

COMMISSIONERS COURT OF MILAM COUNTY, TEXAS

AGENDA FOR MONDAY MAY 11, 2020

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Milam County Commissioners Court will be held on Monday, May 11, 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 (872) 240-3212 and use access code 357-975-789. To join by video conferencing please join by using the following link to connect:
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/357975789>

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 pandemic 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 COVID cases in the County
 - ii. The shelter in place order of Milam County
 - iii. Grant requests made in connection with the pandemic
7. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding economic development in the County, including:
 - a. Whinstone
 - b. Saturn Solar Project
 - c. Ben Milam Solar
 - d. Business Web Page for Milam County
 - e. Milam County Facebook Business page
 - f. Thrasher Clean Up and bill board
8. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding an update on the Milam County annex, including:
 - a. A grant application for the project and a companion grant request by the City of Cameron.
 - b. Bid process for the project.

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County Clerk, Milam County, Texas
By Jodi Morgan
Deputy

9. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a Texas Water Development Board flood infrastructure grant, for possible flood plain mapping and/or other purposes. Ms. Janet Sheguit, Municipal Service Manager, MRB Group, may make a short explanatory presentation.
10. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve/disapprove a proposed agreement with Texas A&M to install a telehealth pod into the jail/Sherriff's building.
11. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve the hiring of a contract individual for the Milam County Health Department.
12. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the deputation of Ms. Patsy Gabriel for the Milam County District Clerk's office.
13. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding installation on CR 325, approximately 0.8 miles south of the intersection of CR 325 and CR 322, for new water service – Southwest Milam Water Supply.
14. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding:
 - a. A resolution allowing the Sheriff's office to apply for a grant(s) due to the COVID pandemic, seeking reimbursement for unplanned expenditures.
 - b. An application for personnel hazard pay under the CESF funding guidelines for Sheriff's Dept.
15. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding pay for Mr. Bryan Burns.
16. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the payment of bills for Milam County.
17. Adjourn.

Dated this the 7th day of May 2020.
Commissioners Court of Milam County, Texas

By: **Steve Young**
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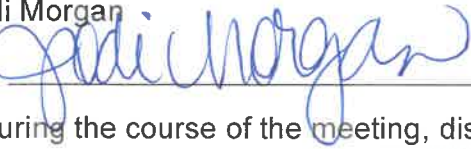
Steve Young, Milam County Judge

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 7th day of May 2020 and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the schedule time of said Meeting.

Dated this 8th day of May 2020
County Clerk of Milam County, Texas

Jodi Morgan

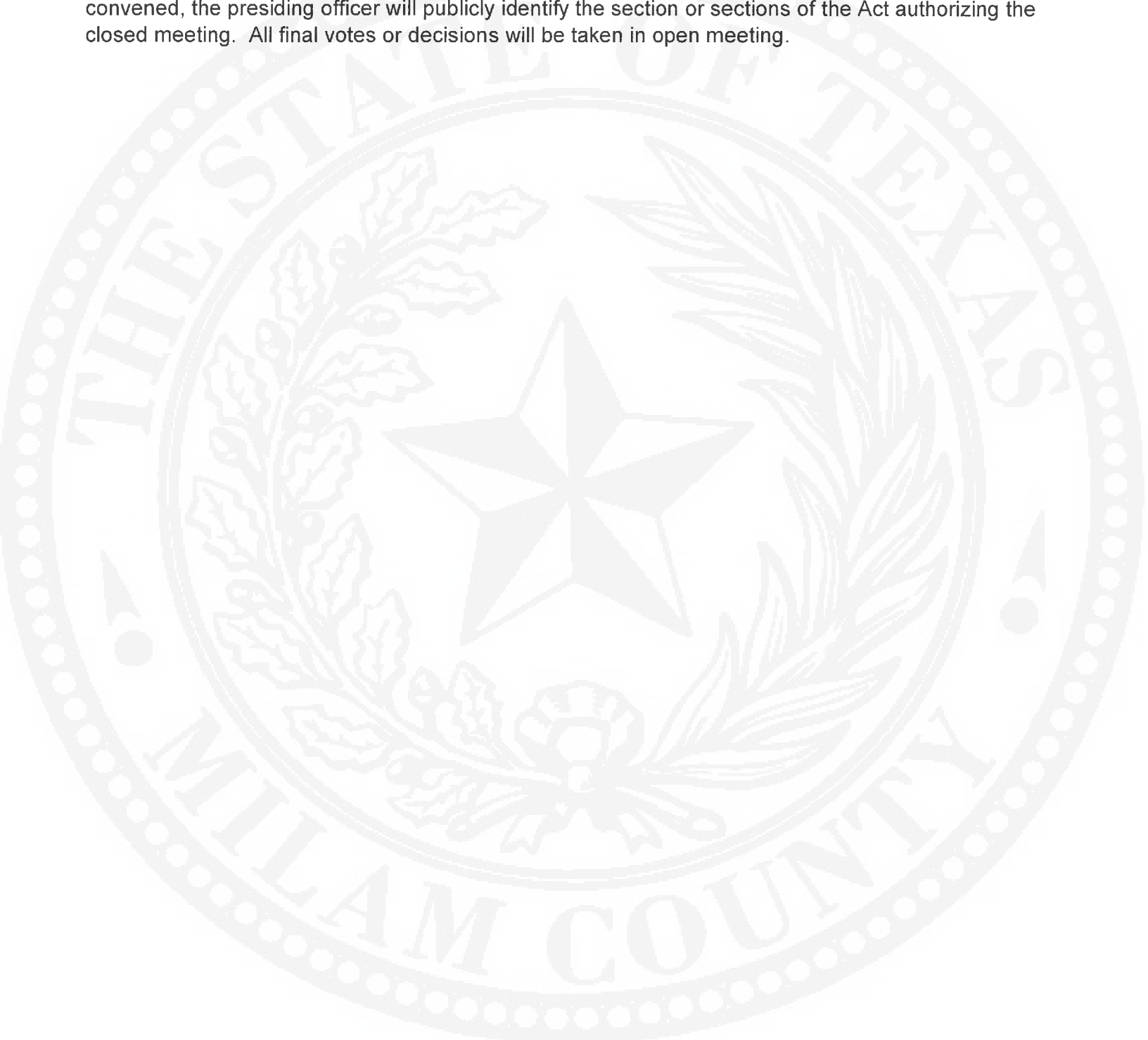
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JODI MORGAN

