

COMMISSIONERS COURT OF MILAM COUNTY, TEXAS
AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Milam County Commissioners Court will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2020, beginning at 1:00 p.m. The Court will meet in person at the Milam County Courthouse in the Milam County Courtroom. Due to the recent outbreak of the COVID-19 virus the meeting will also be conducted by phone. Public attendance will be limited due to COVID-19 spacing requirements and admittance will be done on a first come, first serve basis.

To join by phone dial: 646 749 3122 and use access code 234-740-245.

The following items will be addressed:

1. Call Meeting to Order and establish a quorum.
2. Prayer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and to the Texas Flag.
4. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a potential GLO mitigation grant for potential infrastructure/mitigation projects for Milam County.
5. Adjourn

Dated this the 14th day of September 2020:
Commissioners Court of Milam County, Texas

By:

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Steve Young, Milam County Judge

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County Clerk Milam County, Texas
By: Jodi Morgan
Deputy

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 14th day of September 2020 and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the schedule time of said Meeting.

Dated this 14th day of September 2020
County Clerk of Milam County, Texas

Jodi Morgan-

By: Jodi Morgan



JODI MORGAN
County Clerk

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:

COUNTY OF MILAM:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on Thursday, the 17th day of September A. D. 2020, the Commissioners' Court of Milam County, Texas, convened in a Public Meeting 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, phone and in court with limited seating. Call 646 749 3122 access code 234 740 245

To join by Facebook Live navigate to the Moving Milam Forward Facebook Page which is located at <https://www.facebook.com/live/producer/934846117015797>

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

**Absent to wit:
RICHARD "OPEY" WATKINS, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO.1**

**Other Attendees/Speakers
Annette- Grant Works
William -Strand Engineering**

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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:

- 1. Call Meeting to Order and establish a quorum-1:00p.m.**
- 2. Prayer.**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and Texas Flag.**
- 4. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a potential GLO mitigation grant for potential infrastructure/mitigation projects for Milam County –**

Judge Young- We have the opportunity for grant money from the General Land Office (GLO) It's litigation money, it's a 1% match and there are specifications for the grant.

Annette- Eligible for these funds from flooding in 2015, 2016 and Hurricane Harvey. It is 1% match and that is something we haven't seen before, so that is exceptional if you can find something to fund it for. Because this if federal funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development we are required to serve 51% low to moderate income residents of the county, this is calculated through census data.

(map and potential mitigation projects list presented to court)

Low to Moderate Income percentage by town:

Buckholts 75.53%

Thorndale 31.80%

Cameron 45.75%

Milano 65.17%

Rockdale 53.07%

Mayor of Buckholts -Terri Eaton- We put in our application for 4.5 million for the Town of Buckholts

Judge Young- We have to have in by October 28

Commissioner Shuffield- for roads, do you go by the population or would we need to put a counter on the road to see how much traffic there is?

Annette- We go by the population

Commissioner Shuffield- We do have some roads that have a lot of traffic but not a big population

Commissioner Fisher- No city limits; what about Gause area

Annette- Yes that could work

Judge Young- So what kind of litigation project could we do?

Annette- Sewer, water projects, stormwater drainage, elevating roads, raising or lowering bridges.

Judge Young- For example Donald has a road he wanted to put in 10 culverts and John has one road with 10 culverts, same project two different areas could we do that?

Annette- No, 1 location 1 set of beneficiaries

Commissioner Shuffield- 2 projects 1 town?

Annette- You are eligible for more than 1 funding source so you can do one application, but one application is 3 million dollars.

Terri Eaton- So Buckholts has already put in for their project, so does that no one else in the county can apply? I am not understanding how that works.

Annette- You can do a joint project; You can submit one single project and 1 joint project.

Mayor King (Rockdale)- Rockdale is also ready to sign papers for 3 million

William- Do any of the Commissioners have any bridge's that need to be replaced?

Commissioner Muegge- The one I have is tied to FEMA right now and its 2.5 million

William- Some of the counties I have spoken to are looking to replace bridges and drainage areas, floodplain issues those types of things that need to be corrected; roads are subject to flooding and need to be raised

Judge Young- Commissioner Fisher has a community called Gause, its an area we have a lot of truck traffic to the oil fields and they are tearing up the roads, we could do something about that. What would we need to do to look at that? Would we need an engineering study and all that before we make the application?

Williams- As far as the application is concerned right now, we are looking for the administrative section of the application, from the engineering standpoint just cost estimates we would come up with some very conservative cost estimates, who the beneficiaries would be and some mapping.

Commissioner Shuffield- in Thorndale, new water system?

Williams- New water system? Everyone on a well system?

