

COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF MILAM COUNTY, TEXAS

AGENDA FOR MONDAY, October 25, 2021

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22. Discuss and take any necessary action to adjourn the Milam County Commissioners Court.

Dated this the 21st day of October 2021:

Commissioner's Court of Milam County, Texas

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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 21st day of October 2021. The notice will remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled date and time of said Court.

Dated this 21st day of October 2021.

County Clerk of Milam County, Texas

By: Jodi Morgan

Jodi Morgan, Milam County Clerk



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County Clerk

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By: Jodi Morgan
Deputy

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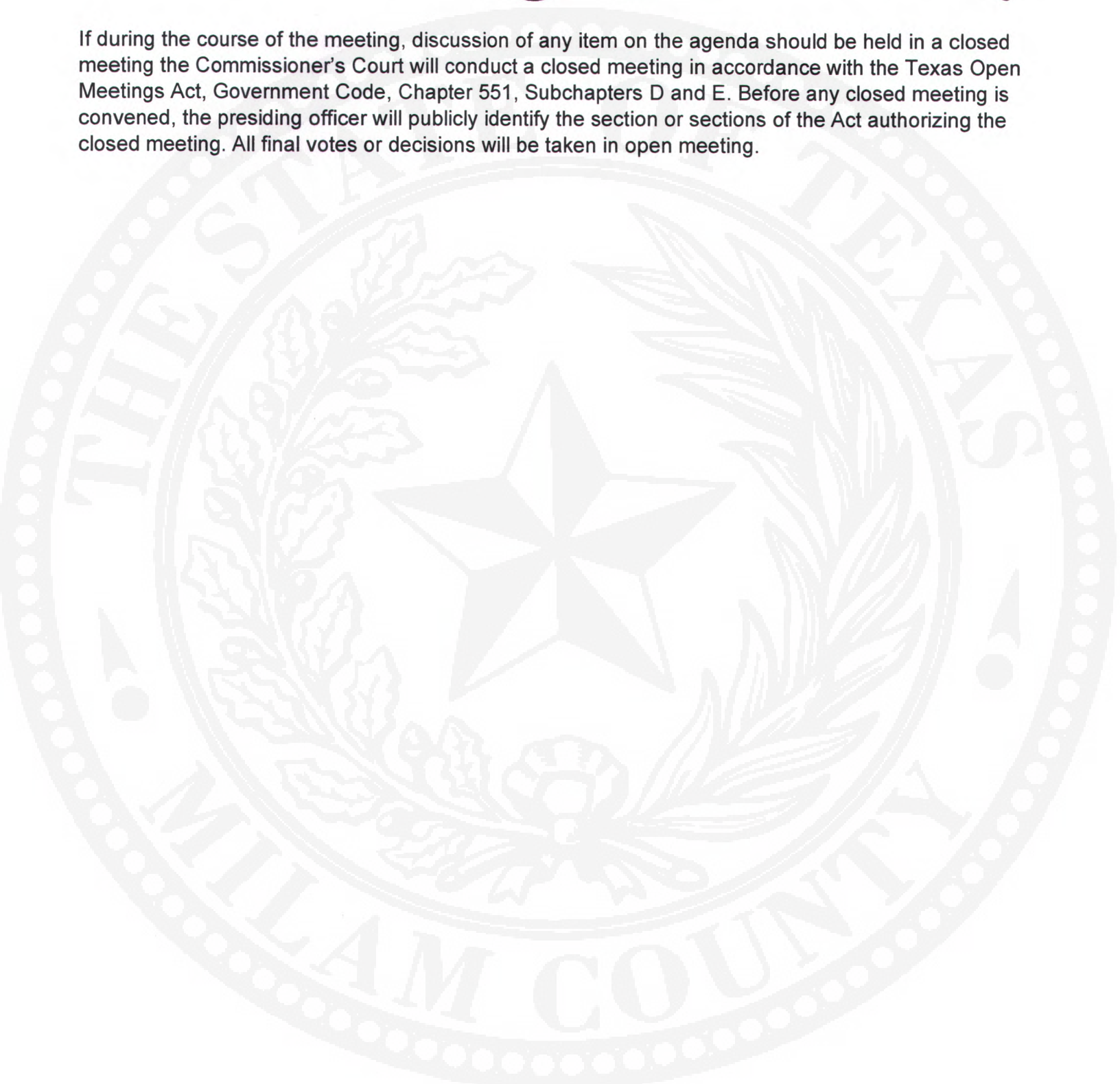
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STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF MILAM:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on Monday, the 25th day of October A.D. 2021, the Commissioners' Court of Milam County, Texas, convened in Regular Session in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Milam County Courthouse, 102 S. Fannin, Cameron Texas, with the following members of the Court present, to-wit:

