

Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
October 10, 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 Jett Johnson, Commissioners Williams, Partin, Garren and Wright, County Clerk – Sonya Scott, Deputy Clerk Shawnee Martinez, and County Attorney Gerald Hale. Present via Zoom: Julia Perez, 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 Jett Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:02 am noted the presence of a quorum; Judge Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioner Williams provided the opening prayer.
2. Review and Act on Minutes of September 26, 2022 and September 29, 2022 – Commissioner Garren moved to approve both sets of minutes with a second from Commissioner Williams. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Audience with Individuals – none
4. Review and Act on approving Accounts Payable –Commissioner Williams moved to approve accounts payable with a second from Judge Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda – Commissioner Garren moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Williams noted that the EMS reports had 4 calls over the time allotted time for out of city service. Commissioner Williams provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Consider and Act on Burn Ban - Judge Johnson noted that all 4 Fire Chiefs had been contacted and our surrounding counties have called for Burn Bans as well. Commissioner Williams made a motion with a second from Commissioner Garren to enact the burn ban. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Consider and Act on bond for new Deputy Clerk - Judge Johnson made a motion to approve the bond with a second from Commissioner Garren. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Consider and Act on transfer of ballistic vests from the Mills County Sheriff's office to Goldthwaite CISD and Mulling ISD – Commissioner Williams made a motion to transfer the vest and amended the motion to include the serial numbers to transfer the vest to GISD 10067906 and Mullin 10067903 with a second from Judge Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Consider and Act on Resolution for the Texas Indigent Defense Commission grant program – Commissioner Williams provided some background information that Judge Fulk started our participation in this program. This is an annual resolution for the county participation. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the resolution with a second from Judge Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Consider and Act on declaring multiple items in the portable building as scrap. – Commissioner Williams provided an itemized list. Commissioner Wright noted that the local Live Oak Auction will only sell farm related equipment. Judge Johnson made a motion to accept the list as provided for scrap and surplus – as notated. Commissioner Partin will take the A/C-serial #A065600120415150120 and

microwave serial #em925amepl (listed as surplus) for his precinct barn. Commissioner Garren provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Discuss Old EMS building – Judge Johnson provided that he did speak with an appraiser in Brownwood. The appraiser is estimating \$2500.00 to complete the appraisal and that the waiting is approximately 2 months. An appraisal is required for sealed bids but not the auction. County Attorney noted that lowering the opening minimum bid is an option to help with the sale. County Attorney also noted that the Court could get a broker’s opinion from a local broker that would be a cheaper resource to set the minimum bid. Commissioner Williams requested that this needs to be on the next agenda as an action item.

10. Discuss New EMS building – Ground breaking ceremony on Friday. Everything went well. Guy Burns address the court. Gene Bailey is the Superintendent for the project. After receipt and approval of the initial drawings, the next step will be to provide shop drawings. After approval of shop drawings, it will be 2-3 weeks before concrete is poured. Mr. Burns requested that the pad be leveled and made ready. Commissioner Williams noted that with road hands working together it should not take more that 2-3 days. Some material will need to be brought in to complete this project. Commissioner Williams would like to start this week. Sample of the material will need to be approved before work is started. Commissioner Partin will work on the material sample.

11. Commissioners’ Request and Reports.

Precinct 1 – Commissioner Wright nothing to report

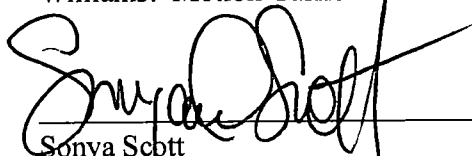
Precinct 2 – Commissioner Garren is finishing up hauling material and will be ready to help with the EMS project.

Precinct 3 – Commissioner Partin completed concrete project on 199, minus one hand at the time.

Precinct 4 – Commissioner Williams will reach out to other Commissioners to coordinate pad work at new EMS project. Commissioner Williams will be in Austin from Wednesday thru Friday for Child Welfare Board.

12. Judges Report - Victor Uvalde will be in next week to complete a Risk Management for the County. Commissioner Williams would like to schedule a safety meeting in November. Nothing else to report. Outside lights will be on the weekend of October 22. MusicFest is being hosted at the Southside Tavern the weekend of October 22. The street will be blocked off.

13. Adjournment – Commissioner Garren moved to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Williams. Motion Carried 5-0.


Sonya Scott
Mills County Clerk



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