Commissioner Muegge- No they are on Southwest Milam and they are trying to upgrade

Williams- I am not sure if that is something that qualifies; utility improvements. A case could be made for that

Judge Young- Mayor Eaton and Mayor King both have a project going on, can we still do something in an addition to that?

Annette- Yes you could still do that

Commissioner Muegge- What about Cameron's Water system issue?

Mayor Harris (Cameron)- We have an issue, we draw from the Little River, where the river turns, we are fixing to lose our intake station. We have a project to build a new intake station, we are in the process to do some grant works. Would that work with this?

Annette- It might work in that, it's just that Cameron doesn't meet that 51% threshold

William- It is justified, the only issue with that is, that is a city-wide, since the city itself is less than the 51%

Annette- How many people live in Cameron?

Mayor Harris- About 5,500

Annette- That would be a challenge to do a city-wide survey

Commissioner Shuffield- When will it be awarded?

Annette- 1st part of 2021

Mayor Eaton- I was on a call the other day and they said they are going to do a second round of all this. So, if we don't get it done now is there a possibility to try again in the spring?

Annette- Absolutely

**Commissioner Muegge- Cameron and Thorndale don't meet the 51%
We should try and concentrate on the ones that meet the criteria**

Judge Young- Lets go back to the list

Mayor King- We are going for drainage for Rockdale

Judge Young- We have a grant that we are working on now for the floodplain

Annette- Is that the Water Development Board

Judge Young- Yes

So going back to the road issue, If John has a road that he wants to do and Donald has another road he wants to do, they are going to have to separate applications?

Commissioner Muegge- and they have to be 3 million dollars each? Unless you can combine roads

Annette- You can combine roads as long as you can connect all the beneficiaries

Commissioner Shuffield- CR 240 can eat up 3million, a lot of traffic on that road, Ballpark Road from there to CR 185

Judge Young- Does it flood

Commissioner Shuffield- Yes, Elm Creek runs through there

We can't do it ourselves; we would have to contract it out for it to be 3 million

Judge Young- How long is the road?

Commissioner Shuffield - over 2 miles close to 3

Judge Young- We talked about partnering with one of the cities, so if we look at this road and see about partnering with the City of Cameron

Annette- It would depend on the beneficiaries

Judge Young- Ok that is one project, lets look into Gause for the other one.

Commissioner Fisher- We can spend 3 million there, its going to take a lot of dirt

Judge Young- Mayor King what is your project?

Mayor King- Projects for flooding- from San Jacinto street by Miller Starnes

Mayor Eaton- Half of the town floods and backs into some of the resident's homes, we need new manholes, new lines. There is a manmade lake with ravine that backs up into the city.

Judge Young- So we have a potential for Donald and for John; what about you Jeff?

Commissioner Muegge- Not sure about my area, it doesn't meet the 51%

William- Can I meet with the two commissioners with potential projects?

- 5. Adjourn- *Motion by Commissioner Fisher to adjourn at 1:55p.m., Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried unanimously***

The above and foregoing Minutes for Thursday, September 17, 2020 having been examined and approved in Open Court this _____ day of _____ 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 September 17, 2020

