

## MILAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA

For

Monday, February 24, 2020

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Milam County Commissioners Court will be held on Monday, the 24th day of February, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners Courtroom, Milam County Courthouse, 102 S. Fannin, Cameron, Texas, at which time the following items will be addressed:

1. Call Meeting to Order and establish quorum.
2. Prayer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and Texas Flags.
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 to recognize the Volunteer Fire Departments of Milam County.
7. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding economic development in Milam County, including but not limited to:
  - a. Cameron's plans for revitalization of downtown;
  - b. Whinstone;
  - c. Summit update;
  - d. Ursula Schlemmer indicted on February 20, 2020 for felony illegal dumping;
  - e. Thrasher update; and
  - f. Grant opportunities for small business adversely affected by Hurricane Harvey.
8. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposed Milam County Tax abatement agreement for Project Athena.
9. Discuss and take any necessary action to hire the law firm of Allison and Bass to represent Milam County in the upcoming State redistricting plan.
10. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the 2021 Milam County budget, including but not limited to:
  - a. Discussion of the 3.5% cap on taxing for 2021; and
  - b. Increased sales tax revenue.
11. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposal to create a Milam County task force to consider action to assist with better healthcare in Milam County.
12. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposed lease agreement between the Rockdale Historical Society and Milam County to lease the former IG&N Depot and Museum in Rockdale.
13. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposed mass gathering permit application by Austin Artistic Reconstruction, LLC for Burning Flipside on May 21 – May 25, 2020 at Apache Pass.
14. Discuss and take any necessary action to name and/or rename a private road off FM 2095 in Precinct 2, to Myrtle Lane, per request of the Emergency Services division of the Central Texas Council of Governments.
15. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the acceptance of bids to sell a used oil tank for Precinct 4.
16. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the sale of a Bolo motor grader on Kennedy Auctions— Precinct 4.

17. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the Dept. of Homeland Security Certification for Bombing Prevention, Certification for the Fundamentals of Emergency Management and Certification for Emergency Planning.
18. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the election/voting contracts between Milam County and the City of Thorndale, Thorndale ISD, City of Cameron, Cameron ISD, City of Rockdale and the Rockdale ISD, City of Milano and the Milano ISD and the Rockdale Hospital District.
19. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposal to pave a county road in front of Minerva Fire Station, located in Milam County Precinct 2.
20. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposed Agreement between Milam County and the Rockdale Volunteer Fire Department.
21. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposed Proclamation for National Nutrition Month 2020.
22. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a Utility Installation under CR 275A approximately .5 of a mile south of the intersection with CR 275.
23. Discuss and take any necessary action on Resolutions authorizing resale of property held in trust by the County of Milam.
24. Discuss and take any necessary action on Deeds Without Warranty from Milam County to James R. Waid, Lot 9, Block 35 W.H. Scott Addition and Lot 10, Block 35 W.H. Scott Addition.
25. Discuss and take any necessary action on Deeds without Warranty from Milam County to David Douglas-Lamar, Lot 9, Block 6, W.W. Lewis League Volume 924, Page 356, Volume 969, Page 253 and Volume 1044, Page 27 of the Deed Records, Milam County.
26. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the payment of any bills of Milam County.
27. Adjourn.

Dated this the 21st day of February, 2020

Commissioners Court of Milam County, Texas

By Steve Young Digitally signed by Steve Young  
Date: 2020.02.21 05:51:16 -06'00'  
Steve Young, 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 21st day of February, 2020, and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

Dated this the 21st day of January, February, 2020

County Clerk of Milam County, Texas

Jodi Morgan

By Jodi Morgan



**JODI MORGAN**  
County Clerk

Filed 21 day of Feb  
in 2020, At 8A M.  
**JODI MORGAN**  
County Clerk, Milam County, Texas  
By Jodi Morgan  
Deputy

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 Monday, the 24th day of February 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 Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous meetings.**

- **February 10, 2020- Regular Meeting**

**5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None**

**6. RECOGNIZE THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS OF MILAM COUNTY – Checks were presented to the Volunteer Fire Departments**

