

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

December 20, 2019

On January 27, 2020 beginning at 10:00 a.m. the Milam County Commissioners Court will discuss, consider and take any necessary action regarding the consummation of an agreement between Milam County and Ben Milam Solar Projects 1, 2, & 3 to abate certain Milam County taxes pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Tax Code. The meeting will be held at the Milam County Court House in the County Courtroom located at 102 S. Fannin, Cameron, Texas.

Ben Milam Solar Projects 1, 2, & 3 contacted Milam County regarding tax abatements on various parcels of land located in Milam County for the purpose of developing solar farm(s). After due notice was posted and a public hearing was held on or about August 26, 2019 the Milam County Commissioners Court approved the three requested reinvestment zones for the project(s). Milam County then retained Impact Data Source to prepare an Economic Impact Analysis of the economic effect that the Ben Milam Solar farms would have on the County and other taxing entities. On or about September 25, 2019 Ben Milam Solar 1, 2, & 3 applied to Milam County for tax abatements for each of the three parcels of land more specifically described in the creation of the involved three reinvestment zones. Thereafter, the Milam County Industrial Development Committee met to consider the amount of the abatement that should be considered by the Milam County Commissioners Court. The Milam County Industrial Development Committee recommended that the Ben Milam Solar projects be given a ten (10) abatement, beginning with a 90% abatement year 1; an 80% abatement in year 2; a 70% abatement in year 3; a 60% abatement in year 4; a 50% abatement in year 5; a 40% abatement in year 6; a 30% abatement in year 7; a 20% abatement in year 8; a 10% abatement in year 9; and 10% abatement in year 10.

The matter was listed as an agenda item for the Milam County Commissioners Court on or about October 12, 2019 and the matter was considered by the Court on October 15, 2019, after a public hearing. On October 15, 2019 the Commissioners Court approved an abatement for Ben Milam Solar Projects 1, 2, & 3 as recommended by the Milam County Industrial Corporation as set forth above, subject to the consummation of an actual written agreement with Ben Milam Solar.

Pursuant to the County's Guidelines and Criteria under the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act, Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code Reinvestment Zone 1 was created for Ben Milam Solar 1 LLC for approximately \$73 million in improvements related to the production of renewable energy utilizing solar panels. The property subject to the abatement agreement is

located on land included in the Milam County Reinvestment Zone #1 and owned by Triple M-J Cattle Co., LLC and Ricky Alan Reinders.

Pursuant to the County's Guidelines and Criteria under the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act, Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code Reinvestment Zone 2 was created for Ben Milam Solar 2 LLC for approximately \$184 million in improvements related to the production of renewable energy utilizing solar panels. The property subject to the abatement agreement is located on land included in the Milam County Reinvestment Zone #2 and owned by John Thomas Jahns, David and Cynthia Ann Kahlig, Cynthia Kahlig, Thomas and Gaile Duskocil, Keith Mitchell and David Kahlig, and David L. and Sharon K. Skupin.

Pursuant to the County's Guidelines and Criteria under the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act, Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code Reinvestment Zone 3 was created for Ben Milam Solar 3 LLC for approximately \$184 million in improvements related to the production of renewable energy utilizing solar panels. The property subject to the abatement agreement is located on land included in the Milam County Reinvestment Zone #3 and owned by Georgia L. Pirtle and the Kenneth A. Marek Revocable Trust.

The parties are in the process of the consummation of a written agreement regarding the above described tax abatement and the matter will again be taken up by the Milam County Commissioners Court on January 27, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Milam County Courthouse, located at 102 S. Fannin, Cameron, Texas. You are invited to attend and participate in the meeting. Please contact Milam County Judge Steve Young for any additional information.