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 11TH day of May 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 1 872 240 3212 access code 357 975 789 or to join by video at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/357975789>

**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 –**
Motion by Commissioner Fisher to approve the minutes from the previous meetings as listed, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried unanimously
 - **April 27, 2020 – Regular Meeting**
 - **April 30, 2020- Emergency Meeting**
 - **May 7, 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- None**
6. **COVID-19 pandemic in 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 COVID cases in Milam county- 19th case Thursday and 20th case Friday**
 - **The Shelter in Place Order of Milam County- Lifted Thursday, May 7, 2020**
 - **Grant Request made in connection with the pandemic- Grants for various funding's were submitted last week. Health Department received grants in the amount of \$247,000 to help with COVID-19, they have hired someone to help. Additional Testing coming in Milano again, looking at May 15th or 19th Recommended to continue to wear mask in public**
7. **Discuss and take any necessary action regarding economic development in the County, including:**
 - **Whinstone – Abatement was approved, started on 3rd building, multi-million project**
 - **Saturn Solar Project- smaller project; 12 acres in Minerva, construction to start this week, will be the 1st solar project in Milam County**
 - **Ben Milam Solar- 5,000 acres, abatement done**
 - **Business Web Page for Milam County- Michelle Morgan handling, it is up and running, adding to it daily**
 - **Milam County Facebook Business Page- Conference calls on Friday on how to advertise on Facebook, which is a free service.**
 - **Thrasher Clean Up and Billboard- Spent \$230,000 out of pocket; Commissioner Fisher to finish up some cleaning, we are putting up a sign on the billboard that is there. Slogan will be “Milam County a Cleaner Place to Live”. Dyann White with the Appraisal District is going to go back out and re-evaluate the property, we can then look at selling the property through an auction with a minimum starting bid.**

8. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding an update on the Milam County Annex, including- Plans are finished and we are taking bids until June 19; there will be a walk through for anyone that wants to do a pre-bid on June 4, 2020

- **A grant application for the project and a companion grant request by the City of Cameron-CARES Act is a grant for \$120 Billion for infrastructure projects; Milam County has submitted its plans for the County Annex and the City of Cameron submitted plans for revitalizing downtown Cameron as well**
- **Bid process for the project**

9. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a Texas Water Development Board Flood infrastructure grant, for possible flood plain mapping and/or other purposes. Ms. Janet Sheguit, Municipal Service Manager, MRB Group, may make a short explanatory presentation:

Motion by Commissioner Muegge to approve the Flood Infrastructure grant for possible flood plain mapping and/or other purposes with Texas Water Development Board, Seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously

Tom Brown- Memorandum of Understanding must be on file with all Incorporated Cities in Milam County

10. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve/disapprove a proposed agreement with Texas A&M to install a telehealth:

Motion by Commissioner Muegge to approve the proposed agreement drawn up by Kyle Nuttall, Milam County Attorneys Office with Texas A&M to install a telehealth pod at the Milam County Sheriff's Office, Seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously

Telehealth to be set up in the Sheriff's Lobby, no expected cost except the space and Electricity

11. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve the hiring of a contract individual for the Milam County Health Department:

Motion by Judge Young to approve the hiring of a contract individual for the Milam County Health Department, Seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously

- **No cost to the county**

12. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the deputation of Ms. Patsy Gabriel for the Milam County District Clerk's Office:

Motion by Judge Young to approve deputation of Ms. Patsy Gabriel for the Milam County District Clerk's Office, Seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously

13. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding installation on CR 325, approximately 0.8 miles south of the intersection of CR 325 and CR 322, for new water service-Southwest Milam Water Supply

Motion by Commissioner Fisher to approve the utility installation on CR 325, approximately 0.8 miles south of the intersection of CR 325 and CR 322, for new water service by Southwest Milam Water Supply, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried unanimously

14. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding:

- A resolution allowing the Sheriff's office to apply for a grant(s) due to the COVID pandemic, seeking reimbursement for unplanned expenditures
- An application for personnel hazard pay under the CESF funding guidelines for Sheriff's Dept

Motion by Commissioner Muegge to approve the Resolutions as presented to the court for the Sheriff's Office, Seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously

15. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding pay for Mr. Bryan Burns

Motion by Judge Young to table the pay for Bryan Burns, Seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously

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

Motion by Commissioner Fisher to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$633,269,48, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried unanimously

17. Adjourn- *Motion by Commissioner Fisher to adjourn at 10:45am, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried unanimously*

The above and foregoing Minutes for Monday, May 11, 2020 having been examined and approved in Open Court this 26th day of May 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 May 11, 2020

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

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

May 11, 2020 Minutes

Approved May 26, 2020

Commissioner of Precinct No. 1

Commissioner of Precinct No. 2

Commissioner of Precinct No. 3

Commissioner of Precinct No. 4