

Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
July 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 4th Street, Goldthwaite, Texas 76844.

Present in the Courtroom: Judge Ed Smith, Commissioners Wright, Garren, Williams, Partin, County Attorney – Gerald Hale, Deputy County Clerk – Joy Nowell, and Treasurer – Summer Campbell, Randall Leonhard, Jeff Thigpen, Jett Johnson, Stephanie Brown, Anthony Pool. Present via Zoom: Jacki Brooks, Allison Ames, Jensen Mabe – TIPS, Kim Avants, Sonya Scott and The Goldthwaite Eagle. See attendance sheet for audience listing.

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 July 11, 2022 – Commissioner Partin noted item #10 should say Mullin instead of Priddy. Commissioner Williams made motion to accept change by Commissioner Partin. Commission Wright provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Audience with Individuals – none
4. Review and Act on Accounts Payable – Motion from Commissioner Williams to approve with a second provided by Commissioner Wright. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Consent agenda – Consent Agenda:
 - a) County Tax Collector – Assessor Report
 - b) Veterans Service Officer Report

Judge Smith moved to accept the consent agenda items with a second from Commissioner Garren. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Consider and Act on Approval of Bond of Anthony Pool - Commissioner Wright made motion to approve Bond for Pool and Commissioner Garren provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Consider and Act on Resolution regarding title of sale of the old EMS Station

Judge Smith and Jett Johnson, sole candidate for Judge on the November ballot, attended a meeting with board of Hamilton Health Care Hospital District which holds the deed for the old EMS Station at 901 Fourth Street in Goldthwaite. The district board voted to sign a deed without warranty back to Mills County since they never accepted the deed. . Another step recommended by the County Attorney was a Resolution on Mills County side which sets forth the history of the transaction starting with the County's purchase of the property in 1997 through the deed to Hamilton Healthcare and the abandonment of the property by Hamilton Healthcare EMS. The fact that the hospital district board didn't accept the deed and the deed back to Mills County is all acknowledged. When this is executed, and the deed received then Mills County will have marketable title. The next step will be declaring it surplus. . Motion to approve the Resolution by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion Carried 5-0

8. Consider and Act on Basic IDIQ contract for EMS station construction –

Judge Smith staged the discussion in two steps – an explanation of Purchasing Cooperatives and TIPS in particular then the role and proposal from the TIPS vendor, Basic IDIQ. This building is a pre-fab steel. Work for the pad will be done by Commissioners. First thing to get start is on the county hiring a fencing contractor to adjust the impound yard perimeter fence to accommodate the building site. This is in Precinct 2 , Commissioner Garren agreed to be the contact person on pad. Judge to contact local fencing contractors. Guy Burns will manage the project day to day . Suggest to approve the purchase order on this TIPS contract number # 211001001. TIPS will share a link with Judge on their submission checklist. The cost to upgrade all six roll up doors from manual to electric is \$13,600. Motion to accept Basic IDIQ purchase order for the EMS station by Commissioner Garren and a second from Commissioner Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Consider and Act on Special Budget Amendment in Sheriff's Forfeiture Fund

Special budget amendment to increase expenditures by \$2,001.63. Comment by Law Enforcement Administrator Brown - the purchased equipment and supplies is for training. Motion by Commissioner Garren move to approve the purpose and second by Commissioners Wright. Motion carried 5-0

10. Discussion of 2022-2023 budget status

Judge presented a power point presentation.

11. Reports and Request from Commissioner

Wright – blading CR 330 and CR 328 patch work 329 been hauling material, might have to move money around for fuel and repairs

Garren – blading roads as moisture allows and hauling materials. Running the brush cutter on right of ways.

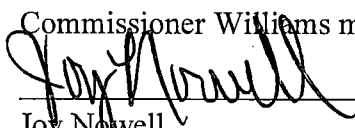
Partin – Finished the wash out in the Priddy area and hauled a little base. Have been in contact with TXDOT regarding their provision of piled material on Hwy 84 to the County. Although TXDOT values the material a \$5 per cubic yard – there will be no charge to Mills County.

. That material is for the County; any precinct can use it. Also, the TXDOT CTIF grant is still alive until April 2025; it does not have to be split up precinct by precinct but amendments to the project list must be sent to TxDOT in advance of the work commencing.

Williams – Re-topped CR 549 3 miles out of Zephyr. Hauled material out of Priddy area, crushed with the rock crusher and watered. Will be seeing bill on from Zephyr Water Supply.

Judge – Goldsmith staff is here until Wednesday on firewall up grades relating to VoIP as well as installing uniform battery backups.

Commissioner Williams moved to adjourn and seconded by Commissioner Garren. Motion Carried 5-0.


Joy Nowell
Mills County Clerk



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