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

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

September 17, 2020 Minutes

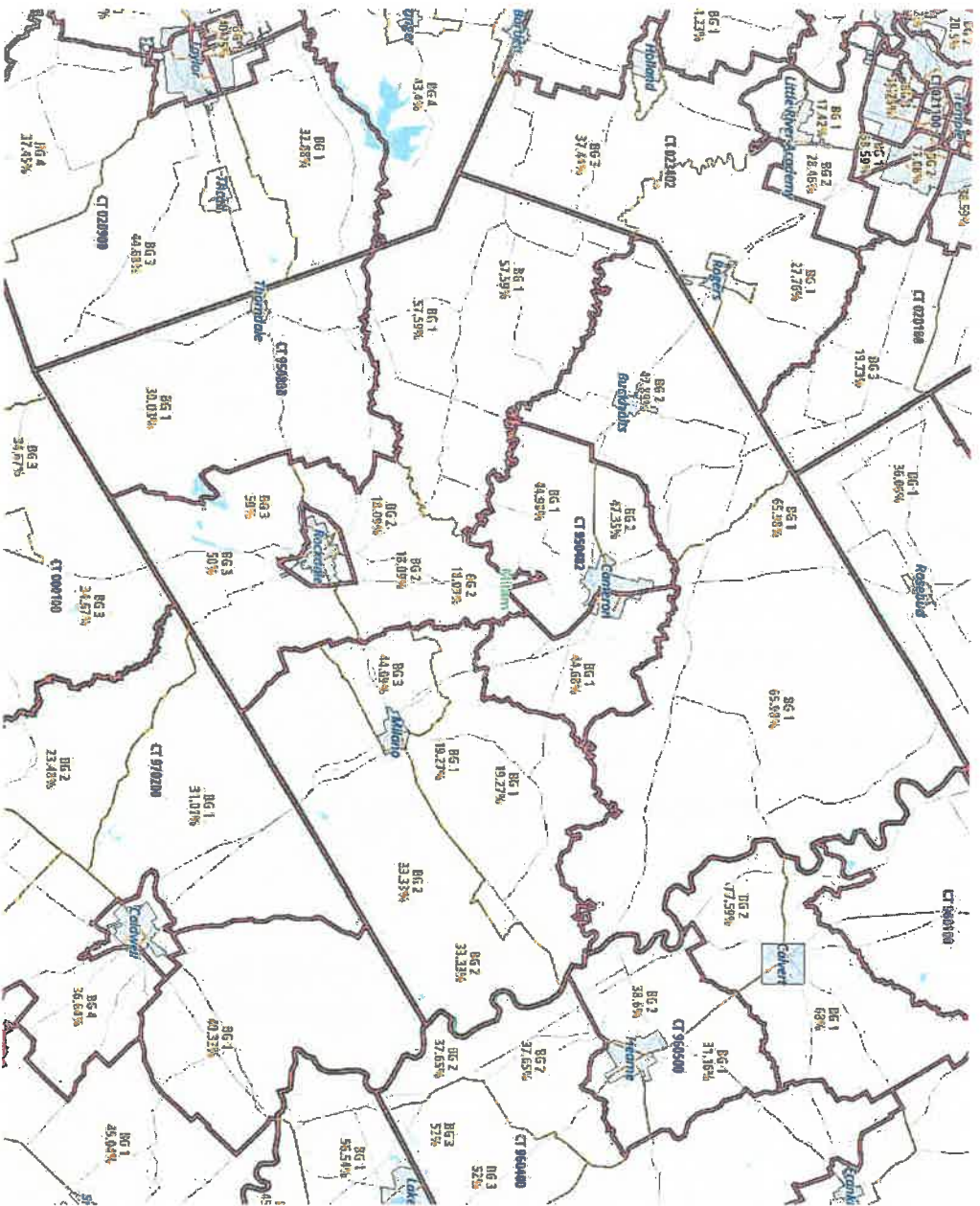
Approved _____

Commissioner of Precinct No. 1

Commissioner of Precinct No. 2

Commissioner of Precinct No. 3

Commissioner of Precinct No. 4



Milam County = 23,905

- Buckholts: 75.53% LMI
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POTENTIAL MITIGATION Projects:

Improve Stormwater Drainage System Capacity

- Install, re-rout or increase the capacity of a storm drainage system
- Increase drainage or absorption capacity with detention and retention basins,
- Relief drains, spillways, drainage widening/dredging or rerouting, logjam, and debris removal,
- Widening culverts, extra culverts
- Bridge modification (must stay out of floodways/suggest expansion type bridges if necessary)
- Dike setbacks, pumps, flood gates, and channel redirection
- berms for detention or retention of flood waters/green space

Protect Infrastructure – Mitigation to minimize losses to infrastructure

- Elevating roads and bridges above base flood elevation to maintain dry access. Attention to reconstruction of road with attention to drainage and stabilization or armoring of vulnerable shoulders and embankments (NOT DAMS)
- Raising low lying bridges
- Floodproofing wastewater treatment facilities located in flood hazard areas
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- Suggest bioengineered bank stabilization techniques

Protect Critical Facilities

- Installing/upgrading stormwater pumping station
- Raising electrical components of sewage lift station above base flood elevations
- Raising manhole openings using concrete pillars
- Installing watertight covers or inflow guards on sewer manholes
- Installing flood telemetry system in sewage lift stations
- Installing back-up generators for pumping and lift stations in sanitary sewer systems along with alarms, meters, remote controls, and switchgear upgrades.
- Rock or vegetative structures to prevent scour and erosion

Preserve Floodplains as Open Space

- Developing an open space acquisition, reuse, and preservation plan targeting hazard areas – suggest converting space to walking parks, ball parks, soccer parks, etc.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS:

- Water – examples storage, generators, etc. (hard to meet the minimum application requirement)
- Sewer – WWTP, collection, lift stations, etc.

KEY COMPONENTS of this competition:

- 1) Low/moderate income benefit
- 2) Minimum of \$3 Million
- 3) One Location/One Mitigation Project - can have multiple activities, but must target mitigation of a risk.
- 4) Points for risk identified in an adopted plan