

COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF MILAM COUNTY, TEXAS

AGENDA FOR MONDAY, August 23, 2021

The Milam County Commissioners Court will convene on Monday, August 23, 2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Court will convene in person at the Milam County Courthouse in the Milam County Courtroom located at 102 S. Fannin Ave., Cameron, Texas. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and concerns for public health and safety the meeting will also be broadcast by Facebook Live. Public attendance may be limited due to COVID-19 spacing requirements and admittance may be done on a first come, first serve basis.

If you would like to make a public comment on any of the agenda items and you are unable to attend in person, please call 254 697 7000 before 10:00 a.m. August 23, 2021 and we will make arrangements for you to participate by phone. If you would like to attend and speak in person, you may register with the County Judge's office before 10:00 a.m. Monday, August 23, 2021.

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

The following items will be addressed:

1. The Court will convene, and a quorum will be established.
2. Prayer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and to the Texas Flag.
4. Discuss the minutes of previous Commissioner's Court meetings and take any necessary action regarding approval, correction and/or changes of the minutes of prior Court action.
5. Public Participation:
 - a. The Milam County Commissioners Court will entertain any reasonable request from any citizen who wishes to address the Court, so long as the remarks are made pursuant to respectful decorum, the Texas Government Code and limited to five minutes or less.
6. Texas Association of Counties:
 - a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a presentation from TAC Wellness Consultant, Ashley Cureton, to discuss the opportunity for Milam County to implement a County specific Incentive program.
7. Milam County Small Business Grant Program:
 - a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding an update on the applications and awards of the Milam County Small Business Grant Program.
8. National Telecommunications and Information Agency Grant:
 - a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding an update on Milam County's application for a broadband grant.

9. Economic Development Administration – Build Back Stronger Grant
 - a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding an update on the Milam County application for a “Regional Training Center” grant.
10. Thorndale Volunteer Fire Department:
 - a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the construction and funding of the new Thorndale Volunteer Fire Department.
11. AMR Contract with Milam County, City of Rockdale, City of Cameron:
 - a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the existing contract between the County of Milam, the City of Rockdale, the City of Cameron and American Medical Response Inc.
12. Renovation of the Milam County Annex:
 - a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding an update on the Milam County “Annex” renovation project.
 - b. Discuss and take any necessary action to send out a request for proposals to provide phone and internet (data) wiring, including the cost of installation; wi-fi equipment, including the cost of installation; phone equipment, including hardware and software for the phone system; and surveillance monitoring inside and outside the building, including the cost of equipment, wiring and installation.
13. COVID-19 Pandemic:
 - a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the COVID-19 pandemic in Milam County, including:
 - b. The status of the Milam County vaccination clinics;
 - c. A summary of the cases in the County; and
 - d. The prognosis for additional vaccinations and testing.
14. Disaster Declaration:
 - a. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve and indefinitely extend a Milam Disaster Declaration of local disaster due to a public health emergency, dated August 19, 2021 implemented and executed by Milam County Judge Steve Young.
15. Commissioner On-Line Training:
 - a. Discuss and take any action regarding a proposal to allow for approval of CJCAT credit for online continuing education, except for a county commissioner during the first 12 months of his/her first year.
16. Commissioner Education Training Approval:
 - a. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve 14 hours of educational training at the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, June 28 – July 1, 2021 for Commissioner Art Neal.
 - b. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve 13 hours of educational training at the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, June 28-July 1, 2021 for Commissioner Henry Hubnik.
17. Virtual Meetings of Milam County Commissioners Court:
 - a. Discuss and take any necessary action to continue with Facebook Live publication of the Milam County Commissioners Court.

18. Milam County Tax and Budget Issues:

- a. Discuss and take any necessary action to appoint Ms. Sherry Mueck, the Milam County Tax Assessor/Collector to calculate the 2021 effective "No New Revenue" and "Voter Approved Tax Rate."
- b. Discuss and take any necessary action to assign a proposed 2021 maintenance and operation (M & O) and interest and sinking (I & S) tax rates for Milam County as follows:
 - i. Proposed tax rate - .73 per hundred dollars of evaluation
 - ii. Proposed M&O tax rate - .6759
 - iii. Proposed I&S tax rate - .0541
- c. Discuss and take any necessary action to amend the date of the required public hearing from September 2, 2021 to September 13, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at the Milam County Courthouse.
- d. Discuss and take any necessary action to publish notice of the public hearing in the Cameron Herald and the Rockdale Reporter during the week of August 23, 2021.

