### MILAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Henry "Hub" Hubnik Commissioner, Precinct #1

James Denman
Commissioner, Precinct #2



Art Neal Commissioner, Precinct #3

Wesley Payne
Commissioner, Precinct #4

Bill Whitmire Milam County Judge 102 S. Fannin Ave. Cameron, Texas 76520

# NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF MILAM COUNTY, TEXAS

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023, AT 10:00 AM

#### **FIRST AMENDED AGENDA**

The Court will convene in person in the Milam County Courtroom, located at the Milam County Courthouse, 102 S. Fannin Ave., Cameron, Texas 76520. If any member of the public would like to speak in person regarding any of the agenda items, please register with the County Judge's Office before 10:00 am, on August 14, 2023.

The following items will be addressed, discussed, considered, passed, or adopted to-wit:

- 1. A quorum will be established, and the meeting of the Milam County Commissioners Court will be called to order.
- Invocation.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.
- 4. Consider the minutes from previous commissioner's court meetings and act on any corrections, changes, or approval of any of the said minutes.
- 5. Comments from the Public (limited to five minutes).
- 6. Judge's Comments.
- Discuss and Take Action to accept the Milam County Treasurer's Report as presented by Linda Acosta.
- 8. Review, Discuss, and Possibly Take Action on amending the 2024 Milam County Employees Health Plan in regard to the Voluntary Benefits.

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- Discuss and take action on a Permission for Entry and Waiver of Claims from Jim Hall on CR 456 in Precinct 4. (EXHIBIT A)
- 10. Discuss and take action to accept the yearly TXDMV Optional fees for Road and Bridge with no change, as submitted by the Milam County Tax Assessor. (EXHIBIT B)
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- 13. Review, discuss and take action on a Utility Installation by Southwest Milam Water Supply to place a water line on Perry Lane, .3 miles east of the intersection of Perry Lane and CR 455.
- 14. Review, discuss and take action on a Utility Installation by Southwest Milam Water Supply to place a water line on CR 440 at the north side of the intersection of CR 440 and CR 445.
- 15. Review, discuss and take action on a Utility Installation for an overhead power line by Bartlett Electric at the intersection of FM 487 and CR 417. (EXHIBIT C)
- 16. Discuss, review, and take action on a variance request by Michael Jamie Swadley on CR 250.
- Discuss, review, and take action on a variance request by Danny and Linda Masur at 408 Cedar Grove Rd, S24500 Tomerlin, Minerva Lots 9& 10.
- 18. Review, discuss and take action on the rate increases for jury service as presented by District Clerk, Karen Berry.
- 19. Discuss and take action on a final plat for North Park Subdivision at CR 139 and Highway 77.
- Discuss, review, and take any necessary action on Tax Abatements submitted by the Milam County Industrial Development Corporation.
- 21. Discuss and take action on an Order of Appointment for Election Judges and Alternate Judges.
- 22. Review, Discuss, and take action on Next Request, Public Information Request Software. (EXHIBIT D)
- 23. Discuss and possibly take action on purchasing protective vests for the Sheriff's Dept.
- 24. Consider and take action on the adoption of a Citizen Participation Plan for the Milam County CDBD-MIT Mod Grant.
- Discuss, review, and take action on Milam County Procurement and Debarment Policies and Procedures.
- 26. Discuss and possibly take action on sending a Notice of Non-Performance to Architexas in regard to the Professional Building renovation.

- Discuss, and possibly take action on the policy concerning aerobic septic inspections on private property.
- 28. Review, Discuss, and take action to order an election on the proposed Emergency Services District (ESD) concerning ambulance operations in Milam County.
- 29. Review, discuss, and act to pay the bills of Milam County, Texas as presented by the County Auditor's Office.
- 30. Adjourn

lated this	10th	day	of	August,	2023
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Bill Whitmire Milam County Judge

I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above notice of the Regular Meeting of the Milam County Commissioners Court is a true and correct copy of said Notice. Further, the Notice is published on the Courthouse Door and the County Clerk's Office of Milam County, Texas and at other places readily accessible to the public at all times beginning on the 8th day of August, 2023. The Notice will remain posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the schedules date and time of said court.

