Mills County Commissioners Court Minutes December 18, 2023 – 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 were Judge Johnson, Commissioners Mike Wright, Robert Head, Dale Partin and Jason Williams, County Treasurer – Summer Campbell, Justice of the Peace – Kim Avants, County Attorney – Gerald Hale, and Deputy Clerk – Shawnee Martinez and Jackie Brooks.

The meeting is available to the public to view on the Mills County YouTube channel.

Agenda: -

- 1. Judge Johnson called the meeting to order noted the presence of a quorum; Judge Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Williams provided the opening prayer.
- 2. Review and Act on Minutes of December 11, 2023. Judge Johnson and commissioners, all reviewed minutes in session. Motion to approve by Commissioner Williams with a second by Commissioner Partin.

Motion carried 5-0.

- 3. Audience with Individuals None
- 4. Consider and Act on approving Accounts Payable Commissioner Partin, questioned the recent work done on the courthouse doors, they have been painted inside and out. Commissioner Wright motioned to approve with a second from Judge Johnson.

Motion carried 5-0.

- 5. Consider and Act on Burn Ban No Action taken.
- 6. Consider and Act on Joint Resolution and Statistical Information for Joint Primary Commissioner Wright motioned to approve with a second from Commissioner Head.

Motion 5-0.

7. Consider and Act on purchasing drainage pipe from S&S Supply for Law Enforcement Center – Commissioner Williams proposed the pipe be ordered before the end of the year. Commissioner Wright then questioned what funds were being used and who would perform the work. Commissioner Williams then replied with the funds were included in Sheriff Hammonds previous budget and the work would be done by commissioners. Commissioner Wright suggested all commissioners could go as a group and look and discuss the issue before deciding. Funds to purchase the pipe is coming from the law enforcement agency. Motioned to table by Commissioner Willams and seconded by Commissioner Wright.

Motion Carried 5-0.

8. Consider and Act on approving repair wash and entrance to impound yard – Commissioner Williams spoke about this item with purchasing the drainage pipe when this job is being completed it will also include the repair wash and entrance in impound yard at the same time. Deputy Daniel Garza spoke to the commissioners about how drainage is a major issue, and needs to be taken care of, due to the amount of rain at times it causes more and more issues. Commissioner Partin asked where the employees park at the law enforcement office is being affected by this issue at this time, Deputy Garza replied no but at the entrance has major wash out on each side. The drainage issue is causing most damage on the east side. Commissioner Head mentioned ways they could divert the water or have it fed away from the law enforcement center. As mentioned in litem item 7, the commissioners will meet at the law enforcement center to visually review and discuss the next steps. Motioned to table by Commissioner Willams and seconded by Commissioner Wright.

Motion Carried 5-0.

9. Consider and Act on interlocal agreement with Mullin City Council – Commissioner Partin began providing days his precinct will be working the remainder of the year to provide assistance for the roads in Mullin. Commissioner Partin motioned to renew the contract with Mullin for a one-year agreement with a second from Judge Johson.

Motion Carried 5-0.

- 10. Consider and Act on the new EMS Building Discussion was had, Judge Johnson began by mentioning the possibility of flower beds, water meter, and the donation of a flagpole. No action was taken.
- 11. Commissioners' Requests and Reports:

Commissioner Wright, Pct. 1 – Blading and pushing material, CR 319 and CR 512 are washed out and need new tin horns, he had an individual approach him with donating tin horns. After asking Attorney G. Hale this will need to be on the next agenda to be approved. CR 512 is washed out after the large rain a few weeks ago. Commissioner Wright is taking vacation next Tuesday through Friday. Commissioner Wright gave praise to Deputy Garza for helping with a trailer move.

Commissioner Head, Pct. 2 – Began working on the low water crossing on CR 312 and CR 247 spot hauling and filling low spots where tin horns are located. Commissioner Head will be closing road 312 southeast side and dairy road due to cement work being done starting Wednesday December 20, 2023.

Commissioner Partin, Pct. 3 – All roads bladed around Priddy and lake Merritt. Tin horn is put in on CR 294. Spend further working days on the interlocal agreement with Mullin.

Commissioner Williams, Pct. 4 – Added millings on 574, burned debris under bridge on CR 417 and maintenance due to being the end of the year. One hand left to help with the remainder for the year.

- 12. County Judge Report Mentioned it's been a good year with the next commissioners court January 8, 2023. The courthouse will be closed December 21 at 3:00 pm along with December 22nd and the 25th.
- 13. Commissioner Wright moved to adjourn; with a second from Judge Johnson.

Shawnee Martinez. Deputy Clerk
Mills County