

## MILAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA

for  
Monday, January 13, 2020

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Milam County Commissioners Court will be held on Monday, the 13th day of January, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners Courtroom, Milam County Courthouse, 102 S. Fannin, Cameron, Texas, at which time the following agenda items will be addressed:

1. Call the Commissioners Court to order and establish a quorum.
2. Prayer.
3. Give the pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and Texas Flag.
4. Discuss the minutes of the most recent Commissioners Court meetings and take any necessary action regarding approval, correction and/or changes to the minutes.
5. Hear public participation comments from the public who have timely made a proper request and take any necessary action regarding such request and/or comments.
6. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding economic development in Milam County.
7. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the Thrasher property clean up.
8. Discuss and take any necessary action to appoint a new member to the Board of Directors of POSGCD vacated by Durwood Tucker.
9. Discuss and take any necessary action on a utility installation on CR 304.
10. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a utility installation on CR 208; specially the City of Rockdale is requesting a 20' wide sewer easement alongside CR 208, approximately 500' long, to provide sewer to the residents and businesses along CR 208.
11. Discuss and take necessary action on Deputation of Monica Montez – Deputy County Clerk.
12. Consider and take necessary action on subdivision variance for proposed 4.31 acre tract on FM 979 at CR 258.
13. Accept the Certificate of Completion from County & District Clerks Association of Texas for Jodi Morgan-2019- 20 hours.
14. Consider and take any necessary action regarding a proposed lease agreement for the Sheriff's department to lease new vehicles.
15. Discuss and take any necessary action to possibly allow Milam County to donate abandoned lots held in trust by the County for back taxes, in or near the City of Cameron for renovation and resale by the City of Cameron.
16. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding State-Mandated Cybersecurity Course required for all local government employees and elected officials who have access to a local government computer system or database.
17. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the payment of any bills of Milam County.
18. Adjourn.

Dated this the 10th day of January 2020

Commissioners Court of Milam County, Texas

By Steve Young Digitally signed by Steve Young  
Date: 2020.01.10.08:37:49-06'00'  
Steve Young, Milam County Judge

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 10th day of January, 2020, and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

Dated this the 10th day of January, 2020  
County Clerk of Milam County, Texas  
Jodi Morgan



**JODI MORGAN**  
*County Clerk*

By Jodi Morgan

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.

Filed 10 day of Jan  
in 2020, At 8:45 A.M.

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

**STATE OF TEXAS:**

**COUNTY OF MILAM:**

**BE IT REMEMBERED, that on Monday, the 13th day of January A. D. 2020, 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:**

**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**

**Members of the court absent:**

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MAY BE VIEWED ON THE WEBSITE  
[WWW.MILAMCOUNTY.NET](http://WWW.MILAMCOUNTY.NET)  
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 QUORUM – 10:00 A.M.**

**2. Prayer**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – U. S. FLAG, TEXAS FLAG. "HONOR THE TEXAS FLAG, I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THEE, TEXAS, ONE STATE, UNDER GOD, ONE AND INDIVISIBLE.**

