

Mills County  
Commissioners Court Minutes  
February 28, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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, Sheriff Clint Hammonds, Chief Deputy - Chris Green and Debbie Grba. Present via Zoom: Jacki Brooks, The Goldthwaite Eagle, Jeff Allen – Wetzel, Carmichael & Allen, Michael Pritchard - Bluebonnet Wind, Barbara Boulware Wells - the Knight Law Firm, Patrick Cobb - Hamilton EMS, 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 February 14, 2022- Judge Smith moved to approve the minutes with t a noted typographical correction with a second from Commissioner Garren. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Audience with Individuals – none
4. Judge Smith moved to recess to a public hearing at 9:03 on the Proposed Amendment to the 2020 Blue Bonnet Wind Power with a second from Commissioner Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Hearing – Judge Smith outlined the proposed Amendment; William Kelsey of Swift Current Energy addressed the Court. No public participation. Judge Smith adjourned the public hearing. Court reconvened in regular session at 9:08 am.

5. Consider and Act on Castle Gap Road Use Agreement - Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Agreement. Commissioner Garren provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Consider and Act on amendment to December 2, 2020 Bluebonnet Wind Power Tax Abatement Agreement - Exhibit D provided to add to the agreement that was approved on December 2, 2020. Commissioner Garren moved to approve with the second by Commissioner Williams. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Consider and Act on Joint Election Agreement with Hamilton ISD - County Clerk reported that while Hamilton ISD has made a verbal request to participate with Mills County in the May 7, 2022 election, the proposed Agreement has yet to be received making the matter not ripe for consideration. This will come back to the Court when we have received the documentation in

writing. Commissioner Williams moved to table the item with a second from Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Consider and Act on Takings Impact Assessment for proposed subdivision ordinance - Barbara Wells addressed the Court. The factors in the assessment were discussed Judge Smith moved to approve the Taking Impact Assessment with a second from Commissioner Wright. Motion passed 5-0. A Public Hearing will on the proposed Subdivision Ordinance will be held April 14, 2022 following the required 30 days advance publication.

9. Consider and Act on participating in Texas Association of Counties Cybersecurity Training Program (TGC2054.5191) - Motion from Commissioner Williams with the second from Commissioner Garren – Motion carried 5-0.

10. Discuss EMS Dispatching - Judge Smith explained that CTCOG provides the 911 Public Service Answering System (PSAP) for the County. A one button transfer of an incoming 911 call is an option with the current PSAP system. If call is transferred to another PSAP system, the system data (map, location and voice) will also transfer. If the call is transferred to a non-PSAP, only the voice will transfer. Confirmation of map, location and other details will be required to be verified by voice. Meeting last week with American Medical Response (AMR). AMR met with Judge Smith and Commissioner Partin. County has been invited to come and view the AMR's call center in Lewisville. Two types of cost associated with all the disputing options: front end cost and monthly cost. Cost provided are estimates only -. \$30 per dispatched call, plus front end cost and additional cost for any reporting. AMR is licensed to provide emergency medical advice over the phone until the ambulance arrives. front end cost will vary transmitters, frequencies, repeaters and other technological needs to have communication between the dispatcher and the ambulances. The Court does not have a cut-off date from the Sheriff on his ceasing to dispatch EMS calls. Commissioner Garren asked if the Sherriff's budget could be adjusted to cover some of these cost the County would be forced to assume. Judge Smith replied affirmatively but noted that we do not have all the prices and details to make a decision Sheriff Hammonds entered the meeting at this point and stated the estimated time to stop dispatching is approximately 70 days. Sheriff Hammonds reported that the mapping data has not worked since the system was installed. Mapping is only a general location based on cell towers. Discussion only. No action.

11. Consider and Act on approving Accounts Payable - Motion from Commissioner Garren moved to approve with a second from Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Consider and Act on County Extension Report for January 2022 - Judge Smith moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Garren provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

13. Commissioners' Request and Reports -

Commissioner Precinct 1 - Cutting brush and working on equipment. Have been picking up lot of trash from county right of way. This takes a lot of time away from working on roads. 505, 100 and 427 have had lots of trash.

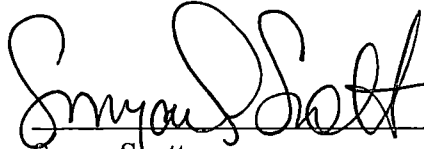
Commissioner Precinct 2 - Cutting brush, working on road use agreement with bluebonnet.

Commissioner Precinct 3 - finished installing 8 tin horns for the Indian Springs development. Reclaimed dirt did not hold up well under icy conditions. Have bladed to remove ruts. Material was too fine and did not hold up well under weather conditions. Possible to require new base when turbine projects are completed.

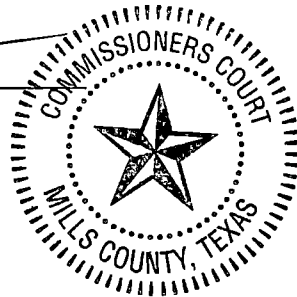
Commissioner Precinct 4 - Bladed roads, maintenance on equipment. Ebony Community Center meeting. Subdivision on 200 acres in the Ebony area that will be divided into 7-8 lots.

14. County Judge's Report - Free COVID vaccination clinic had 2 people show up. Have 885 fully vaccinated and boosted people in the county. District Court jury trial ongoing all last week and into this week. Both the Courthouse and surrounding parking is crowded and the Clerks office is stretched with a simultaneous primary election to administer.

15. Commissioner Wright moved to adjourn; Commissioner Williams seconded. Motion Carried 5-0.



Sonya Scott  
Mills County Clerk



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