

COMMISSIONERS COURT OF MILAM COUNTY, TEXAS

AGENDA FOR April 13, 2020

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Milam County Commissioners Court will be held on Monday, April 13, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Due to the recent outbreak of the COVID-19 virus the meeting will be conducted by phone and by video conferencing. Participants and the public are invited to join by dialing 1 646 749 3112 and use access code 962-749-957. To join by video conferencing please join by using the following link to connect:
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/962749957>

The following items will be addressed:

1. Call Meeting to Order and establish a quorum.
2. Prayer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and 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.
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. COVID-19 and Milam County:
 - a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the status of the COVID-19 virus in Milam County, Texas, including:
 - i. An update on the cases in the County;
 - ii. The current shelter in place order; and
 - iii. Plans for further protective action.
7. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the proposed Milam County Annex.
8. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding Bea's Kitchen.
9. County employee paid leave during the COVID crisis:
 - a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a County wide policy of employee paid leave during the current COVID-19 crisis.
10. County Roads and TIFF Grant:
 - a. Discuss and take any necessary action to authorize and/or hire assistance for the County to apply for the pending TIFF grant and/or qualifications for Engineering Services related to the 2020 Texas County transportation Infrastructure administered by the Texas Department of Transportation, for use in improving roads maintained by Milam County.
11. Milam County Sheriff's Department vehicle purchase:
 - a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding an order of the Court authorizing the issuance of Milam County Tax Notes, series 2020, levying an annual ad valorem tax as necessary, within the limitations prescribed by law, for the payment of the notes; and further authorizing the execution of any necessary engagement agreements with the County's financial advisors; and providing an effective date.
 - b. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the approval of a resolution to establishing Milam County's intention to reimburse itself for the prior lawful expenditure of funds from the proceeds of one or more series of tax exempt obligations to be issued by the County for authorized purposes; specifically relating to the purchase of vehicles for the Milam County Sheriff's Department.

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County Clerk, Milam County, Texas
By Jodi Morgan
Deputy

12. Utility Installations:

- a. Discuss and take any necessary action on a utility installation on CR 329 approximately 1.6 miles south of the intersection of CR 329 and Hwy 79 – Southwest Milam Water
- b. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a utility installation for Heart of Texas Electric on CR 353, installing new poles in the existing right of way.

13. County Road 202A Closure:

- a. The Court will hold a public hearing to consider closing CR 202A between Hwy 190 and CR 215.
- b. Discuss and take any necessary action by the Court to close CR 202A between Highway 190 and CR 215 after conclusion of the public hearing regarding the closure.

14. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve purchase of a very nice 2018 672 GP Motor Grader for Precinct 4.

15. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve Certificates of Completion for Jeff Muegge, John Fisher and Opey Watkins from the V.G. Young Institute.

16. Culvert Installation:

- a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the installation of a culvert on a driveway off of County Road 450 in Precinct 4.

17. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a new 911 address for a new structure on DR 359 to be know as Private Road 3591 and Butler Road.

18. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the payment of bills for Milam County.

19. Adjourn.

Dated this the 9th day of April, 2020.
Commissioners Court of Milam County, Texas

By: **Steve Young** Digitally signed by Steve Young
Date: 2020.04.09 13:53:42 -05'00'

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 9th day of April 2020 and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the schedule time of said Meeting.

Dated this 9th day of April 2020
County Clerk of Milam County, Texas

Jodi Morgan
By: 



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 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 13TH day of April 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:

Due to the recent outbreak of the COVID-19; this meeting was conducted by video or phone. Call 1 646 749 3112 access code 962 749 957 or to join by video at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/962749957>