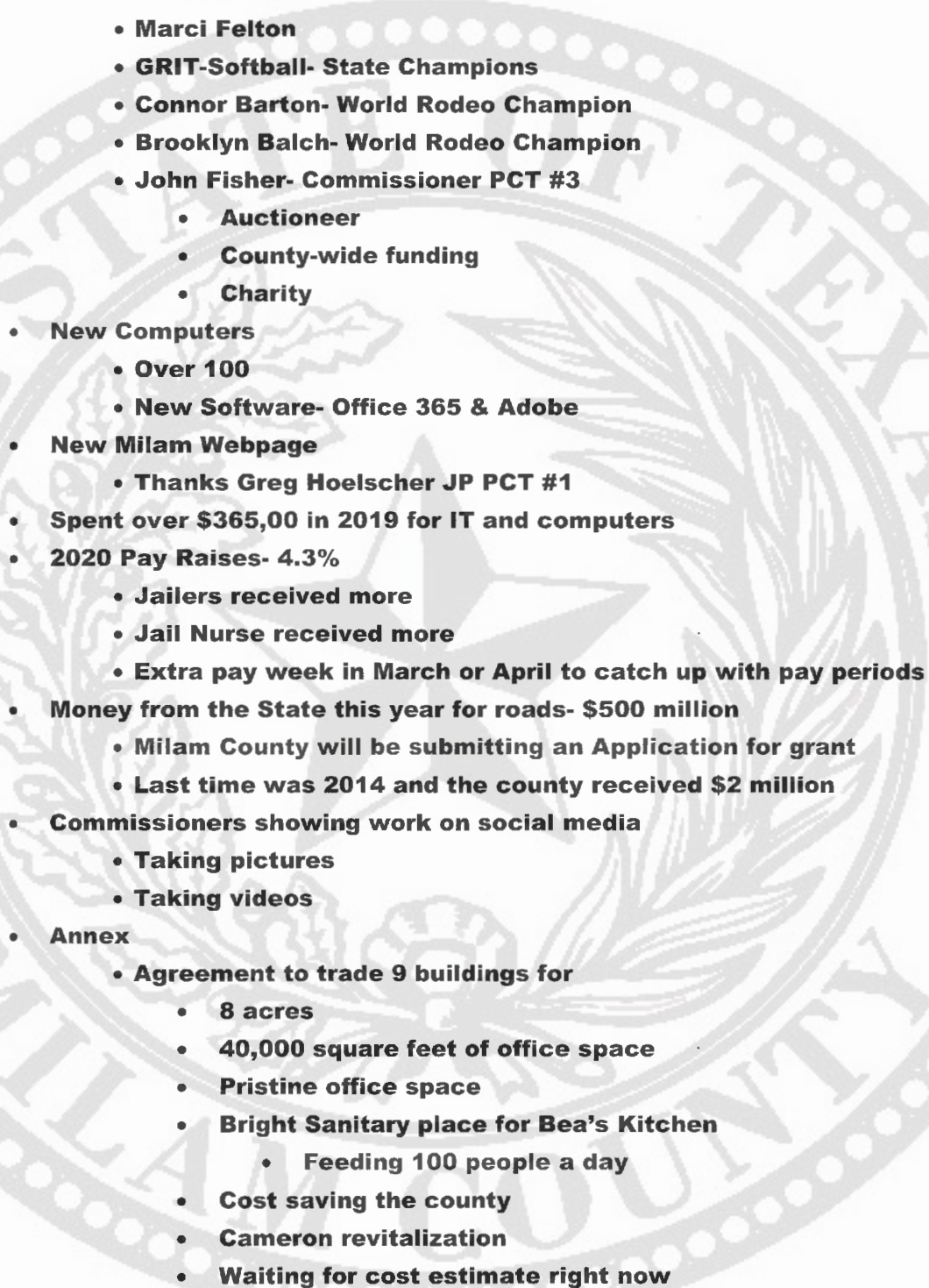
**4. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS – Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous meetings.**

