

COMMISSIONERS COURT OF MILAM COUNTY, TEXAS

AGENDA FOR TUESDAY MAY 26, 2020

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Milam County Commissioners Court will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 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 (786) 535-3211 and use access code 751-218-181. To join by video conferencing please join by using the following link to connect:
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/751218181>

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 the 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. Grant requests made in connection with the pandemic
7. Discuss and take any necessary action upon the approval, acceptance, affirmation, and ratification of the Application submitted by the County for the purpose of securing grant funding under the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund program, including acceptance and approval of the following, included therein:
 - a. The acts of the designated TxDOT County contact person for the purposes of preparing and submitting the Application;
 - b. The Road Reports, as the 2019 road condition reports required by Texas Transportation Code §215.005 and §215.018.
 - c. The County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Project List (Prioritized List).
8. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a resolution regarding potential grant funding through the CARES Act for the Help America Vote Act, which provides emergency funds, made available to Texas to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus for the 2020 federal election cycle as follows:
 - a. The Milam County Commissioners Court agrees that the expenditure of the funds will be in accordance with applicable federal and state law and any agreement between Milam County and the State of Texas, Office of the Secretary of State as authorized

under Section 101 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and in consultation and agreement with the county election official(s) as defined in Sections 12.001 and 31.091 of the Texas Election Code.

- b. The Milam County Commissioners Court agrees to assign a single point of contact (SPOC) to act on behalf of the county in communicating with the Office of the Secretary of State, including the submission of all necessary reports, which shall be the County Judge.
 - c. The Milam County Commissioners Court agrees claims against the fund shall be audited and approved in the same manner as other claims against the county before they are paid.
 - d. The Milam County Commissioners Court agrees that it will not consider the availability of the funds in adopting the county budget.
 - e. The Milam County Commissioners Court agrees that in the event of loss, misuse, or noncompliance pursuant to any grant award agreement with the Secretary of State, the Commissioners Court assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Secretary of State in full.
9. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a resolution for the election grant to appoint a single point of contact.
 10. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposed idocket agreement with the Milam County Clerk's office.
 11. Discuss and take any necessary action to satisfy various GLO requirements for the Milam County infrastructure grant including work in the City of Rockdale and Brushy Slough Bridge, as follows:
 - a. Adopt a resolution to designate authorized signators for the Hurricane Harvey - Infrastructure CDBG Disaster Recovery program contract 20-065-111-C308.
 - b. Approve a resolution adopting required CDBG-DR Civil Rights policies.
 - c. Proclaim April as Fair Housing Month, in order to fulfill the Fair Housing activity obligations as required by the grant.
 12. Discuss and take any necessary action to renew Milam County's policy of health and dental insurance for employees, spouses & other dependents with the Texas Association of Counties, effective October 1, 2020.
 13. 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.
 14. Utility installations:
 - a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the following requested utility installations:

- i. CR 420 approximately .4 miles east of the intersection of CR 420 and CR 418 for new water service.
- ii. A proposed aerial crossing on CR 316 south of Rockdale for Bartlett Electric.

15. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a request to reinstall a Masonic Cornerstone at the Milam County Courthouse.

16. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the type of meeting and location of same for the next Commissioners Court hearing, scheduled for June 8, 2020.

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

18. Adjourn.

Dated this the 22nd day of May 2020.
Commissioners Court of Milam County, Texas

By: **Steve Young**
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Date: 2020.05.21 13:58:35
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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 22nd 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 22nd day of May 2020
County Clerk of Milam County, Texas

Jodi Morgan
By: 



JODI MORGAN
County Clerk

Filed 21 day of May
in 2020, At 3:00 M.
JODI MORGAN
County Clerk, Milam County, Texas
By: 
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 Tuesday, the 26TH 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 1 786 535 3211 access code 751 218 181 or to join by video at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/751218181>

**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- 10:03a.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 Shuffield to approve the minutes from the previous meetings as listed, Seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously
- **May 18, 2020 – Special Meeting**
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-**
 - **28 Confirmed Cases**
 - **Do not have results from Milano Testing Site yet; The negatives have been notified**
 - **1 that was in the hospital has been released and is in self-quarantine**
 - **4 active cases**
 - **12 being monitored**
 - **Grant Request made in connection with the pandemic-**
 - **TDEM Grant for \$622,000; should be getting 20% deposited soon**
7. **Discuss and take any necessary action upon the approval, acceptance, affirmation, and ratification of the Application submitted by the County for the purpose of securing grant funding under the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund program, including acceptance and approval of the following, included therein:**
- **The acts of the designated TxDOT County contact person for the purposes of preparing and submitting the Application;**
 - **The Road Reports, as the 2019 road condition reports required by Texas Transportation Code §215.005 and §215.018.**
 - **The County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Project List (Prioritized List)**
- Motion by Judge Young to approve, accept, affirm and ratify the Application submitted by the County for the purpose of securing grant funding und the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund program, including acceptance and approval as state above, Seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously*

8. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a resolution regarding potential grant funding through the CARES Act for the Help America Vote Act, which provides emergency funds, made available to Texas to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus for the 2020 federal election cycle as follows:

- **The Milam County Commissioners Court agrees that the expenditure of the funds will be in accordance with applicable federal and state law and any agreement between Milam County and the State of Texas, Office of the Secretary of State as authorized under Section 101 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and in consultation and agreement with the county election official(s) as defined in Sections 12.001 and 31.091 of the Texas Election Code.**
- **The Milam County Commissioners Court agrees to assign a single point of contact (SPOC) to act on behalf of the county in communicating with the Office of the Secretary of State, including the submission of all necessary reports, which shall be the County Judge.**
- **The Milam County Commissioners Court agrees claims against the fund shall be audited and approved in the same manner as other claims against the county before they are paid.**
- **The Milam County Commissioners Court agrees that it will not consider the availability of the funds in adopting the county budget.**
- **The Milam County Commissioners Court agrees that in the event of loss, misuse, or noncompliance pursuant to any grant award agreement with the Secretary of State, the Commissioners Court assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Secretary of State in full.**

Motion by Judge Young to approve a resolution regarding potential grant funding through the CARES Act for the Help America Vote Act, which provides emergency funds, made available to Texas to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus for the 2020 federal election cycle as listed above and to appoint Danica Lara, County Auditor as point of contact, Seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously

9. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a resolution for the election grant to appoint a single point of contact.

This item was listed in the above motion

10. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposed idocket agreement with the Milam County Clerk's office.

This item was on the May 18th Agenda

11. Discuss and take any necessary action to satisfy various GLO requirements for the Milam County infrastructure grant including work in the City of Rockdale and Brushy Slough Bridge, as follows:

- **Adopt a resolution to designate authorized signators for the Hurricane Harvey - Infrastructure CDBG Disaster Recovery program contract 20-065-111-C308.**
- **Approve a resolution adopting required CDBG-DR Civil Rights policies.**
- **Proclaim April as Fair Housing Month, in order to fulfill the Fair Housing activity obligations as required by the grant.**

Motion by Commissioner Fisher to approve the General Land Office requirements for the Milam County infrastructure grant including work in the City of Rockdale and Brushy Slough Bridge as listed above, Seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously

12. Discuss and take any necessary action to renew Milam County's policy of health and dental insurance for employees, spouses & other dependents with the Texas Association of Counties, effective October 1, 2020.

Motion by Judge Young to renew Milam County's policy of health and dental insurance for employees, spouses & other dependents with the Texas Association of Counties, effective October 1, 2020, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried unanimously

- **Up \$156.73 per employee; per year**

13. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding an update on the Milam County annex, including:

- **A grant application for the project and a companion grant request by the City of Cameron.**
- **Bid process for the project.**
 - **Plans complete**
 - **Walk through on June 4, 2020 at 10:00a.m.**
 - **Bids Due by June 19 and will be opened in court the following week**
 - **Bids are only for the annex itself not the professional building or convent**

14. Utility installations:

- **Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the following requested utility installations:**
 - **CR 420 approximately .4 miles east of the intersection of CR 420 and CR 418 for new water service.**
 - **A proposed aerial crossing on CR 316 south of Rockdale for Bartlett Electric.**
Motion by Commissioner Muegge to approve the utility installation .4 miles east of the intersection of CR420 and CR418 for new water service by Southwest Milam Water Supply, Seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously
Motion by Commissioner Fisher to approve an aerial crossing on CR316 south of Rockdale for Bartlett Electric, Seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously

15. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a request to reinstall a Masonic Cornerstone at the Milam County Courthouse.

Motion by Commissioner Watkins to approve the request to reinstall a Masonic Cornerstone at the Milam County Courthouse at no cost to the county, Seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously

16. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the type of meeting and location of same for the next Commissioners Court hearing, scheduled for June 8, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Fisher to approve conducting Commissioners Court at 10:00a.m. in the Courtroom by wearing mask and following guidelines as required by OCA, Seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously

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

Motion by Commissioner Watkins to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$420,246.53, Seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously

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

The above and foregoing Minutes for Tuesday, May 26, 2020 having been examined and approved in Open Court this 8th day of June 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 26, 2020

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

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

May 26, 2020 Minutes

Approved June 8, 2020

Commissioner of Precinct No. 1

Commissioner of Precinct No. 2

Commissioner of Precinct No. 3

Commissioner of Precinct No. 4