**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**

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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 a quorum- 10:00a.m.**
- 2. Prayer.**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and 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 - Upon motion duly made by *Commissioner Fisher*, seconded by *Commissioner Muegge* and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous meetings.**
- **March 23, 2020 – Regular Meeting**
 - **March 23, 2020 – Emergency Meeting**
 - **March 24, 2020 – Emergency Meeting**
 - **March 27, 2020 – Emergency Meeting**
 - **March 27, 2020 – Emergency Meeting**
 - **April 6, 2020- Emergency Meeting**
 - **April 6, 2020- Emergency Meeting**
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- 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.**
- **Steve Tomek-Speak on Item #13**
 - **Carl Foster- Speak on Item #13**
- 6. COVID-19 and Milam County:**
- **Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the status of the COVID-19 virus in Milam County, Texas, including:**
 - **An update on the cases in the County;**
 - **March 19, 2020 Disaster Order Signed by Milam County**
 - **March 23, 2020 Shelter in Place**
 - **March 29, 2020 Shelter in Place Extended to May 4, 2020**
 - **No Cure, No Vaccine**
 - **Getting the word out by Radio, Newspaper and Facebook Live**
 - **4 Ways to Test in Milam County**
 - **Country Meadows in Thorndale will Swab your nose and send off**
 - **Healthpoint in Rockdale- Onsite**
 - **Scott and White in Cameron will send you to Temple**
 - **Monette Schweitzer, NP has test kits and if you are a patient of hers, she will come to your house and do the testing**
 - **Health Department is doing very thorough Investigations and contacting people**
 - **8 Cases in the County**
 - **3 have Recovered**
 - **5 are in the process of recovery**
 - **Latest projection is the peak of the virus will be April 24, 2020 with 2,000 Deaths in Texas**
 - **Schools will have a conference all on Friday to discuss the remainder of the year**
 - **Commissioners will take up our order on Monday, April 27, 2020**
 - **The current shelter in place order; and**
 - **Plans for further protective action.**

7. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the proposed Milam County Annex- Upon motion duly made by *Commissioner Muegge*, seconded by *Commissioner Fisher* and carried unanimously to approve going out for bids for the Milam County Annex

- **Plans cost \$146,000**
- **Bid Post for 30 days in newspaper and on website**

8. Bea's Kitchen-

- **The Williams Foundation, the primary founder of Bea's Kitchen normally gives \$80,000 annually; with the County providing the building and paying the utilities. This year the foundation notified the Judge that they would not be able to give any money due to the stock portfolio had been affected by the pandemic. Judge Young reached out to Central Texas Council of Governments and Hill Country and they have agreed to fund the whole thing and have put Renee on the payroll already. Since this will be federal money, Renee will have to cook pursuant to the Federal Guidelines. This past Thursday was the first of the meals to be handed out to Senior Citizens who had signed up, they each received 10 meals and about 120 people were served**

9. County employee paid leave during the COVID crisis:

- **Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a County wide policy of employee paid leave during the current COVID-19 crisis- Upon motion duly made by *Commissioner Watkins*, seconded by *Commissioner Fisher* and carried unanimously to approve the policy to pay employees paid leave during the current COVID-19 crisis**
 - **Department Head will make the decision on who to send home**

10. County Roads and TIFF Grant:

- **Discuss and take any necessary action to authorize and/or hire assistance for the County to apply for the pending TIFF grant and/or qualifications for Engineering Services related to the 2020 Texas County transportation Infrastructure administered by the Texas Department of Transportation, for use in improving roads maintained by Milam County - Upon motion duly made by *Judge Young*, seconded by *Commissioner Muegge* and carried unanimously to approve Allison and Bass to assist in applying for the pending TIFF grant and/or qualifications for Engineering Services related to the 2020 Texas County transportation Infrastructure administered by the Texas Department of Transportation**
 - **Allison & Bass 5%**
 - **Grantworks & another company 7%**

11. Milam County Sheriff's Department vehicle purchase:

- **Discuss and take any necessary action regarding an order of the Court authorizing the issuance of Milam County Tax Notes, series 2020, levying an annual ad valorem tax as necessary, within the limitations prescribed by law, for the payment of the notes; and further authorizing the execution of any necessary engagement agreements with the County's financial advisors; and providing an effective date - Upon motion duly made by *Judge Young*, seconded by *Commissioner Muegge* and carried unanimously to approve an Order of the Court authorizing the issuance of Milam County Tax Notes, series 2020, levying an annual ad valorem tax as necessary, within the limitations prescribed by law, for the payment of the notes; and further authorizing the execution of any necessary engagement agreements with the County's financial advisors; and providing an effective date**
- **Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the approval of a resolution to establishing Milam County's intention to reimburse itself for the prior lawful expenditure of funds from the proceeds of one or more series of tax exempt obligations to be issued by the County for authorized purposes; specifically relating to the purchase of vehicles for the Milam County Sheriff's Department - Upon motion duly made by *Judge Young*, seconded by *Commissioner Watkins* and carried unanimously to approve a resolution to establish Milam County's intention to reimburse itself for the prior lawful expenditure of funds from the proceeds of one or more series of tax exempt obligations to be issued by the County for authorized purposes; specifically relating to the purchase of vehicles for the Milam County Sheriff's Department**

