

Mills County

Commissioners Court Regular Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2024

This Regular Meeting session of the Mills County Commissioners Court opened in due form of law at 9 a.m. in the Mills County Commissioners' Courtroom located at 1011 4th Street, Goldthwaite, Texas 76844.

Present in the Courtroom: County Judge Jett Johnson, Commissioners Robert Head, Dale Partin and Jason Williams for a legal quorum. Also present for the meeting County Attorney Gerlad Hale, County Treasurer Summer Campbell, County Deputy Clerk Joy Nowell, Hollee Ragsdale-TDEM, Melissa Womack, Sheriff Anthony Pool, James Jones. Zoom attendants Jacklyn Brooks and Kim Avants.

Agenda: -

1. Opening – Pledge of allegiance & Prayer

Judge Jett Johnson called the meeting to order noting the presence of a quorum. Judge Jett Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance with Commissioner Williams providing the opening prayer.

2. Review and Act on Minutes of June 10, 2024.

Motion made with correction to Pct. 4 report wording of Golf Course Board instead of Manager that Minutes June 10, 2024, be approved by Commissioner Jason Williams seconded by Commissioner Dale a Partin Carried by 3-1. Abstain Jett Johson due to miss that meeting.

3. Audience with Individuals – None

4. Consider and Act Accounts Payable.

Motion made to approve Accounts payable by Commissioner Jason Williams and seconded by Commissioner Robert Head. Carried 4-0.

5. Consider and Act on Joint Election Agreement with Priddy ISD.

Motion made to Joint Election Agreement with Priddy ISD. by Jett Johnson and seconded by Dale Partin. Carried 4-0.

6. Consider and Act on Approving 2025 Sheriff's and Constable's fee schedule.

Sheriff Anthony Poole said that the fees are in line with all surrounding counties.

Motion made to approve the 2025 Sheriff's and Constable's fee schedule by County Judge Jett Johnson approved and seconded Commissioner Robert Head. Carried 4-0

8. Consider and Act on Hamilton EMS budget

Present is Patrick Cobb – Chief HEMS on EMS Interlocal Agreement from audit view.

See Letter from package recorded in minutes.

Present is Patrick Cobb – Chief HEMS on EMS Interlocal Agreement spoke about the latest audit financial 2023 review. Mills County and San Saba County pays \$250,000 for ambulance services and share in a 3rd ambulance. Mills County \$39,000 above margin and San Saba County \$202,000 below margin. Between the two counties, the deficit is \$170,000. The reason for this is the 3rd Ambulance you share with San Saba all expense was to San Saba 6 employees + 3 supervisors. Both Judges from Mills and San Saba have had numerous meetings to come up with the split of the deficit. If agreed by the court, the Judge proposes a motion based this on call volume. 39% of calls are answered from the 3rd truck. If there is no change in funding, then the 3rd truck will have to go away. This will be detrimental to the citizens of the Counties. With the percentage of call volume, the new base cost will be \$363, 425.00 Mills County and San Saba County roughly \$23,000 more on their part based on call volume. Next year will be spilt 50/50. Commissioner Dale Partin asked didn't we just renewed the contact last year. Patrick Cobb response was 5-year contact auto renewed; the length of the contact 4 year doesn't have to act. This is the first year with a deficit. Commissioner Jason Williams and Dale Partin asked is this going to be a one-time deal or will remain coming back each year. Patrick doesn't

see prices going down for the services. The contract has in policy for differential changes in the economic pressure, market it pressure keeps going up. For the last 3 years with COVID and changes. Due to expenses going up and several changes in Medicare ERISA. We must publish our rates in the contract. Medicare will have to be reimbursed. To add the appendix to contract with the court approval. When is San Saba meeting on these this issue. Judge Fauley will have on there agenda probably in July. Motion made for on the base call volume to approve the new budget for EMS Mills County share \$363,425.00. This will go into effect Oct 1. Seconded by Commissioner Jason Williams and Commissioner Dale Partin and Commissioner Robert Head against. Vote 2-2. Motion failed. Put on next agenda.