Commissioners Court is now live stream through Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/live/producer/934846117015797>

**STEVE YOUNG, MILAM COUNTY JUDGE
HENRY HUBNIK, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO.1
DONALD SHUFFIELD, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 2
ART NEAL, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3
JEFF MUEGGE, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4
JODI MORGAN, COUNTY CLERK**

Absent to wit:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MAY BE VIEWED ON THE WEBSITE WWW.MILAMCOUNTY.NET , in the minutes in the Commissioners Court book located in the County Clerk's office, or online at <https://milam.tx.publicsearch.us/>

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 QUORUM – 10:00 A.M.**
- 2. PRAYER**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG**

4. DISCUSS THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMISSIONER COURT MEETINGS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, CORRECTION AND/OR CHANGES OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Shuffield to approve the minutes from the previous Commissioner's Court, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and approved unanimously.

October 12, 2021-Regular Meeting

5. Public Participation:

**Ernie Glenn- Retired Fire Chief for Minerva Volunteer Fire Department – Loan for Minerva Fire Department
Bill Hart- Project Saratoga**

6. 4H PROCLAMATION:

a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposed proclamation for National 4 H Week of 2021

Motion by Judge Young to designate the week October 3-9 as National 4H week of 2021, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and approved unanimously

7. REQUEST OF MINERVA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposed interlocal agreement for a no interest loan from Milam County to the Minerva Volunteer Fire Department of \$30,000.00 to be used as a grant match and repairs for a used fire emergency vehicle

Motion by Commissioner Shuffield to table the interlocal agreement with Minerva Volunteer Fire Department and have a new agreement prepared and submitted to the next court date, Seconded by Commissioner Hubnik and approved unanimously

8. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CAMERON:

- a. Discuss and take any necessary action for an interlocal agreement with the City of Cameron and The Cameron Economic Development Commission regarding an Emergency Operation Center:

Motion by Commissioner Neal to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Milam County, City of Cameron and The Economic Development Commission to use The Yards of Cameron as an Emergency Operations Center, Seconded by Commissioner Hubnik and approved unanimously

9. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF THORNDALE

- a. Discuss and take any necessary action to consummate an interlocal agreement with the City of Thorndale for mutual aid with respect to road repairs and storage of materials

Motion by Commissioner Muegge to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Milam County and the City of Thorndale, Seconded by Commissioner Neal and approved unanimously

10. PROJECT SARATOGA TAX ABATEMENT ISSUES:

- a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding an update on Project Saratoga

Motion by Commissioner Muegge to table the Project Saratoga Tax Abatement Issues, Seconded by Commissioner Shuffield and approved unanimously

11. 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**

12. COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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and
 - v. The child incentive pay of \$250.00 being paid to children 12 years of age and older to be fully vaccinated.**

Motion by Commissioner Shuffield to approve the County to terminate the child incentive pay of \$250.00, October 31, 2021 at 11:59pm, but to honor the commitment for anyone who receives at least one shot prior to the termination date, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and approved unanimously

13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding complaints made with respect to pay increases for elected public officials and the 2022 Milam County Budget**