County Clerk of Milam County, Texas

Jodi Morgan, Milam County Clerk JODI MORGAN

County Clerk

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County Clerk, Milan County, Texas

By

Deputy

(This Court reserves the right to convene in executive session at any time deemed necessary for the consideration of confidential matters in accordance with Texas 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.)

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### Exhibit A

## Permission For Entry and Walver of Claims

١, _	Vim Hall	, the undersigned, hereby give my
con	sent to Milam Co	ounty and its employees to enter my
pro	perty located on	County Road 456, for the purpose of
mai	intaining County I	Road 456. In addition, I hereby waive any
and	all claims against	Milam County that may result from that
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		Landówners Signature
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		Print Name
		8-1-23
		Date

### Exhibit B



### Imposition of Optional Fees Calendar Year (CY) 2024

DMV_OptionalCountyFeeUpdates@TxDMV.gov	form to the TxDMV via email to:
Please submit at your earliest convenience, but no later than	Friday, September 1, 2023.
COUNTY NAME: Milam	
SELECT ONLY ONE OPTION BELOW:	
OPTION A – No change. This county will charge the same Submit this form to TxDMV. A copy of a commissioner:	e fees in CY 2024, (1971) 5 court order is <u>NOT</u> required.
OR	-
OPTION 8 — The commissioners court has approved fee of Submit this form and a copy of the commissioners court Enter amounts for each fee, even those that did not change CY 2024 fees to be collected by your county:	arder to Typeau
Road and Bridge Fee:	\$
Child Safety Fee:	\$
Transportation Project Fee (applicable to Bexar, Brazos, Cameron, El Paso, Hidalgo	\$
and Webb counties only):	

We appreciate your response. Thank you.

From: TxDMV < Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2023 8:00 AM

To: Bill Whitmire < Subject: Annual County Fee Changes for 2024



# Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

HELPING TEXANS GO. HELPING TEXAS GROW.

Please review the attached information regarding the reporting of changes to calendar year 2024 optional county fees. We ask that you provide your response, on the form provided, no later than Friday, September 1, 2023, to allow ample time for automated systems programming.

Thank you,

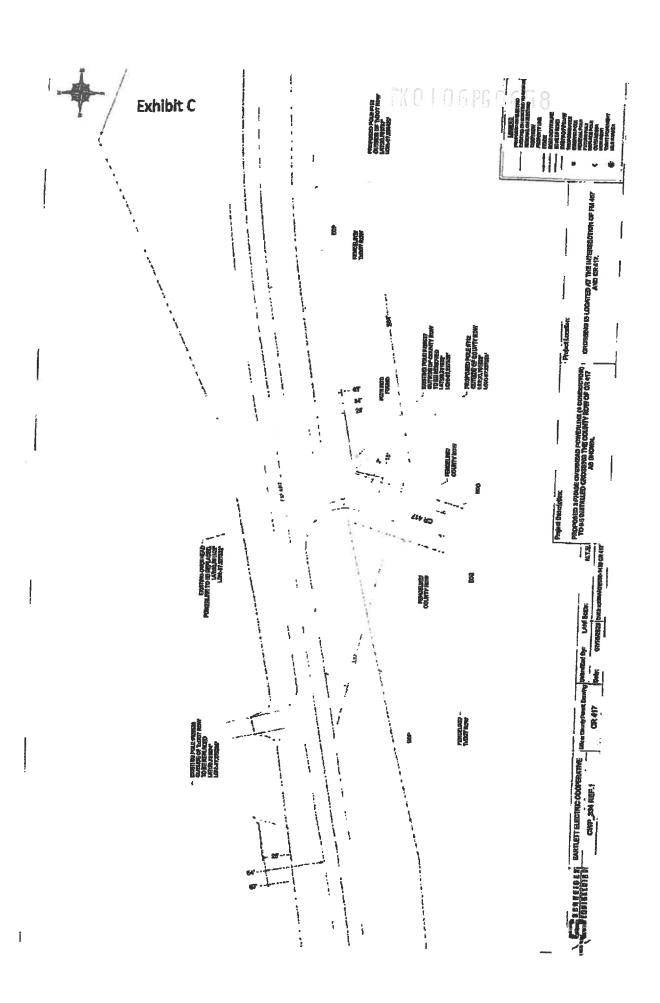
Annette Quintero, Director Vehicle Titles and Registration Division Texas Department of Motor Vehicles