9. Consider and Act on Mills Central Appraisal District budget.

Not here yet. Skip until she gets here. Take up after EMS budget line item.

Lori - MCAD presented proposed budget 2025.

Motion made by to approved MCAD budget County Judge Jett Johnson and seconded by none. Motion dies. Commissioner Jason Williams wants to see what other counties are going to do. Wait, look at this later to see what other entities do. Readdress this. Motion failed.

10. Consider and Act on request for public assistance through FEMA's grants.

We had a workshop at the Law Enforcement Center with approximately 25 people. With 4 people from TDEM and Cohn Reznick two from . Addressed many many topics. Comments by Jason Williams FEMA's grant is going to be a lot of work. Once we get going. I think we will be alright. The essential going to be hard for us precincts getting the documentation when we haven't been doing it. To hire someone or go through a group to help us with the FEMA's grant assistants. It's going to be a tremendous workload on Treasurer Office or EMC. Brief talk with Sheriff Poole and Sheriff Elect Jones too and their plate is full. Hollee Ragsdale – Next step is to send in application for the help from request for public assistants is due Aug 9, 2024. EMC – Emergency Manager has not been one for the County. Former Sheriff Clint Hammonds was now appointed Sheriff Poole. Reimbursement to the County for a employment of a person to do process. Hollee opinion is to put in RPA by 8/9. Who the court put in now so that can be set up with all log in. All 5 were there for the application briefing. Motion by to start process Commissioner Dale Partin and seconded Commissioner Jason Williams. Carried by 4-0.

11. Consider and Act on FEMA grant contact representative for Mills County.

Sheriff Anthony Poole to be point of contact representative FEMA's grant.

Documentation for 5 – 6 years. Motion made by Commissioner Jason Williams appoint Sheriff Anthony Poole for point of contact on the RCP and seconded by Commissioner Robert Head.

12. Consider and Act on preparing an interlocal agreement with the City of Goldthwaite and Mills County to test, mine, and transport material from the City of Goldthwaite Golf course property in exchange for in-kind works.

Motion made to allow Pct. 4 to accept interlocal agreement with the City of Goldthwaite and Mills County by Commissioner Jason Williams and seconded by Commissioner Dale Partin. Carried 4-0

13. Consider and Act to allow Precinct 4 to declare a Ford 6610 (zx350913) tractor with Alamo boom shredder as Surplus equipment to be sold at Liveoak Auction.

Motion made to table selling Ford 6610 Commissioner Jason Williams and seconded Robert Head. Carried 4-0

14. Consider and Act on allow Precinct 4 to declare Miscellaneous equipment as surplus equipment to be sold at Liveoak Auction.

Motion made by commissioner Dale Partin and seconded by Robert Head.

15. Budget Discussion

Discussion about FEMA and reimbursement program to have money there. And pay for someone hire to held the process FEMA and RPA. Reach out to Judge Volly Comanche and Judge Davis Hamilton

Post salaries elective off only, commissioner post for extra hands. SB22(C.A, D.A., Constables) application by Judge contact authorized

Budget workshops be posted every. Salaries assistant for County Attorney to be put in budget.

16. Commissioners' Requests and Reports

Precinct 1 – absent

Precinct 2 – work on washes ditches.

Precinct 3- Equipment back together going.

Precinct 4 – CR 417 hauled last week redid the base. I need to get some converts 5 guides from S&S would get a truck load. Is the rock crusher ready. Went to Daily Lol express open house in Brownwood. Gas line. Can sign up to get daily report on gas line. Be gone all next week on vacation. Testing requirement for Golf Course

17. County Judge's Report

Boring is completed courthouse. Sealed up connect point covered up. Lewis Coronado working on a quote basement drainage area. Guy talked to Lewis put in a drain.

Restoration – took out sheetrock in treasurer, co agent office, probation replaced.

Leaving Hill Country Transit district looking at moving to Central Texas Rural Transit District.

18. Adjournment.

Motion made by Commissioner Robert Head to adjourn and seconded by County Judge Jett Johnson. 11:05 A.M.

Carried 4-0.


Joy-Nowell, Deputy Clerk

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