Mills County Commissioners Court Minutes February 26, at 9:00 a.m.

This regular meeting 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 Partin, Head, Williams, and Wright. See attendance sheet for audience listing.

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

- 1. The Opening pledge of Allegiance was led by Judge Johnson and Prayer was led by Commissioner Williams.
- 2. Review and Act on Minutes from 02/12/2024. Judge Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Williams 2nd the motion. Carried 5-0
- 3. There was no Public Participation.
- 4. C&A on approving Accounts Payable. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve Accounts Payable. Judge Johnson 2nd the motion. Carried 5-0
- 5. C&A on burn ban. Judge Johnson talked to all fire Chiefs, and they were split in enacting the burn ban. There was discussion among the Commissioners and there was no action taken.
- 6. Discussion of CTIF grant. The grant is \$76,154. Projects must be approved, and invoices will have to be turned in. Commissioners will get back to the court on where the road base is most needed.
- 7. C&A on the use of the 1888 Jail. Mr. Malone said he is fine with his office in the jail or in the basement of the Courthouse. If the Jail is used for office space it will need to be tied into the Courthouse network. Judge Johnson made the motion to put the County Attorney's office in the 1888 Jail. Motion died for lack of 2nd. Judge Johnson made the motion to table this item. Commissioner Partin 2nd the motion. Carried 5-0
- 8. C&A on IT hardware recycling. All the old computers have been removed from inventory and ready to send to recycle. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve sending the old computers to recycle. Commissioner Head 2nd the motion. Carried 5-0
- 9. C&A on the fiber contract from CTTC for connection between the LEC and the Courthouse, this would allow the Courthouse and the Law Enforcement Center to have a secure connection with each other. There is a one-time cost of \$4,220 for the installation, and then \$527.50 for annual maintenance. There will be directional drilling and still need a quote for that. Judge Johnson made the motion to approve the fiber contract and agreement. Commissioner Williams 2nd the motion. Carried 5-0
- 10. C&A on purchase of three additional cameras to cover the basement area of the Courthouse. The only cost will be for the purchase of the cameras themselves. Commissioner Williams made the motion to approve the purchase of three cameras to

- cover the basement of the Courthouse, for \$4392.63 to be paid out of the IT budget as of today's date 02/26/2024. Commissioner Head provided the second. Carried 5-0
- 11. C&A on going into closes session to discuss Security Camera Access Policy. Commissioners and Judge adjourned into close session at 9:43am. Court Reconvened and called to order at 10:04am.
- 12. C&A on Security Camera Access Policy. Judge Johnson made the motion that only the County Judge and the Sheriff will have an access code. Commissioner Williams 2nd the motion. Carried 5-0
- 13. Commissioners Request and Reports:
 - PCT 1- Been doing paperwork, filling potholes, talked to TxDot and they will be delivering material to yard at the end of March. Will get with the other Commissioners to let them know the amount of material that will be delivered.
 - PCT 2 Work on the LEC and EMS, haul material to county roads.
 - PCT 3 Work on LEC and EMS, put in a couple of tinhorns, clear fence rows.
 - PCT 4- Work on LEC and EMS project. There was 223 tons of rock that was moved over there, three loads of about 15yds from Old Iron Material, a little pavement tying to EMS. There were ten different pieces of equipment used and between 25 and 30 thousand dollars between all the Precincts. Still waiting for Curb work to be done by Taylor Construction, had to get a couple more fittings to tie the down spout behind the AC unit. Did blade work.
- 14. Judge's Report. Commended the Commissioners on all the work at the LEC and EMS. Noted that this is the last week of Early Voting. Will be out of town Thursday for CTCOG meetings. The Rural Transit and Hill Country Transit are having issues. Urban wants to break away from rural areas. Oncor update: transmission lines and the Appraisal District have been in litigation for the last year and a half or so. The Supreme Court will be hearing arguments on this on March 21, 2024. This case is consolidated with another Appraisal District. Maintenance issue, the South door has been repaired. We had a good audit report from ECKERT and will have a presentation on that in a couple of weeks. Final thought, GO Eagles and Lady Eagles.
- 15. Commissioner Head made the motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Judge Johnson. Carried 5-0

Julie Fincher

Mills County Deputy Clerk

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