#### **Attachments**

- Letier to Judges to 2024 Fee Change pdf
- Form for 2024 Fee Change pdf

If you have any questions concerning this communication, please contact Maureen Vale, Registration Services, at 512-465-5601

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#### Exhibit D





FACT SHEET

# Why Do We Need a Dedicated Solution?

### The challenges of managing record requests



Most agencies have managed public records requests the same way for a decade or more — with multiple manual steps (e.g., spreadsheet tracking, email communication, manual reductions) and a great degree of institutional knowledge. For the most part, while somewhat tedious, agencies have managed.

However, the landscape around requests has changed dramatically in recent years, so agencies are looking to improve their processes. Still, why should agencies invest in something new?

What follows are three critical areas of need:



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### **Efficiencies and Workflows**

There is a significant uptick in requests around the country. For example, Eastampton Township, NJ, has seen its requests grow from 16 in 2009, to 104 in 2019, to 185 in 2022. Agencies often wonder if such volume justifies a dedicated solution. The answer to this question relies on assessing something subjective; what feels like many requests to one agency may feel like a lighter load to another. Regardless of your staffing and size, however, what worked in the past likely won't work well in 2023 and beyond.

What are the primary challenges agencies are facing when it comes to managing their request workflows? Here are five top trends;

- Increased volume and complexity resulting in more steps and more hands in the pot
- Staying on top of departments and keeping up with due dates
- The decentralized use of multiple systems (e.g., spreadsheets, email threads, reduction software)
- Increased staff requests that require time-consuming manual reviews and reductions
- Keeping up with staff time and costs

Note: These trends are especially true if managing requests is just a part of someone's job.

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### Compliance

The public is becoming more aware of public records laws and keeping a closer eye on the process. Unfortunately, we're also seeing more individuals attempt to weaponize the request process to challenge agencies. With the uptick in request volume and complexity and increasing legal challenges, agencies are more open to ilabilities. A more centralized and process-driven approach is vital. Without that, you're more open to risks such as:

- The release of sensitive information that should have been redacted, such as personally identifiable data or social security numbers
- Human error due to increased volume and complexity, or due to staff turnover or lack of expertise
- Missed dus dates at busy times of the year,
   which could result in costly fines and damage to your reputation
- Legal challenges alleging non-compliance, which are particularly challenging when submitted by individuals who have made a career out of public records lawsuits
- Producing accurate audit trails in response to lawsuits to validate that you responded to requests in good faith

### Transparency

Increased calls for transparency certainty track with the increased requests. Often, compliance challenges are issued because an Individual doesn't feel an agency is being transparent. Anything an agency can do to provide more transparency is essential.

Open data is becoming the bedrock of any agency's transparency. Transparency initiatives improve public trust and can result in fewer public records requests.

With NextRequest, part of the CivicPlus<sup>a</sup> Modern Civic Experience Platform, agencies can bolater transparency in several ways;

- Publish requests to keep the general public informed about requests and how you responded
- Automate updates to keep requesters informed about their requests
- Proactively publish records that would be of public interest

Clerke should also know that the commercial use of FOIA is on the rise, crowding out journalists and residents and creating costly expenses that taxpayers are footing on behalf of commercial interests. As published in the Duke Law Journal, an aggressive policy of proactive disclosure will enable agencies to reciain the public records process and free up resources to serve better the democratic purpose.

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# NextRequest for Milam County, TX

What do I get with NextRequest?

An all irrone platform for managing (Rooms requests across your entire agency, it's an annual subscription and includes:

Security?

