

## COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF MILAM COUNTY, TEXAS

AGENDA FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Milam County Commissioners Court will be held on Monday, December 14, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Court will meet in person at the Milam County Courthouse in the Milam County Courtroom. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and concerns for public health and safety the meeting will also be conducted by phone and by Facebook Live. Public attendance will be limited due to COVID-19 spacing requirements and admittance will be done on a first come, first serve basis.

If you would like to make a public comment on any of the agenda items and you are unable to attend in person, please call 254 697 7000 before 10:00 a.m. December 14, 2020 and we will make arrangements for you to participate by phone.

To join by Facebook Live navigate to the Moving Milam Forward Facebook Page which is located at <https://www.facebook.com/live/producer/934846117015797>

The following items will be addressed:

1. Call Meeting to Order and establish a quorum.
2. Prayer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and to 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. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the current state of the County of Milam.
6. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the COVID-19 pandemic in Milam County, including:
  - a. The free antigen testing being performed by the County and the Cities of the County;
  - b. The current overall case numbers for the County; and
  - c. A proposal for COVID vaccinations.
7. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding Milam County's broadband initiative with Connected Nation Texas, including:
  - a. The survey; and
  - b. The stakeholder meeting on December 8, 2020.
8. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the Milam County Sustainable Agriculture committee activities.
9. Discuss and take any necessary action on the Amended Milam County Sheriff's Office COVID-19 Hazard-pay Stipend Policy. If approved this proposal will allow for four or more employees

who started on and after February 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 to be included and paid from the previously approved and adequately funded stipend.

10. Discuss and take any necessary action on the Sandra Bland Act no cost MOU between the Central Counties Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services and the Milam County Jail. If approved this proposal will allow the Milam County Jail to partner with CCMHMR and receive mental health services to meet mandatory Sandra Bland Act requirements.
11. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve certificates of professional achievements for Ms. Sherry Mueck from the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association for the designation of Professional County Collector in 2018 and County Tax Office Professional in 2020.
12. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a presentation and summary of events and expenditures for the Milam County Agrilife by Mr. Donald Kelm.
13. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a presentation and summary of events and expenditures for the Milam County Adult Probation Department by Ms. Michelle Poston.
14. Subdivision Variances:
  - a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposal to provide an exemption for a subdivision; a 7.24-acre tract of land on Highway 79, appraisal district ID 62055.
  - b. Discuss and take necessary action on a proposed subdivision variance for property on CR 335, appraisal district ID 68989.
15. Utility Easements/Installations:
  - a. Discuss and take any necessary action on a proposed utility installation on CR 318, .8 miles east of the intersection of CR 318 and FM 908 for new water service.
  - b. Discuss and take any necessary action on a proposed utility installation on CR 208, approximately .5 of a mile west of FM 1600, which will include a 4 inch PVC casing and the installation of a 2 inch PVC transmission line.
  - c. Discuss and take any necessary action on a proposed aerial crossing East of Rockdale on CR 326.
  - d. Discuss and take any necessary action on proposed water line installation on and under County Road 325 by Southwest Milam. Specifically, Southwest Milam proposes to bore under CR 325 .3 miles east of the intersection of County Road 325 and Fairview Lane. Bore is for new water service, which will include a 4-inch PVC casing across the entire right of way, with a minimum depth of 36 inches.
16. Discuss and take any necessary action to allow Precinct 2 and Precinct 4 to sell certain items of used County construction/maintenance equipment by placing the items on Kennedy Auction.
17. Discuss and take any necessary action in connection with opening bids from various vendors and potentially accepting bids for road and bridge materials, culverts, cutting edges and other items for Milam County.
18. Discuss and take any necessary action to accept and/or provide for an easement on County Road 334 A (Precinct 3) for the purpose of providing a needed turnaround.

- 19. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a request to enter into a new copier contract for the District Clerk's office.
- 20. Discuss and take any necessary action to reinstate a 90 day burn ban for Milam County.
- 21. Discuss and take any necessary action to pay the bills of Milam County.
- 22. Discuss and take any necessary action to adjourn the Milam County Commissioners Court.