19. Public Hearings on Tax Abatements for Ben Milam Solar 5 L.L.C. and Two Rivers Solar L.L.C.:

- a. Conduct a public hearing on the creation of a Reinvestment Zone to be known as Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Ben Milam Solar 5 and Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Two Rivers Solar L.L.C., for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county, and possible action on a Tax Abatement Agreement with Ben Milam Solar 5, L.L.C. and Two Rivers Solar, L.L.C.
- b. Discuss and take any necessary action to create a reinvestment zone for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, said reinvestment zone to be known as Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Ben Milam Solar 5, and located as described in the application by Tax Abatement Agreement with Ben Milam Solar 5, LLC.
- c. Discuss and take any necessary action to create a reinvestment zone for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, said reinvestment zone to be known as Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Two Rivers Solar, LLC, and located as described in the application by Tax Abatement Agreement with Two Rivers Solar, LLC.
- d. Discuss and take any necessary action to set September 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. as a hearing date and time to consider the adoption of a Tax Abatement Agreement with Ben Milam Solar 5, L.L.C., pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code.
- e. Discuss and take any necessary action to set September 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. as a hearing date and time to consider the adoption of a Tax Abatement Agreement with Two Rivers Solar, L.L.C., pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code.

20. Lease Agreement with the City of Rockdale:

- a. Discuss and take any necessary action to enter into a lease agreement with the City of Rockdale to lease .27 acres of land owned by the County of Milam for the purpose of storage of various City supplies.

21. Bond Approval for Carolyn Hux:

- a. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve bond for Carolyn Hux, Milam County Agri-Life Extension Office.
22. Deputation of Alex Infantino:
- a. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve the deputation of Alex Infantino, recently employed by the Milam County Sheriff's office.
23. Certificate of Attendance for Jodi Morgan and Monica Montez:
- a. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve and accept certificates of attendance of Jodi Morgan and Monica Montez for attending the 39th Annual Election Law Seminar.
24. Interlocal election agreements with Cameron and Bartlett ISD's:
- a. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve interlocal agreement(s) between Milam County and Cameron and Bartlett ISD's to conduct school bond elections.
25. Request of Carolyn Strong:
- a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a request from Carolyn Strong as follows: "Can the Commissioners write a letter to the Tax Office verifying that this document does abandon all non-developed platted roads in the City and the County."
26. Notice of Intent to Create Private Road:
- a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposal to create a new public road beginning at the right of way of FM 2095 and extending northward 345 feet on Private Road 6040.
27. Proposed Agreement with R&M Construction:
- a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposal for Milam County Precinct 1 to contract with R&M construction to mow alongside roads in Precinct 1 at a rate of 72.22 cents per mile, to include mowing both sides of the involved roads.
28. Permission for Entry and Waiver of Claims, Precinct 1:
- a. Discuss and take any necessary action for permission to enter and waiver of all claims of landowners Troy Lightfoot, Shawn Hubnik and Jeff Hall in order for bridge construction on County Road 214 at Bear Creek, beginning on or about September 1, 2021.
29. Road Repairs to County Road 209:
- a. Discuss and take any necessary action to allow Weldon Dorskocil to repair a washout and ditch channel on County Road 209.
30. Subdivision Variance:
- a. Discuss and take any necessary action on a proposed subdivision variance on 14.5 acres on Highway 79 at County Road 360, appraisal district property ID 14214.
31. Discuss and take any necessary action to pay the bills of Milam County, Texas.
32. Discuss and take any necessary action to adjourn the Milam County Commissioners Court.

Dated this the 19th day of August 2021:

Commissioner's Court of Milam County, Texas
Digitally signed by Judge Steve Young
Date: 2021.08.19 19:20:36 -05'00'

By: Judge Steve Young

Steve Young, Milam County Judge

I, Jodi Morgan, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the Notice of convening of the Milam County Commissioners Court is a true and correct copy of said Notice. Further, the Notice is published on the Courthouse door and the County Clerk's Office of Milam County, Texas and at other place(s) readily accessible to the public at all times beginning on the 20th day of August 2021. The notice will remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled date and time of said Court.

Filed 20 day of August
in 2021, At 8 A M.

Dated this 20th day of August 2021.

County Clerk of Milam County, Texas

JODI MORGAN
County Clerk, Milam County, Texas
By: Jodi Morgan
Deputy

By: Jodi Morgan
Jodi Morgan, Milam County Clerk



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 Commissioner's 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.