

Mills County  
Commissioners Court Minutes  
November 14, 2022 at 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 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Goldthwaite, Texas 76844.

Present in the Courtroom: Judge Jett Johnson, Commissioners Partin, Garren, and Williams, and Wright, County Attorney – Gerald Hale, Deputy County Clerk – Julie Fincher. Present via Zoom: Jacki Brooks and J.P. Kim Avants. See attendance sheet for audience listing.

1. Opening Pledge of Allegiance was led by Judge Johnson and Commissioner Williams provided the prayer.
2. Review and Act on Minutes of October 24, 2022. Commissioner Garren made the motion to accept the minutes as presented, Commissioner Williams 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 5-0
3. Audience with Individuals-Craig Wright spoke about the Veterans Day Presentation that was given at the Elementary and would like the county to recognize the school for their patriotism. Michael Sledge will wait until his item on the agenda.
4. Accounts Payable. The elevator phone line has not been changed with Goldsmith. A question on a \$1600 transaction for the fire department, will clear that up with Treasurer Summer Campbell. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve accounts payable Commissioner Garren 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 5-0

Consent Agenda:

- a) Monthly County Treasures Report
- b) MCAD Monthly Collection Report
- c) County Clerk Report
- d) District Clerk Report
- e) County Tax Collector-Assessor Report
- f) County Extension Report
- g) Sheriff's Report
- h) Justice of the Peace
- i) County Judge's Receipt
- j) Hamilton EMS
- k) Veterans Service Officer

There was a question on the Treasurer's Report. It was noted that the Sheriff's office has been very busy, and there were concerns on the EMS report and the length of time that it took to respond to a few of the calls.

Motion was made by Commissioner Williams to approve the consent agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Garren. Carried 5-0

5. Consider an Act on Burn Ban: Judge Contacted the Fire Chiefs and got their input on the burn ban. The Chiefs that he talked to saw no reason not to lift the Ban. Commissioner Williams made the motion to lift the burn ban. Judge Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 5-0
6. Consider and Act on adding Melissa Womack to the inmate commissary bank account. Commissioner Williams made the motion to add Melissa to the account. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Garren. Carried 5-0
7. Consider and Act on approval of bonds for Britney Cornelius and Tina Covault. Judge Johnson made to motion to approve the bonds. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Partin. Carried 5-0
8. Consider and Act on appointment for Mills Central Appraisal District Board. Commissioner Williams would like to step down at the end of his term on the board in December. Need to find a replacement for him. Will be thinking about who to appoint to the board. Tabled until next Commissioner's court. No action was taken
9. Consider an Act on Mills County authorization to issue request or proposals for administrative services (RFP) and request for qualifications (RFQ) for the Texas Community Development Block Grant administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Michael Sledge with Grant Works spoke on applying for a grant, guidelines and requirements. Grant Works will work hands on to help narrow down a project for the grant and the process of applying for the grant. Judge Johnson made the motion to move forward in applying for the grant, Commissioner Williams 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 4-1 with Commissioner Garren abstaining.
10. Consider and Act on Chapter 59 Asset Report for the Attorney General's Office. This discussion was tabled for 2 weeks.
11. Discussion on interlocal agreement with Mullin City Counsel. No Commissioner is opposed to helping the City of Mullin with some of their road repair as long as there is an interlocal agreement in place and will be put on a future agenda
12. Consider and Act on old EMS building. The Broker's opinion valued the building at 52,308 which is \$30 a square foot. Judge would like to lower the opening bid to \$43,650 which is \$25 a square foot. After discussion Judge Johnson made the motion to move forward with the public auction with starting bid at \$45,000 on Dec. 8, 2022 and Commissioner Garren to be the auctioneer. Commissioners Williams and Garren 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 5-0
13. Consider and Act on New EMS building. Guy gave updates, 201 Justice Lane is the assigned address. Discussed phone and internet service, Commissioner Williams will look in to that as far as who should be paying for the service and the cost of service. Will take approximately 36K to pave the parking lot. There was no action to be taken at this time.
14. Commissioners' Request and Reports
  - Pct 1: New hand that started
  - Pct 2: Grading roads
  - Pct 3: Completed 25K project on 549, hauled more base, will be running ad for a new road hand
  - Pct 4: Blading roads, maintainer could be here this week, get someone to check one of the trucks, will have a safety meeting for road hands this week. There was money left from TAC will get the hands gloves and vest maybe.

15. Judge's Report: was at the Civic Center and at Coleman for Veterans Day activities, Extended condolences on behalf of the County to Gerald Hale and the passing of his father.
16. Adjournment: Motion made by Commissioner Williams to adjourn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Garren. Carried 5-0

*Julie Fincher*



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Deputy Clerk Julie Fincher