of Commissioners Court precincts to determine an ideal precinct size. The actual population of each precinct is determined, based upon the official population date contained within the census count, as defined by Public Law 94-171. The actual population of each precinct is compared to the ideal precinct size, and a range of deviation by percentage is determined. Any total maximum deviation in excess of ten percent (10%) is presumptively unconstitutional under established federal law.

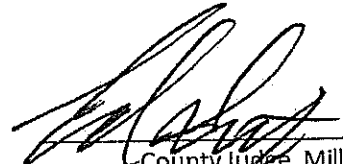
As a result of this determination, Mills County has a constitutional duty to redistrict its political boundaries so as to achieve "One-Person-One-Vote" numerical balance between the four commissioners court precincts at a legally acceptable margin of deviation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Commissioners Court of Mills County, Texas, finding that it has a legal duty to exist to redistrict, that the public interest will be served by redrawing the existing political boundaries of Mills County in such a manner as to comply with applicable state and federal law, the Commissioners Court hereby enters the following findings of fact and of law:

- Mills County has a total maximum deviation, as defined in the order, of 24.6%.
- Any total maximum deviation in excess of ten percent (10%) is presumptively unconstitutional under federal law.
- Mills County, acting by and through its Commissioners Court, is hereby resolved to undertake necessary and appropriate action to accomplish redistricting of existing commissioners court precincts, and any incidental modification of existing, consolidated, or newly created election precincts necessary to accomplish such redistricting.
- The Commissioners Court shall henceforth convene in open meetings, duly posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, to take up and consider one or more alternative plans for the legal redistricting of Mills County.

- After due consideration of one or more alternative plans, Mills County shall adopt a plan deemed to satisfy legal requirements, and which best suits the legitimate governmental needs of Mills County.
- Such plan shall be implemented for elections in the year 2022 and thereafter, or until a suitable substitute has been lawfully adopted.

Signed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.



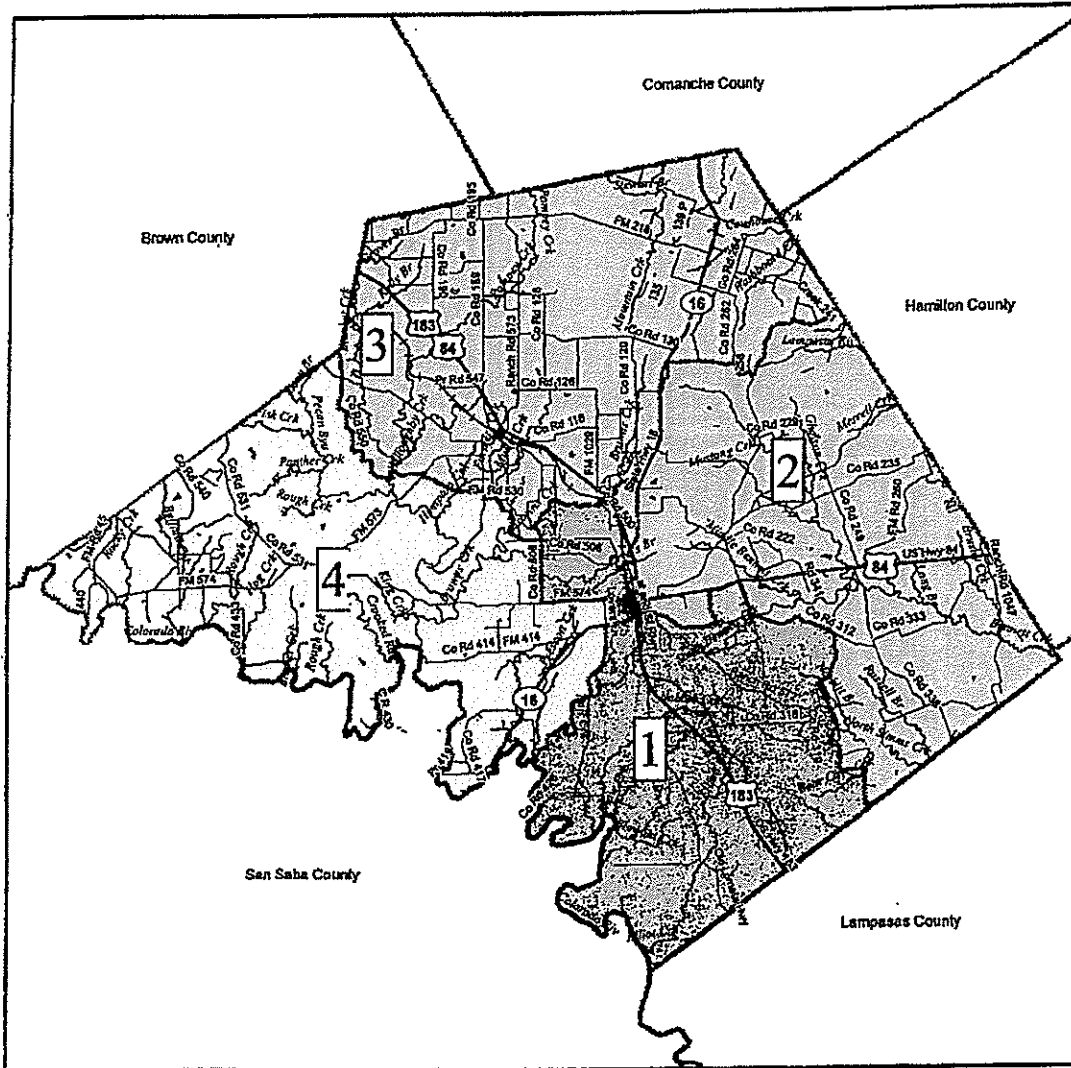
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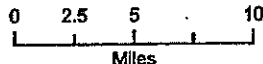
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## Initial Assessment based on 2020 Census

