



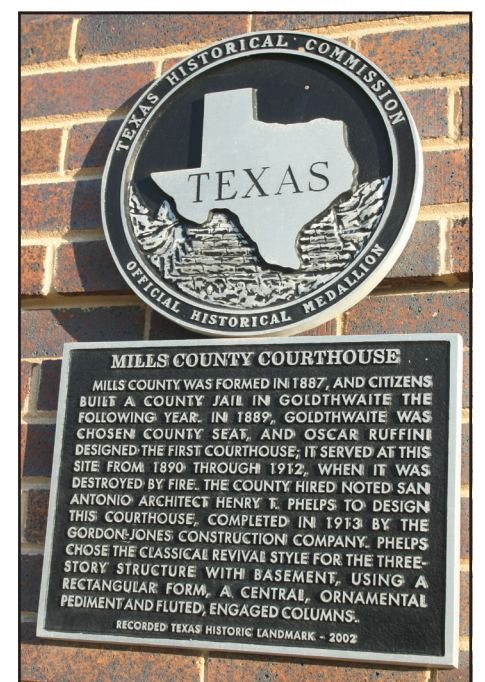
# Mills County Courthouse Now Restored to Historic Splendor

In January of 2008, Mills County officials were notified the county had received a \$5 million grant from the Texas Historical Commission for the historical restoration of the courthouse. The state wants to see the courthouse brought back to the condition it was in when

it was rebuilt in 1913, Mills County Judge Kirk Fulk told *The Goldthwaite Eagle*. He explained the original Mills County Courthouse was constructed in 1890; that structure burned in 1912. The courthouse was rebuilt in 1913.

The restoration project required about \$6 million, with the county paying the difference not covered by the state grant money. The Mills County Courthouse Restoration Association held several fundraisers to help offset the county's portion of the restoration cost.

In January of 2009, the county offices moved into the annex building on Parker Street. At about the same time, the contract for the restoration was let to low-bidder J.C. Stoddard Construction Co., out of San Antonio. The bid for the project came in at \$5.7 million. The project was to be completed in 600 working days from the



start of construction.

Construction on the courthouse got underway in February of 2009. The renovations were completed in the spring of 2011, and the courthouse rededication ceremony was held in August of 2011.

Visitors are encouraged to make a point of stopping by to see the newly-restored Mills County Courthouse.

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