Motion by Judge Young to move forward with the LAG time for the hourly employees, excluding the Elected Officials, Seconded by Commissioner Neal and approved unanimously

14. REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER:

- a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding Milam County's EDA grant submission for a "regional training center."**

15. PREMIUM PAY:

a. Discuss and take any necessary action to award various Milam County employees, other than elected officials, a COVID-19 premium pay allowance pursuant to the applicable provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act

Motion by Commissioner Shuffield to approve premium pay for Milam County Employees, excluding Elected Officials and Health Department Employees, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and approved unanimously

16. UTILITY INSTALLATIONS:

a. Southwest Milam:

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Motion by Commissioner Neal to approve Utility Installations from Southwest Milam for new installations on County Road 325 as listed in #16 i-ii, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and approved unanimously

17. BID FOR NEW GRAVEL:

- a. Discuss and take any necessary action to allow the Milam County precincts to purchase gravel from Mr. Albert Horelica for use on County projects at a price of \$4.00 per yard.

Motion by Commissioner Muegge to allow Milam County Precincts to purchase gravel from Albert Horelica for use on County projects at a price of \$4.00 per yard, Seconded by Commissioner Shuffield and approved unanimously

18. PHONES FOR THE ANNEX:

- a. Discuss and take any necessary action to select the phone company and hardware for the new Milam County Annex

Motion by Commissioner Muegge to select RingCentral as the phone company and hardware for Milam County Offices, Seconded by Commissioner Neal and approved unanimously

Jodi Morgan, Milam County Clerk- recommendation to use RingCentral for 5 years with an Annual Prepayment Plan of \$45,552.00

19. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING DISPUTED UTILITY BILL:

- a. Discuss and take any necessary action to enter into a settlement agreement to pay a disputed electrical bill

Motion by Commissioner Muegge to enter into a settlement agreement to pay a disputed electrical bill, Seconded by Commissioner Neal and approved unanimously

Motion by Judge Young to convene into a Public Meeting at 11:33a.m., Seconded by Commissioner Shuffield and approved unanimously

Motion by Judge Young to reconvene into Commissioners Court at 11:33a.m., Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and approved unanimously

20. PUBLIC HEARING – TAX ABATEMENT- AMERICAN STATESMAN GLOVE

- a. Conduct Public Hearing on the Creation of a Reinvestment Zone to be known as Milam County Reinvestment Zone-American Statesman Glove Company, for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county, and possible action on a Tax Abatement Agreement with American Statesman Glove Company, Inc.**
- b. Consider and take possible 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-American Statesman Glove Company, located as described in the Application for Tax Abatement Agreement filed by American Statesman Glove Company, Inc.**
- c. Consider and take possible action on the adoption of a Tax Abatement Agreement with American Statesman Glove Company, Inc., pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code.**

Motion by Commissioner Shuffield 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-American Statesman Glove Company, located as described in the Application for Tax Abatement Agreement filed by American Statesman Glove Company, Inc. , Seconded by Commissioner Neal and approved unanimously

Motion by Judge Young to adopt a Tax Abatement Agreement with American Statesman Glove Company, Seconded by Commissioner Shuffield and approved unanimously

21. REDISTRICTING WORKSHOP:

- a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the proposed redistricting of Milam County**

Motion by Judge Young to table the Redistricting Workshop and to convene on Monday, November 1, 2021 to discuss the redistricting, Seconded by Commissioner Shuffield and approved unanimously

22. BILLS:

Motion by Commissioner Muegge to approve to pay the bills in the amount of \$739,341.00, Seconded by Commissioner Neal and approved unanimously

23. ADJOURN- Motion by Commissioner Neal to adjourn at 12:00p.m., Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried unanimously.

The above and foregoing Minutes for Monday, October 25, 2021 having been examined and approved in Open Court this _____ day of _____ 2021.

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 October 25, 2021.

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

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

Commissioner PCT #1

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Commissioner PCT #3

Commissioner PCT #4