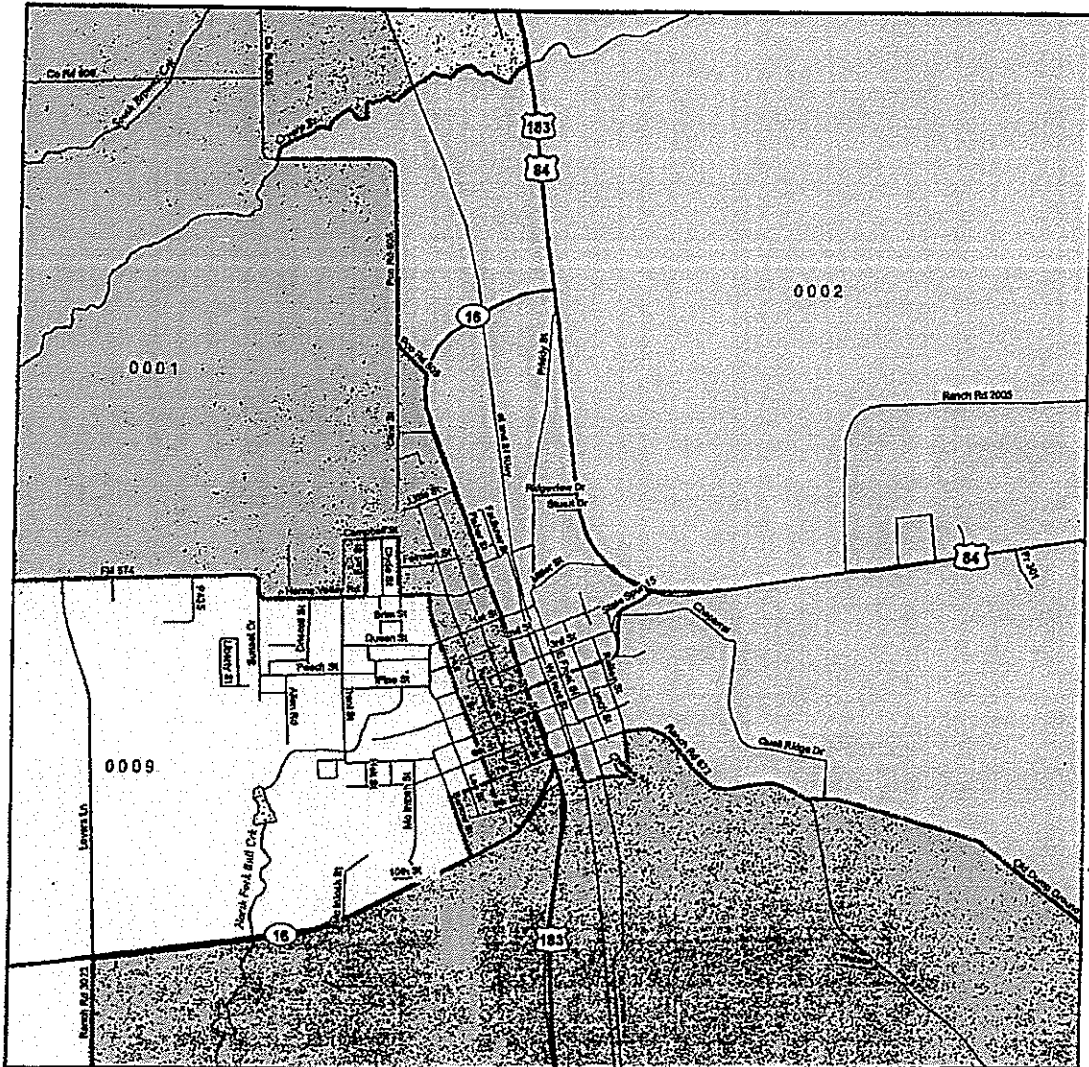
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4	9,11	1,155	1,114	41	4%
Total		4,456	4,456		
<b><i>total Maximum deviation (sum of all %, ignoring +/- signs)</i></b>					<b>24.60%</b>

# Exhibit 3



<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Commissioner Precinct 1</li><li> Commissioner Precinct 2</li><li> Commissioner Precinct 3</li><li> Commissioner Precinct 4</li></ul>	<h2>MILLS COUNTY</h2> <p>Proposed Plan Commissioner Precincts</p>	  <p>Miles</p>
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