Dated this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020:

Commissioner's Court of Milam County, Texas


By: ~~Judge Steve Young~~ Digitally signed by Judge Steve Young  
Date: 2020.12.11 08:59:30 -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 Commissioner's Court, is 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020 and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020

County Clerk of Milam County, Texas

By:   
 Jodi Morgan

Filed 11 day of Dec  
 in 2020, At 9:11 M.  
 JODI MORGAN  
 County Clerk, Milam County, Texas  
 By:   
 Deputy



**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 Commissioner's 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.

**uSTATE OF TEXAS:**

**COUNTY OF MILAM:**

**BE IT REMEMBERED, that on Monday, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 2020, the Commissioners' Court of Milam County, Texas, convened in a Public Meeting 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, phone and in court with limited seating.**

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<https://www.facebook.com/live/producer/934846117015797>**

**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**

**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 a quorum. 10:02a.m.**
- 2. Prayer.**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and to 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.**

***Motion by Commissioner Muegge to approve the minutes from the previous meetings, Seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously***

- **November 23, 2020 Regular Meeting**

5. **Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the current state of the County of Milam.**

**2019**

**Roof Repair**

**Mag Locks in Courthouse and Scanner**

**McLane Intel**

**New Computers**

**Servers updated**

**Upgraded Phone Systems to Centralized Phone Answering**

**New Webpage**

**Tire Clean-Up**

**Dumpsters**

**Filming Guidelines put in place**

**Moot Court**

**Interstate 14 (we have a seat at)**

**PHI- Helicopter Contract**

**Nuisance Abatement**

**Manufactured Rental Home Provisions**

**Pay Raises**

**Digitization of County Clerk Land Records**

**Whinstone**

**GMO Registry**

**2020**

**Solar**

**Economic Summits**

**Grants**

**Economic Development (Michelle Morgan)**

**COVID Testing**

**Telehealth**

**Housing Buyout Grant**

**County Annex**

**Local News Media involved in getting county government word out**

**Working On:**

**Broad Band**

**Floodplain Mapping**

**Quiet Zone**

6. **Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the COVID-19 pandemic in Milam County, including:**
  - a. **The free antigen testing being performed by the County and the Cities of the County;**
  - b. **The current overall case numbers for the County; and**
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  - a. **The survey; and**
  - b. **The stakeholder meeting on December 8, 2020.**
  
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9. **Discuss and take any necessary action on the Amended Milam County Sheriff's Office COVID-19 Hazard-pay Stipend Policy. If approved this proposal will allow for four or more employees who started on and after February 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 to be included and paid from the previously approved and adequately funded stipend.**

***Motion by Commissioner Shuffield to approve the Amended Milam County Sheriff's Office COVID-19 Hazard-pay Stipend Policy, Seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously***

10. **Discuss and take any necessary action on the Sandra Bland Act no cost MOU between the Central Counties Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services and the Milam County Jail. If approved this proposal will allow the Milam County Jail to partner with CCMHMR and receive mental health services to meet mandatory Sandra Bland Act requirements.**

***Motion by Commissioner Muegge to approve the Sandra Bland Act no cost MOU between the Central Counties Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services and the Milam County Jail. If approved this proposal will allow the Milam County Jail to partner with CCMHMR and receive mental health services to meet mandatory Sandra Bland Act requirements, Seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously***

- 11. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve certificates of professional achievements for Ms. Sherry Mueck from the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association for the designation of Professional County Collector in 2018 and County Tax Office Professional in 2020.**

***Motion by Judge Young to approve the certificates of professional achievements for Sherry Mueck from the Tax Assessor-Collectors Association for the designation of Professional County Collector in 2018 and County Tax Office Professional in 2020, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried unanimously***

- 12. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a presentation and summary of events and expenditures for the Milam County Agrilife by Mr. Donald Kelm.**

