

COMMISSIONERS COURT OF MILAM COUNTY, TEXAS

EMERGENCY AGENDA FOR MAY 7, 2020

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Milam County Commissioners Court will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Due to the recent outbreak of the COVID-19 virus the meeting will be conducted by phone and by video conferencing. Participants and the public are invited to join by dialing 1 646-749-3122 and use access code 161-668-013.

1. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the pending TIF grant for road improvement/construction within Milam County, including prioritizing the repair projects for purposes of the grant.
2. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the current Milam County shelter in place order

Dated this the 6th day of May, 2020.
Commissioners Court of Milam County, Texas

By:



Steve Young, Milam County Judge

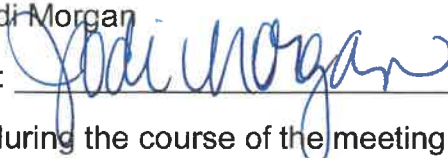
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I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the above named Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said Notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the Courthouse door and the County Clerk's Office of Milam County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 6th day of May, 2020 and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least 1 hour preceding the schedule time of said Meeting.

Dated this 6th day of May, 2020
County Clerk of Milam County, Texas

Jodi Morgan

By:



Filed 6 day of May
in 2020, At 10:45 AM
JODI MORGAN
County Clerk, Milam County, Texas
By: 
Deputy

If during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting the Commissioners Court will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

STATE OF TEXAS:

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COUNTY OF MILAM:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on Thursday, the 7TH day of May A. D. 2020, the Commissioners' Court of Milam County, Texas, convened in Emergency Session in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Milam County Courthouse, 102 S. Fannin, Cameron Texas, with the following members of the Court present, to-wit:

Due to the recent outbreak of the COVID-19; this meeting was conducted by video or phone. Call 1 646 749 3122 access code 161 668 013

**STEVE YOUNG, MILAM COUNTY JUDGE
RICHARD "OPEY" WATKINS, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO.1
DONALD SHUFFIELD, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 2
JOHN FISHER, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3
JEFF MUEGGE, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4
JODI MORGAN, COUNTY CLERK**

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**or in the Minutes of the Commissioners Court recorded in the
Milam County Clerk's Office**

And the proclamation having been made the Court was in session, the following business came on to be considered:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH QUORUM – 10:00a.m.

1. DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE PENDING TIF GRANT FOR ROAD IMPORVEMENT/CONSTRUCTION WITHIN MILAM COUNTY, INCLUDING PRIORITIZING THE REPAIR PROJECTS FOR PURPOSES OF THE GRANT

Motion by Commissioner Muegge to approve the TIF Grant for road improvement/construction within Milam County, including prioritizing the repair projects for purposes of the grant, Seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously

Judge Young- TIF Grant, \$509,000 grant from the state, we have hired Allison and Bass to help us with that. We have completed the application and we have sent in our 2019 road report. Only thing left to do is to send in our prioritization of the roads.

Commissioner Muegge- Everyone is agreeable on what we are sending in, between the 4 of us we have a total of 15 projects.

Judge Young- Do we need to move forward with the list we sent Stan?

Commissioner Muegge- Ok

Sherry Mueck- Is this something I need to figure in for the 2020 taxes or 2021 taxes? I need to know, so when I calculate it can be figured in?

Danica Lara- I don't think they are designating the TIF Zone

Commissioner Muegge- They are not designating a CTERZ this go around, its cut and dry this time

Sherry Mueck- So this isn't something I need to do?

Commissioner Muegge- No

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2. DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE CURRENT MILAM COUNTY SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER

Motion by Judge Young to lift the Shelter in Place Order until further notice, effective 12:01a.m. May 8, 2020, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried 4 to 1

*Commissioner Watkins- Aye
Commissioner Shuffield- Aye
Commissioner Fisher- Ney
Commissioner Muegge-Aye
Judge Young- Aye*

Judge Young- Put a disaster order in place on March 19, we then put in a Shelter in Place on March 23; with our Shelter in Place we had 2 provisions.

- 1- No Social Gathering
- 2- A curfew in place for 18 years and younger

On March 31 the Governor put in place Executive Order GA-14 which took away from the counties, churches and essential travel and essential business.

So, I amended the county order to coincide with the governor's orders except for our two provisions of the curfew and no social gatherings

So as we have gone forward the past 7 weeks, the state has taken over in every aspect of what we originally started back in March, so now his executive orders control and supersede all orders and tell us what is essential travel is and essential business is; non-essential business can start opening back up.

The governor's orders have taken care of this whole thing.

It's my thinking that the court should lift the order and go forward without a county order of any kind

Commissioner Fisher- I think its too early, people are moving pretty good, if we wait a few more weeks to see are we doing the right thing. Just my thinking, I see what you are saying, I just think we need a another few weeks to see what happens

Judge Young- We can lift the order and see what happens, and if we need to, we can put back in place

Commissioner Muegge- What is Robert's thoughts on all of this?

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Robert Kirkpatrick- I am in position with the Judge; with the governor superseding everything we are doing, its hard for us to be more strict, but on the same side I want to be cautious. I have put out information on social media that everybody in the county to be able to continue with social distancing, be safe, wear a mask out in public for us to get to the next level of opening up the county and state as a whole. We can put our trust and faith in our residents to do that, I think we are at the point where we need to do that, and we can reevaluate if we need to like the Judge said

Commissioner Muegge- Okay so it will fall on us, is individual to do the right thing? Correct?

Judge Young- Yes, enforcing is impossible to do

Commissioner Shuffield- We can have commissioners court any designated area as long as we note in our agenda

Judge Young- Yes, we can have upstairs if we need to, to spread out more

Greg Hoelscher- When opening up court, we have Justice Courts that have evictions backed up, keep us involved in your plans

Commissioner Shuffield- What would make us put the Shelter in Place back in place?

Judge Young- We would look at the numbers and see what happens

Robert Kirkpatrick- There are provisions in the governor's plan to re-open, that discusses reducing from 50% to 25% those would be very similar to what we would be monitoring now.

The governor and his plan accept 3 cases per 1000, which puts us at 75 cases in the county, there is also a 15% surge capacity at local hospitals.

Understanding that Scott and White is one of our bigger hospital systems that supports Milam County residents they also support other surrounding counties besides Bell and Milam so their ability to support 15% could go away very quickly if there is hospitalization for COVID-19

ADJOURN- Motion made by *Commissioner Fisher*, seconded by *Commissioner Watkins* and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 A.M.

The above and foregoing Minutes for Thursday, May 7, 2020 having been examined and approved in Open Court this 11th day of May 2020.

County Judge

State of Texas:

County of Milam:

I, Jodi Morgan, County Clerk, Milam County, Texas, attest that the foregoing is a true and correct accounting of the Commissioners' Court authorized proceedings for April 30, 2020

**County Clerk and Ex-Officio Member of
Commissioners' Court, Milam County, Texas**

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

May 7, 2020 Minutes

Approved May 11, 2020

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Commissioner of Precinct No. 1

Commissioner of Precinct No. 2

Commissioner of Precinct No. 3

Commissioner of Precinct No. 4