

Mills County
Commissioners Court Minutes
Regular Session
March 11, 2024– 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 Attorney Gerald Hale, County Treasurer Summer Campbell, and County Clerk –Sonya Scott; present via Zoom: Kim Avants – Justice of the Peace, Court Coordinator Jackie Brooks and Wayne Barr of Eckert and Company. Audience sign-in sheet is attached to the minutes.

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 of minutes - Minutes of February 26, 2024– Commissioner Williams moved to accept as presented with a second from Judge Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Audience with Individuals – none
4. Review and Act on Accounts Payable – Judge Johnson moved to accept Accounts Payable with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda was reviewed by the Court as follows:

- a. Monthly County Treasurer Report
- b. MCAD Monthly Collection Report
- c. County/ District Clerk Report Clerk
- d. Tax Assessor
- e. County Extension Reports
- f. Facilities Report
- g. Sheriff's Office
- h. Justice of the Peace
- i. County Judge's Report
- j. Hamilton EMS
- k. Veterans Services Officer

Noted that we have received approximately 97% of funds from the Mills County Appraisal District. Requested that the Judge learns more regarding the response time for mutual aid calls on the EMS report. Facilities report noted a non-functioning door at the new EMS station. Phone calls and emails have been sent with no response. Judge Johnson and Guy Burns are working on this matter. Motion made by Commissioner Williams to accept the consent agenda with a second by Judge Johnson. Motion Carried 5-0.

5. Consider and Act on Audit report from Eckert & Co for fiscal year ended September 30, 2023— Wayne Barr addressed the Court via Zoom. Mr. Barr reviewed the provided material. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the audit report provided by Eckert & Company for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Consider and Act on moving Early voting location – County Clerk discussed moving Early Voting to the Courthouse. Discussion on when and who has access to the cameras. Discussion was to have a called meeting. Commissioner Williams moved to table the item and have a called meeting regarding this item with Hill Country Community action with a second from Commissioner Head. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Discussion body camera grant – Sheriff Pool addressed the Court. The grant has been approved. 4 cameras for the jail and fully staffed for deputies with regards to cameras.

8. Consider and Act on CTIF Grant– If we move forward with this grant, paperwork is due May 25, 2024, with project work completed by April 2025. Judge Johnson noted that we will have to designate road projects. This project is where the County pays for the project and then files for reimbursement. Reimbursement will not happen until project is complete. Commissioner Williams noted that other counties have provided that reimbursement will not be in the current year. Discussion leans to split the grant work and funds. Treasurer will keep copies of the invoices. County Attorney noted that the grant is for the County not individual precincts. Commissioner Partin moved to proceed with the CTIF grant with each commissioner presenting the paperwork needed designating the road or project with Judge Johnson completing the paperwork. Commissioner Head provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Consider and Act on the use of the 1888 Jail– waiting on bid for fiber optics bid. Judge Johnson proposed moving the new County Attorney to the 1888 Jail. Commissioner Williams noted that the boring process will be expensive to have internet added to the building. Commissioner Williams provided that we already have phone and internet in the Courthouse. It would be easier to have the County Attorney in the Courthouse. Treasurer noted that ADA compliance is an issue. Judge Johnson moved to table until we have more information on ADA compliance ramp and the fiber optic connection. Commissioner Williams provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

13. Consider and Act on the right to bid on Purple Wave auction – precinct 3 – Commissioner Partin addressed the Court. Payment is required within 48 hours. This would require a special meeting or prior approval. Auction is Thursday. This purchase 2015 HAMM H11 IIIV single drum roller. This equipment will be available for all commissioners to use. Commissioner Partin moved to authorize purchase of equipment up to \$49,999. Commissioner Head provided the second. Motion carried 5-0.

14. Commissioners' Reports and request

Commissioner Wright, Pct. 1 – working on CR 327. Commissioner Wright noted to the court that TxDOT will have RAP (Reclaimed Asphalt pavement) and would like to give to the precincts and would deliver to the precinct yard. This would be 8,000 cubic yards total to the County. Commissioner Wright will get more information and add to the Commissioner Court agenda.

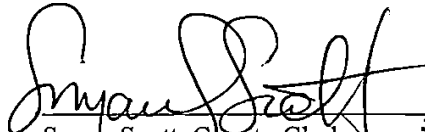
Commissioner Head, Pct. 2 – Hauling on CR 235, running brush shredder.

Commissioner Partin, Pct. 3 – working on CR 143-142, hauling dirt and installing tin horns.

Commissioner Williams, Pct. 4 – blading and worked on equipment. Meetings with the Judge and other entities. No update on curb work at the LEC

18. Judge Johnson – meeting at LEC on proposed radio tower with several counties and CTCOG. Judge does not feel that this is in the best interest of the County to pursue at this time. Priority should be given to the consoles that are needed for the LEC.

19. Commissioner Head moved to adjourn; Judge Johnson seconded. Motion Carried 5-0


Sonya Scott, County Clerk
Mills County Clerk



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