- a) **Minerva- \$4,500**
- b) **Bartlett- \$4,500**
- c) **Buckholts- \$4,500**
- d) **Burlington- \$4,500**
- e) **Gause-\$5,500**
- f) **Thorndale- \$17,500**
- g) **Milano- \$17,500**
- h) **Cameron- \$27,500**
- i) **Rockdale- \$27,500**

**Minerva has a fundraiser February 29, 2020**

**Bartlett's Fundraiser is March 21, 2020 in Davilla**

**Gause's Fundraiser is April 4, 2020**

**Milano has an ERT (Emergency Response Training) March 17, 2020**

**7. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-**

**a) Cameron's plans for revitalization of downtown:**

- **Cameron & Rockdale have both applied for the HGTV grant to revitalize downtown. Grant provides money to upgrade entire downtown**
- **Say Yes to Cameron (Melanie Reed's New Slogan for Cameron)**

**b) Whinestone**

- **Applied for Tax Abatement; we received application on February 12, 2020**

**c) Workforce Summit**

- **Friday, February 12, 2020**
- **Workforce Solutions was there**
- **Commissioner Alvarez was in attendance**

- **Applying for million-dollar grant; money for a structure and for teachers**
- **Workforce has 54 job openings on their website**

**d) County Clean-Up**

- **Ursula Schlemmer indicted on February 20, 2020**
- **Thrasher property we have spent \$172,200.19 to date**
- **February 28<sup>th</sup> will be the last day for Raymond Allison**
- **County will finish the rest**

**e) Grants**

- **There is a grant for small business owners that were affected by Hurricane Harvey**
- **Cut-off to apply is March 2, 2020**
- **\$50,000-\$250,000**
- **Applications in County Judge's Offices; apply through General Land Office**

**8. DISCUSS AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED MILAM COUNTY TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT FOR PROJECT ATHENA- Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously to accept the Proposed Milam County Tax Abatement Agreement for Project Athena**

**9. DISCUSS AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING TO HIRE THE LAW FIRM ALLISON AND BASS TO REPRESENT MILAM COUNTY IN THE UPCOMING STATE REDISTRICTING PLAN - Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously to Hire the Law Firm Allison and Bass to represent Milam County in the upcoming State Redistricting Plan**

**10. DISCUSS AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE 2021 MILAM COUNTY BUDGET, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO-**

- a) DISCUSSION OF THE 3.5% CAP ON TAXING FOR 2021 AND**
- b) INCREASED SALES TAX REVENUE**

**11. DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSAL TO CREATE A MILAM COUNTY TASK FORCE TO CONSIDER ACTION TO ASSIST WITH BETTER HEALTHCARE IN MILAM COUNTY- Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously to table the proposal to create a Milam County Task Force to Consider action to assist with better healthcare in Milam County**

**12. DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ROCKDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MILAM COUNTY TO LEASE THE FORMER IG&N DEPOT AND MUSEUM IN ROCKDALE- Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried unanimously to accept the proposed lease agreement between the Rockdale Historical Society and Milam County to lease the former IG&N Depot and Museum in Rockdale**

- a) No cost to the County
- b) Add them to the Counties Liability Insurance; county can add at no additional cost
- c) County will not pay for any maintenance or operations

**13. DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED MASS GATHERING PERMIT APPLICATION BY AUSTIN ARTISTIC RECONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR BURNING FLIPSIDE ON MAY 21- MAY 25, 2020 AT APACHE PASS- Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously to approve the Proposed Mass Gathering Permit Application by Austin Artistic Reconstruction, LLC for Burning Flipside on May 21-May25, 2020 at Apache Pass**

**14. DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION TO NAME AND/OR RENAME A PRIVATE ROAD OFF FM 2095 IN PRECINCT 2, TO MYRTLE LANE, PER REQUEST OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES DIVISION OF THE CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS- Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried 4 to 1 to rename a private road off FM 2095 in Precinct 2, to Myrtle Lane, per Request of Emergency Services Division of the Central Texas Council of Governments**