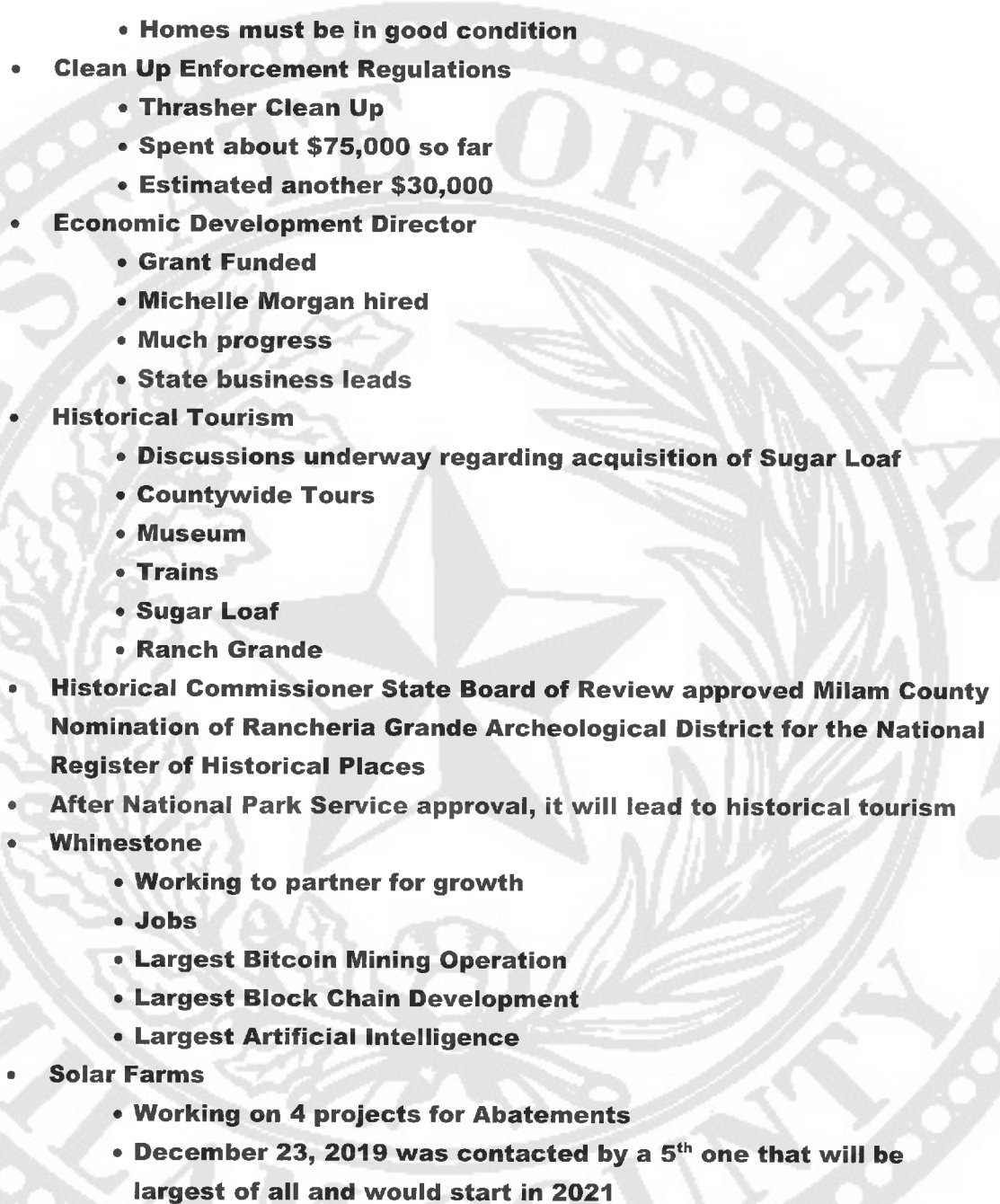
- **December 23, 2019- Regular Meeting**
- **December 30, 2019-Special Meeting**

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None**

**6. DISCUSS NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN MILAM COUNTY – 2019 Recap**

- **Courthouse**
  - **Roof Fixed**
  - **Exterior Power Washed**
  - **Clock Repaired**
  - **Chimes Repaired**
  - **Sprinklers Repaired**
  - **Sump Pump in basement repaired**
  - **Inside Cleaned**
  - **Security System Installed**
    - **Scanner Installed**
    - **Security Guard**
- **Radio Talk Show**
  - **46 Shows**
  - **41 Guest**
- **Newspaper Articles**
  - **49 articles**
  - **Both Papers- Cameron Herald & Rockdale Reporter**
- **County Unity**
  - **4 Summits**
  - **January 23, 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 Summit**
- **Moot Court**
  - **March 24-25, 2020**
- **Football Banquet**
  - **Cameron 2020**
- **Tire Clean Up- 8,500 tires brought to the County PCT #2 Barn**

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- **Honored**
    - **Radio Stations**
    - **4H Gold Stars**
    - **Marci Felton**
    - **GRIT-Softball- State Champions**
    - **Connor Barton- World Rodeo Champion**
    - **Brooklyn Balch- World Rodeo Champion**
    - **John Fisher- Commissioner PCT #3**
      - **Auctioneer**
      - **County-wide funding**
      - **Charity**
  - **New Computers**
    - **Over 100**
    - **New Software- Office 365 & Adobe**
  - **New Milam Webpage**
    - **Thanks Greg Hoelscher JP PCT #1**
  - **Spent over \$365,00 in 2019 for IT and computers**
  - **2020 Pay Raises- 4.3%**
    - **Jailers received more**
    - **Jail Nurse received more**
    - **Extra pay week in March or April to catch up with pay periods**
  - **Money from the State this year for roads- \$500 million**
    - **Milam County will be submitting an Application for grant**
    - **Last time was 2014 and the county received \$2 million**
  - **Commissioners showing work on social media**
    - **Taking pictures**
    - **Taking videos**
  - **Annex**
    - **Agreement to trade 9 buildings for**
      - **8 acres**
      - **40,000 square feet of office space**
      - **Pristine office space**
      - **Bright Sanitary place for Bea's Kitchen**
        - **Feeding 100 people a day**
      - **Cost saving the county**
      - **Cameron revitalization**
      - **Waiting for cost estimate right now**

