

Mills County  
Commissioners Court Minutes  
August 1, 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, Deputy County Clerk – Julie Fincher, and Treasurer – Summer Campbell. Present via Zoom: Jacki Brooks, The Goldthwaite Eagle, and Justice of the Peace – Kim Avants. 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 and 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 and act on Minutes of 7.25.22- Motion made by Commissioner Garren to accept the minutes with one correction. Commissioner Williams 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried 5-0
3. Audience with individuals- There were no speakers
4. Consider and act on Accounts Payable: Correct a Charge that was made to precinct 2 that should have been charged to precinct 1. Commissioner Williams made the motion and Commissioner Wright 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried 5-0
5. Consider and Act to declare 901 4<sup>th</sup> st as Surplus Property and dispose (TLGC 263) Judge Smith made the motion to declare as surplus. Commissioner Wright 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion with clarification the declaration was limited to real property. Carried 5-0  
Discuss the portable building on property. The portable building will be moved off the property to the Precinct 1 yard for county use.  
Discuss and act on the sale of the property 901 4<sup>th</sup> St. and the Guidelines to be taken.  
The County may use one of 3 sales methods:
  - Public Auction
  - Sealed Bid
  - Listing with a BrokerJudge Smith made the motion to sell the property at 901 4<sup>th</sup> Street by public auction with a minimum price set at the Appraisal District's evaluation. Commissioner Wright 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 5-0.
6. Discussion of new EMS station. The direction of the building, the grade of the land, along with amount of materials that will be needed were discussed as well as the location of the water and sewer. Judge Smith will contact the surveyor, Commissioner Partin will contact an Engineer about runoff control to get input on how to best combat erosion that is observed

both on the existing LEC and the new EMS buildings. Rotating the building 90 degrees and placing it parallel to the rear of the impound yard appears to be the best solution both for site prep and runoff control.

7. Consider and Act to apply filing fees from write in candidates to Clerk's election expense account. Judge Smith made the motion that the County Clerk may apply the write in filing fees to the election expense account. Commissioner Garren 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 5-0
8. Budget workshop: Proposed budgets were reviewed and discussed for courthouse departments except for the Clerk's and Tax Assessors Office. Additionally, the court reviewed the budgets for non-departmental and community expenses, Judicial, and related dedicated and special use funds. The General Fund revenue budget was also discussed.
9. Discussion of Truth in Taxation worksheet. The Judge highlighted the calculation of the No New Tax Rate, the Voter Approval Rate, the de minimus rate and various carry forward amount all of which are in a worksheet prepared by the MCAD pursuant to the Assessment and Collection Agreement previously approved by the Court.
10. Consider and Act on Proposed Tax Rate for 2022: The Court has to vote on the Proposed Tax Rate, then be made public via notices in the Eagle. There will be a Public Meeting on proposed budget 8/22/2022. After the Public Hearing the Court will be able to adopt a budget and a tax rate. Commissioner Williams made the motion to Approve the Proposed Tax rate. Judge Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All Commissioners and the Judge voted for the Proposed Tax Rate. Carried 5-0
11. Commissioner's Request and Reports:
  - Pct 1: Cutting brush, picking up trash, hauling materials, and working on the pct. Barn that was damaged in the storm.
  - Pct 2: Working shorthanded, has an employee that is out with Covid. Cutting brush.
  - Pct 3: Put base out on CR 189, getting the belly dumps ready to haul the 100 plus loads to CR 549. Will be down to one hand at the end of the month for 6-8 weeks due to knee surgery.
  - Pct 4: Finishing up on CR 550 in the next couple of days then moving to some of the shorter CR's. Will set up a time to go the LEC with Commissioner Garren to look at impound yard fencing which may need to be moved for the new EMS Station
12. County Judge's Report: Mills County Historic Commission Received the Distinguished Service Award for last year. The radio station KRNR 100.5 has moved to 92.7, the weekly Judge's report can be heard there.
13. Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Williams and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Garren. Carried 5-0.



Julie Fincher

Mills County Deputy Clerk



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