- a) Commissioner PCT #1 Watkins-For
- b) Commissioner PCT #2-Shuffield-Abstained
- c) Commissioner PCT #3-Fisher-For
- d) Commissioner PCT #4-Muegge-For
- e) County Judge Young-For

**15. DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS TO SELL A USED OIL TANK FOR PRECINCT 4- Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously to accept bids to sell a used Oil Tank for Precinct #4**

**16. DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE SALE OF A BOLO MOTOR GRADER ON KENNEDY AUCTIONS-PRECINCT 4- Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously to sale a Motor Grader on Kennedy Auctions Precinct #4**

**17. DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY CERTIFICATION FOR BOMBING PREVENTION, CERTIFICATION FOR THE FUNDAMENTALS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND CERTIFICATION FOR EMERGENCY PLANNING- Upon motion duly made by Judge Young, seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried unanimously to approve the Certificates for Bombing Prevention, the Fundamentals of Emergency Management and for Emergency Planning for Bryan Burns**

**18. DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE ELECTION/VOTING CONTRACTS BETWEEN MILAM COUNTY AND THE CITY OF THORNDALE, THORNDALE ISD, CITY OF CAMERON, CAMERON ISD, CITY OF ROCKDALE AND THE ROCKDALE ISD, CITY OF MILANO AND THE MILANO ISD AND THE ROCKDALE HOSPITAL DISTRICT- Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously to approve the Election Contracts for the following entities.**

- a) Thorndale ISD**
- b) Milano ISD**
- c) Rockdale ISD, City of Rockdale and Rockdale Hospital District**
- d) City of Cameron and Cameron ISD**

**19. DISCUSS AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSAL TO PAVE A COUNTY ROAD IN FRONT OF MINERVA FIRE STATION, LOCATED IN MILAM COUNTY PRECINCT 2: Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Shuffield, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously for Commissioner Shuffield to take care of the road with limestone**

**20. DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN MILAM COUNTY AND ROCKDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT- Upon motion duly made by Judge Young, seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried unanimously to approve the proposed agreement between Milam County and Rockdale Volunteer Fire Department**

**21. DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH 2020- Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously to accept the Proclamation for National Nutrition Month 2020**

- a) March as National Nutrition Month**



**22. DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING A UTILITY INSTALLATION UNDER CR 275A APPROXIMATELY .5 OF A MILE SOUTH ON THE INTERSECTION WITH CR 275- Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Shuffield, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously to approve a utility installation under CR 275A approximately .5 of a mile south on the intersection with CR 275**

**23. DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING RESALE OF PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST BY THE COUNTY OF MILAM-**

**24. DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON DEEDS WITHOUT WARRANTY FROM MILAM COUNTY TO JAMES R. WAID, LOT 9 BLOCK 35 W.H. SCOTT ADDITION AND LOT 10, BLOCK 35 W.H. SCOTT ADDITION - Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Shuffield, seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried unanimously to sell to James R. Waid, Lot 9 Block 35 W.H. Scott addition and Lot 10, Block 35 W. H. Scott Addition, Deeds without Warranty from Milam County**

**25. DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON DEEDS WITHOUT WARRANTY FROM MILAM COUNTY TO DAVID DOUGLAS-LAMAR, LOT 9 BLOCK 6 W.W. LEWIS, LEAGUE VOLUME 924 PAG 356, VOLUME 969, PAGE 253 AND VOLUME 1044, PAGE 27 OF THE DEED RECORDS, MILAM COUNTY- Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Shuffield, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously to sell to David Douglas-Lamar, Lot 9 Block 6, W.W. Lewis, League Volume 924, Page 356, VOLUME 969, PAGE 253 AND VOLUME 1044, PAGE 27 OF THE DEED RECORDS, Deeds without Warranty from Milam County**

**26. BILLS- Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$368,763.17.**

**27. ADJORN- Upon Motion made by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Muegge and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 A.M.**

**The above and foregoing Minutes for Monday, February 24, 2020 having been examined and approved in Open Court this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 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 February 24, 2020**

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

**STATEMENT OF APPROVAL**

**February 24, 2020 Minutes**

**Approved March 9, 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**