## Mills County Commissioners Court Minutes Workshop Meeting July 1, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

This Workshop Session of the Mills County Commissioners' Court opened in due form of law at 8:30 am in the Mills County Commissioners' Courtroom located at 1011 4th Street, Goldthwaite, Texas 76844.

Present in the Courtroom: Judge Jett Johnson, Commissioners Sullivan, Head, and Partin. Commissioner Williams was absent. See attendance sheet for audience listing.

- 1. Judge Johnson called the meeting to order and noted the presence of a quorum. The Opening pledge of Allegiance was led by Judge Johnson, and Prayer was provided by Commissioner Sullivan.
- 2. Audience with Individuals: none
- 3. Budget Workshop: District and County Clerk, Sonya Scott, presented the proposed budget for the Clerk's Office. There is a long-term project of digitizing Count and Deed Records for preservation that was brought to the table as this will need to be considered in the budget for the next several years. Mrs. Scott would like her staff to be recognized and paid accordingly along with a raise for the Election Workers. Justice of Peace, Kim Avants, presented some paperwork showing the volume of work in her office. Judge Avants would like to add a part-time employee to her office staff. Judge Johnson proposed a \$500 inquest for travel expenses out of County. Judge Johnson commented on Public Services budgets being mostly the same as last year, The Museum, Child Welfare Services, Predator Control, Soil and Water Conservation, and Flood Prevention asking for an increase from \$5,000 to \$7,500. Veterans Service Office: There has been no change in the budget from last year. District Attorney's Office: Only asking for the 3% cost of living raise.

County Commissioners discussed where and why there were increases in their budgets. Most increases are just because the cost has gone up on tires, maintenance, etc. Precinct 3 had a significant increase in budget to purchase a new Maintainer. The maintainer that is currently in use is down for maintenance most of the time. All Commissioners would like to see their road hand pay be bumped up to \$22.00 an hour as well as possibly adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> road hand.

4. Judge Johnson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sullivan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Carried 4-0

ulie Fincher: Deputy Clerk

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