

Mills County  
Commissioners Court Minutes  
April 25, 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, and Debbie Grba. Present via Zoom: Jacki Brooks, The Goldthwaite Eagle, Hamilton EMS, and Justice of the Peace – Kim Avants. See sign in sheet for public attendance.

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 April 11, 2022 and April 12, 2022- April 11 – Commissioner Garren moved to approve with noted correction from cattle guard to tin horn. Commissioner Williams provided the second. Motion carried 5-0. Minutes of April 12, 2022 – Commissioner Williams moved to approve the minutes as presented with a second from Commissioner Garren. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Audience with Individuals – none
4. Consider and Act on approving Accounts Payable – Motion to approve from Commissioner Wright with a second from Commissioner Williams. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Accept Donations:
  1. Castle Gap Wind Power LLC \$5,000.00
  2. IEA Management \$5,000.00

Clarified that the funds will go into the Precinct 2 donation line item. Motion from Commissioner Williams to accept the funds with a second from Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Consider and Act on purchase of equipment haul trailer – Commissioner Williams reported that Central Texas TeleCommunications has offered to sell the county a front-loading equipment haul trailer (\$10,000) and, separately, Accessories (\$1,000). The County owns a truck with a winch that is able to operate this type of trailer. A second option is a rear loading equipment trailer from Southwest Texas Truck and Trailer of Clyde, Texas (\$22,000.) The rear loading trailer is compatible with every haul truck in all precincts. After noting potential safety issues in loading heavy equipment via rear ramps, Commissioner Garren moved to purchase the CTTC trailer with a second from Commissioner Partin. Commissioners Partin, Williams and Garren voted for with Commissioner Wright voted against and Judge Smith abstained.

7. Discussion on common policy and pricing for installation of tin horns on county road. Commissioner Partin addressed the court with regards to the increase demands to install tin horns in the county. Historically landowners have provided the tin horns for installation and the County/Commissioner has installed. The installation has been a free service with only 2-3 tin horns installed per precinct per year. With the increase of subdivision activity in the county, Commissioner Partin has noted 8 tin horn installations on one county road in his precinct already this year. The estimated cost is between \$2,000-\$5,000 per tin horn with the inclusion of man hours, diesel, materials etc. Commissioner Wright is concerned about landowners installing tin horns correctly as to not cause road drainage issues. County Attorney noted that the county road right of way belongs to the county. If the County decides to allow land owners to install their own tin horns, the County needs to publish a policy with specifications noting size, installation, or other restrictions that need to be met. Commissioner Williams will work on a policy to present to the court for approval.

8. Consider and Act on Participating Agency Agreement with Capital Area of Texas Regional Advisory Council. - No representation from the Sheriff's office present except D Grba. Ms. Grba noted that we have had this agreement before and this may just be an extension of an existing agreement. Court had several questions regarding dates for agreement and cost that with no representation could not be addressed. Commissioner Partin made a motion to table with a second from Commissioner Garren. Judge Smith will discuss with Sheriff Hammonds for resolution and bring back to Court. Motion carried to table the item 5-0.

9. Consider and Act on Participation agreement with Tyler Technologies – District Clerk addressed the court on the Unified Case Management System that the Texas Courts Administration is requiring all counties to move to one of the three approved case management system within the next 5 years. The cost of the system is funded directly by the Texas Court Administration. If the county chooses to convert existing and/or historical case files, that would be a separate decision and have a cost associated with it and may be addressed in the next budget cycle. Judge Smith moved to approve of the participation agreement with a second from Commissioner Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Consider and Act on Final Plat for Rolling Oaks subdivision – The developer, Mr. Stepan addressed the court. Mr. Stepan requested conditional approval of the final plat pending the sign-off of surveyor Don King. Mr. Stepan provided that the final plat is marginally different from the preliminary plat approved by the court but the number of lots remains unchanged at 165. Following Commissioner Wrights concurrence on the road cost estimate, Judge Smith moved for approval of a road bond in the amount of \$1,246,800.00 and tabling of the final plat pending review by the County's designated surveyor. Second from Commissioner Garren. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Discussion of mid fiscal year Budget vs. Actual performance. – Power Point from Judge Smith presented to the Court.

12. Consider and Act on 911 Dispatching – Power Point presentation from Judge Smith with regards to status and actions. Judge Smith is requesting court approval to continue looking into options, regulatory contacts, additional providers etc. Commissioner Williams made a motion to

allow the Judge to do an exploratory search ad for 911 dispatcher and supervisor in the Eagle and other proposed actions, see slide for details – Commissioner Garren provided the second. Motion carried 5-0. Item will continue to be on future agendas.

13. Consider and Act on American Rescue Act revenue replacement election. – Federal Grant of \$942,000 that the county has received ½ of the funds to date and the balance expected in May 2022. Preliminary grant conditions required use of grant funds for pandemic related purposes. Revenue replacement definitions have changed and expanded over time. Now any county receiving less than 10 million automatically qualifies as revenue replacement and simplified reporting t. Annual reporting is due on April 30 and must reflect the revenue replacement election if the County wishes to use that election. Only need to report 2 lines of information if we choose the revenue replacement option. Judge Smith moved the County elect the revenue replacement option for ARA funds. Commissioner Garren provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Commissioners' Request and Reports -

Commissioner Precinct 1 – clearing right of ways, repairing damage from high winds. Have completed continuing education hours. Charlie Griffin has been hired to fill vacancy.

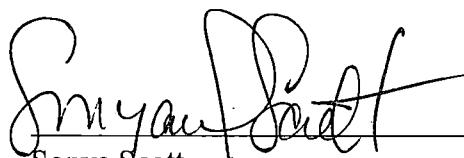
Commissioner Precinct 2 – working on 323, ditch work, road repair.

Commissioner Precinct 3 – have rock grinder – working well. Will be installing tin horns

Commissioner Precinct 4 – roads are too dry. Went to Lampasas to purchase material. Material was a good fit for the project. Need rain

9. County Judge's Report – Commissioners court in Lampasas County today is discussing regional DPS office expense allocations.

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

  
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Sonya Scott  
Mills County Clerk

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