

Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
February 14, 2022 – 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 Ed Smith, Commissioners Williams, Partin, Garren and Wright, County Attorney – Gerald Hale, County Clerk – Sonya Scott, Treasurer – Summer Campbell, Chief Deputy - Chris Green and Veterans Service Officer – Craig Wright. Present via Zoom: Jacki Brooks, The Goldthwaite Eagle, Ebony Jackson, and Justice of the Peace – Kim Avants.

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

1. Judge Smith called the meeting to order noted the presence of a quorum; Judge Smith led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioner Williams providing the opening prayer.
2. Review of minutes January 24, 2022 and January 31, 2022- Commissioner Williams made a correction to the Minutes on the 24th. Commissioner Garren moved to approve the minutes on January 24 with the noted correction with a second from Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the minutes of January 31 with a second from Commissioner Partin. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Audience with Individuals – none

Consent agenda – Consent Agenda:

- a) Monthly County Treasurer Report
- b) Accounts Payable and Payroll
- c) MCAD Monthly Collection Report
- d) County Clerk Report
- e) District Clerk Report – Clerk noted that there are some GL code errors that are being corrected.
- f) County Tax Collector – Assessor Report
- g) County Extension Report – Not available – will include on next agenda
- h) Sheriff's Office
- i) Justice of the Peace
- j) County Judge's Receipts
- k) Hamilton EMS
- l) Veterans Service Officer

Commissioner Garren moved to approve consent agenda with a second from Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Accept Exhibit D to Priddy Wind Abatement Agreement of November 25, 2020 - Exhibit shows the exact location of turbines, substations and the maintenance building. Judge Smith moved to accept as presented. Second from Commissioner Garren. Motion carried 5-0.

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5. Consider and Act on Resolution limiting regarding inmate medical payments -Mills County's Indigent Health administrator Ebony Jackson of Bell County Indigent Health addressed the Court on proposed resolution to prevent and resolve an inmate hospital bill in Brownwood following Hendrick's hospital acquisition of the Brownwood hospital. Mills County has not been able to get an agreement signed with the new hospital ownership and Ms. Jackson is working with a new contact on an agreement. The proposed resolution limiting County responsibility to Medicare Rates or rates negotiated by the Indigent Health administrator will help resolve the problem and may prevent future issues. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Garren provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Consider and Act on accepting the Sheriff's Office 2021 Racial Profiling report as required by Texas Occupations Code 1701.164 – Chief Deputy Green addressed the court with regards to this annual report. Commissioner Wright moved to approve with the second by Commissioner Williams. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Consider and Act on appointment of Election Judge – Clerk noted that Nancy Blackstock is no longer available to be Election Judge. Keith Evans has agreed to be Election Judge for voting precinct 11. Commissioner Williams moved to approve with the change noted and Commissioner Partin provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Consider and Act on Joint Election Agreement – Clerk noted that Goldthwaite is the only school that has requested to join the county in the May 7, 2022 election at this time. Judge Smith moved to approve the agreement with a second from Commissioner Williams. Motion passed 5-0.
9. Consider and Act on consolidating voting precincts – Motion from Commissioner Garren with the second from Commissioner Wright – Motion carried 5-0.
10. Consider and Act on Order of Special Elections – Judge Smith moved to approve with a second from Commissioner Garren. Motion carried 5-0.
11. Consider and Act on appointments to Mills County Child Welfare Board. – Due to COVID, the Board has had difficulty making the quorum requirements; therefore, the Board has decided to become a 9-member board. Codi McCarn and Jessica Head will be added as the new members. Motion from Commissioner Wright to approve the two proposed new board members with a second from Commissioner Garren. Motion carried 5-0.
12. Consider and Act to declare two fuel pumps as surplus to be sold at Auction – Commissioner Williams explained the pumps no longer work but could be used for parts or decoration. Commissioner Garren moved to declare the pumps surplus. Commissioner Partin provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.
13. Consider and Act to declare 50 used Maintainer blades as scrap to be sold to metal recycling yard. Commissioner Williams made a motion with a second from Commissioner Garren. Motion carried 5-0.
14. Consider and Act on posting bid request for road material, bid form and conflict form – Corrections to wording agreed to by Commissioners. Commissioner Partin made a motion to request bids for the County for road material with a second from Commissioner Garren. Motion carried 5-0.

15. Commissioner's Requests and Reports

Commissioner Wright, Pct. 1 – Ice last week. Bladed a little bit with the moisture. Clearing right-of-way.

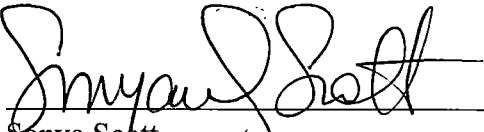
Commissioner Garren, Pct. 2 – graded roads with the moisture. Clearing ice and snow with the last storm. Commissioner Garren noted some complaints on Facebook about CR 259 and asked. residents call him if roads need attention. Do not use Facebook to request road work.

Commissioner Partin, Pct. 3 –The general contractor for the Priddy Wind Project, Blatner Construction, helped with road work. Will be picking up a precinct truck in May Texas.

Commissioner Williams, Pct. 4 – Some blading with moisture. Maintenance on haul truck.

12. Judge Smith – Almost completed the hail damage repair from last year's storm. Next Monday federal holiday. AMR meeting with Commissioner Partin this week to discuss outsourced EMS dispatching. Have not received a formal proposal from Hamilton County on dispatching services but have received verbal indications of interest.

13. Commissioner Williams moved to adjourn; Commissioner Garren seconded. Motion Carried 5-0.


Sonya Scott
Mills County Clerk



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