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- **Mobile Home Park Requirements**
    - **Strict Single-Family requirements**
    - **Wide Roads**
    - **Homes must be in good condition**
  - **Clean Up Enforcement Regulations**
    - **Thrasher Clean Up**
    - **Spent about \$75,000 so far**
    - **Estimated another \$30,000**
  - **Economic Development Director**
    - **Grant Funded**
    - **Michelle Morgan hired**
    - **Much progress**
    - **State business leads**
  - **Historical Tourism**
    - **Discussions underway regarding acquisition of Sugar Loaf**
    - **Countywide Tours**
    - **Museum**
    - **Trains**
    - **Sugar Loaf**
    - **Ranch Grande**
  - **Historical Commissioner State Board of Review approved Milam County Nomination of Rancheria Grande Archeological District for the National Register of Historical Places**
  - **After National Park Service approval, it will lead to historical tourism**
  - **Whinestone**
    - **Working to partner for growth**
    - **Jobs**
    - **Largest Bitcoin Mining Operation**
    - **Largest Block Chain Development**
    - **Largest Artificial Intelligence**
  - **Solar Farms**
    - **Working on 4 projects for Abatement**
    - **December 23, 2019 was contacted by a 5<sup>th</sup> one that will be largest of all and would start in 2021**

- **2020**
  - **More Economic Development**
  - **Job Training**
  - **Cleaning**
  - **Unity in the County**
  - **Annex**
  - **Digitizing County Records**
  - **County Government a positive force**

**7. THRASHER PROPERTY CLEAN UP-**

**8. APPOINT NEW MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF POSGCD VACATED BY DURWOOD TUCKER-** Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Shuffield, seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried unanimously to approve Dana McLaren as the new member to the Board of Directors of POSGCD vacated by Durwood Tucker

**9. UTILITY INSTALLATION ON CR 304-** Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously to the Utility Installation by Southwest Milam Water Supply Corporation a water line on CR 304 in PCT #4

**10. UTILITY INSTALLATION ON CR208-** Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Shuffield and carried unanimously to Table the Utility Installation on CR208

- **Discrepancy on Count Road Number**

**11. DEPUTATION OF MONICA MONTEZ-** Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously to approve the Deputation of Monica Montez Deputy County Clerk

**12. SUBDIVISION VARIANCE 4.31 ACRE TRACT ON FM 979 AT CR 258- Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Shuffield, seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried unanimously to approve the subdivision variance on FM 979 and CR258, 4.31-acre tract of land**

- **A 30-foot easement to be put in**

**13. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERKS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS FOR JODI MORGAN- Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously to approve the Certificate of Completion from County & District Clerks Association of Texas For Jodi Morgan.**

**14. PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO LEASE NEW VEHICLE- Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Shuffield, seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried unanimously to table the proposed Lease Agreement for the Sheriff's Department to Lease New Vehicles**

**15. MILAM COUNTY TO DONATE ABANDONED LOTS HELD IN TRUST BY THE COUNTY FOR BACK TAXES, IN OR NEAR THE CITY OF CAMERON FOR RENOVATION AND RESALE BY THE CITY OF CAMERON- Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously to table Milam County to Donate Abandoned Lots held in trust by the county for back taxes, in or near the City of Cameron for Renovation and Resale by the City of Cameron**



**16. STATE-MANDATED CYBERSECURITY COURSE REQUIRED FOR ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO HAVE ACCESS TO A LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPUTER SYSTEM OR DATABASE-** Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously to approve the State-Mandated Cybersecurity course required for all Local Government Employees and Elected Officials who have access to a Local Government Computer System or Database

- TAC- Course
- Janice Johnson with HR & Trent Gresh with McLanes to be over the training

**17. BILLS-** Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Shuffield and carried unanimously to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$844,782.70.

**18. ADJORN**

The above and foregoing Minutes for Monday, January 13, 2020 having been examined and approved in Open Court this 27th day of January 2020.

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**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 January 13, 2020

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

**STATEMENT OF APPROVAL**

**January 13, 2020 Minutes**

**Approved January 27, 2020**

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**Commissioner of Precinct No. 1**

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**Commissioner of Precinct No. 2**

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**Commissioner of Precinct No. 3**

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**Commissioner of Precinct No. 4**