- 13. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a presentation and summary of events and expenditures for the Milam County Adult Probation Department by Ms. Michelle Poston.**

- 14. Subdivision Variances: a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposal to provide an exemption for a subdivision;  
a 7.24-acre tract of land on Highway 79, appraisal district ID 62055.**

***Motion by Commissioner Fisher to approve the subdivision variance regarding a 7.24 acre tract of land on Hwy 79, Seconded by Commissioner Shuffield and carried unanimously***

**b. Discuss and take necessary action on a proposed subdivision variance for property on CR 335, appraisal district ID 68989.**

***Motion by Commissioner Shuffield to approve the subdivision variance for property on CR 335, appraisal district ID 68989, Seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously***

**15. Utility Easements/Installations:**

- a. Discuss and take any necessary action on a proposed utility installation on CR 318, .8 miles east of the intersection of CR 318 and FM 908 for new water service.**

***Motion by Commissioner Fisher to approve the proposed utility installation on CR 318 for new water service, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried unanimously***

- b. Discuss and take any necessary action on a proposed utility installation on CR 208, approximately .5 of a mile west of FM 1600, which will include a 4 inch PVC casing and the installation of a 2 inch PVC transmission line.**

***Motion by Commissioner Watkins to approve the proposed utility installation on CR 208, .5 miles west of FM 1600, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried unanimously***

- c. Discuss and take any necessary action on a proposed aerial crossing East of Rockdale on CR 326.**

***Motion by Commissioner Fisher to approve the proposed aerial crossing East of Rockdale on CR 326, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried unanimously***

- d. Discuss and take any necessary action on proposed water line installation on and under County Road 325 by Southwest Milam. Specifically, Southwest Milam proposes to bore under CR 325 .3 miles east of the intersection of County Road 325 and Fairview Lane. Bore is for new water service, which will include a 4-inch PVC casing across the entire right of way, with a minimum depth of 36 inches.**

***Motion by Commissioner Fisher to approve the proposed utility installation on CR 325 for a water line installation, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried unanimously***

- 16. Discuss and take any necessary action to allow Precinct 2 and Precinct 4 to sell certain items of used County construction/maintenance equipment by placing the items on Kennedy Auction.**

***Motion by Commissioner Muegge to approve Precinct 2 and 4 to sell certain items of used County construction/maintenance equipment by placing the items on Kennedy Auction, Seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously***

- ***C-Perling***
- ***Constable 4 car***
- ***Utility Trailer***



- 17. Discuss and take any necessary action in connection with opening bids from various vendors and potentially accepting bids for road and bridge materials, culverts, cutting edges and other items for Milam County.**

***Motion by Commissioner Watkins to approve the bids for road and bridge materials, culvers, cutting edges and other items for Milam County, Seconded by Commissioner Shuffield and carried unanimously***

- 18. Discuss and take any necessary action to accept and/or provide for an easement on County Road 334 A (Precinct 3) for the purpose of providing a needed turnaround.**

***Motion by Commissioner Fisher to approve the easement on County Road 334A for the purpose of providing a needed turnaround, Seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously***

- 19. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a request to enter into a new copier contract for the District Clerk's office.**

***Motion by Judge Young to approve to enter into a new copier contract for the District Clerk's Office, Seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously***

- 20. Discuss and take any necessary action to reinstate a 90 day burn ban for Milam County.**

***Motion by Commissioner Shuffield to approve the 90 day burn ban for Milam County, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried unanimously***

- 21. Discuss and take any necessary action to pay the bills of Milam County.**

***Motion by Commissioner Muegge to pay the bills in the amount of \$343,847.62, Seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously***

- 22. Adjourn- *Motion by Commissioner Fisher to adjourn at 11:36a.m., Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried unanimously***

The above and foregoing Minutes for Monday, December 14, 2020 having been examined and approved in Open Court this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 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 December 14, 2020

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

**STATEMENT OF APPROVAL**  
**December 14, 2020 Minutes**  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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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