12. Utility Installations:

- **Discuss and take any necessary action on a utility installation on CR 329 approximately 1.6 miles south of the intersection of CR 329 and Hwy 79 – Southwest Milam Water- Upon motion duly made by *Commissioner Fisher*, seconded by *Judge Young* and carried unanimously to approve the utility installation on CR 329 and Hwy 79**
- **Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a utility installation for Heart of Texas Electric on CR 353, installing new poles in the existing right of way- Upon motion duly made by *Commissioner Fisher*, seconded by *Commissioner Shuffield* and carried unanimously to approve the utility installation for Heart of Texas Electric on CR 353**

13. County Road 202A Closure:

- **The Court will hold a public hearing to consider closing CR 202A between Hwy 190 and CR 215.**
 - **Steve Tomek- leave open, he travels it at least 2 times a day getting back and forth between properties**
 - **Carl Foster- road is only 800ft and only 3 people live on it; the road off of Hwy 190 has no turning lane and is an accident waiting to happen. There is access to the properties off of CR215; it is just a convience to Mr. Tomek, it is not the only route to any properties**
 - **Letter from Charles Riola – Stating that he would strongly oppose the closure of CR202A (letter attached)**
- **Discuss and take any necessary action by the Court to close CR 202A between Highway 190 and CR 215 after conclusion of the public hearing regarding the closure- Upon motion duly made by *Commissioner Shuffield*, seconded by *Commissioner Watkins* and carried unanimously to table the action to close CR202A between HWY 190 and CR 215**

14. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve purchase of a very nice 2018 672 GP Motor Grader for Precinct 4 - Upon motion duly made by *Judge Young*, seconded by *Commissioner Watkins* and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of a 2018 672 GP Motor Grader for Precinct 4

15. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve Certificates of Completion for Jeff Muegge, John Fisher and Opey Watkins from the V.G. Young Institute - Upon motion duly made by *Commissioner Shuffield*, seconded by *Commissioner Muegge* and carried unanimously to approve the certificates of completion for Jeff Muegge, John Fisher and Opey Watkins from the V.G. Young Institute

16. Culvert Installation:

- **Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the installation of a culvert on a driveway off of County Road 450 in Precinct 4 - Upon motion duly made by *Judge Young*, seconded by *Commissioner Shuffield* and carried 4 to 1 to approve the installation of a culvert on a driveway off of County Road 450 in Precinct 4 with *Commissioner Fisher* to oversee the installation**
 - **Judge Young- Yay**
 - **Commissioner Watkins- Yay**
 - **Commissioner Shuffield – Yay**
 - **Commissioner Fisher- Yay**
 - **Commissioner Muegge- Abstained**

17. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a new 911 address for a new structure on CR 359 to be known as Private Road 3591 and Butler Road- Upon motion duly made by *Commissioner Fisher*, seconded by *Commissioner Muegge* and carried unanimously to approve the new 911 address for a new structure on CR 359 to be known as Private Road 3591 and Butler Road

18. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the payment of bills for Milam County - Upon motion duly made by *Commissioner Muegge*, seconded by *Commissioner Fisher* and carried unanimously to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$752,368.07

19. Adjourn- Upon motion duly made by *Commissioner Fisher*, seconded by *Commissioner Muegge* and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11am

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

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 April 13, 2020

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

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

April 13, 2020 Minutes

Approved April 27, 2020

Commissioner of Precinct No. 1

Commissioner of Precinct No. 2

Commissioner of Precinct No. 3

Commissioner of Precinct No. 4