Workflow Tools, Document Hosting & Management, Dashboards, Custom Reporting Request Direction, and Regular Product Improvements and Feature Updates We protect your information using:

SOC 2 Security Audit, Encryption, and Threat/Uptime Monitoring. See a full overview at bestreames com/security

Technical Requirements?

Heathoquest is entirely web based and software as a service

Everything in the cloud - no downloads or installations and works on all modern web

Customer Milam County, TX Account URL(s) milemcounty or nedred Nest com. "Account use cannot be affered once created Primary Contact Name Start Date 8/1/2023 Jodi Morgan Email and Phone Invoice Date Imargen@milemcounty.net 254.697.7049 8/1/2023

Acceptance Acceptance of this Account Order Form is subject to the ".e. witequest Terms and Conditions available at conditions available at Maxillaquest indians (first received during the 12 month paried branching the ".e. administration abilisations abilisations, if any, for intellectual proper of ".y intringement or parameter in the Services to the Customer listed above is limited to the conditions of the Services of the Intellectual proper of ".y intringement or parameter in the supply of the subject of the maximum indemnification will not apply to Remarkate : Pricing may be subject to a standard 5% ennual increase to a coor and for application improvements, new features and inflation.



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NextRequest Economy License (monthly p	pricing	, billed annually)	\$499.00	5	\$2,495.00
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Set Up & Onboarding (one-time)	11	** * *	\$1,500,00	1	\$1,500,00
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### Annual Renewal, 1/1/2024

	Name	Price	QTY	Total
NextReque	st Economy License (monthly pricing, billed annually)	\$499.00	12	\$5,988,00

Download our W-9 at:

(password: folasoftware)





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Created Date: 05/30/2023

### **NextRequest for Milam County, TX**

What do I get with NextRequest? <u>An all-in-one platform for managing records movests</u> across your entire agency, it's an annual subscription and includes:

 Workflow Tools, Document Hosting & Management, Dashboards, Custom Reporting, Request Diversion, and Regular Product Improvements and Feature Updates

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 Everything in the cloud - no downloads or installations and works on all modern web browsers

Customer Milam County, TX Start Date \$/1/2023

Account URL(s)\* milamcounty/superirequest.com invoice Date 8/1/2023

Primary Contact Name Jodi Mergan Renewal Date 1/1/2024

Email and Phone junorgan@milamcounty.net 254.697.7046

Acceptance: Acceptance of this Account Order Form is subject to the Next Request Terms and Conditions available at
... and includes acceptance of the following: Next Request's maximum Bability in performance of the Services to the Customer listed above is limited to the total amount of few received during the 12 month period immediately proceding the event giving rise to such liability, except this limited on will not apply to MextRequest's indemnification obligations, if any, for intellectual property infringement or personal injury, for which the maximum indemnification liability in

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Name	Price	QTY	Subtotal
NextRequest Standard License (monthly pricing, billed annually)	\$899.00	5	\$4,495,00

Set Up & Onboarding (one-time)

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Total \$5,995.00 Pricing is Valid for 60 Days from the Crusted Date

### Annual Renewal, 1/1/2024

· Name	Price	QTY	Total
NextRequest Standard License (monthly pricing, billed annually)	\$899,00	12	\$10,788.00

Download our W-8 at:

(password: folasoftware)

A Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Milam County, Texas was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of **August** 2023 at 10:00a.m. in the Milam County Historic Courthouse, County Courtroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Cameron, Texas.

The Following members were present

WILLIAM WHITMIRE, MILAM COUNTY JUDGE HENRY HUBNIK, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO.1 JAMES DENMAN, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 2 ART NEAL, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3 WESLEY PAYNE, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4

JODI MORGAN, COUNTY CLERK BRIAN PRICE, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTONREY DANICA LARA, AUDITOR

#### ABSENT TO WIT:

- 1. A quorum will be established, and the Court will convene. 10:02AM
- 2. Invocation.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and to the Texas Flag.
- 4. Consider the minutes from previous commissioner's court meetings and act on any corrections, changes, or approval of any of the said minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Payne to approve as stated, seconded by Commissioner Hubnik and motion carried unanimously.

July 7/6 & 7/7 July 24 July 27 July 31 August 8

5. Comments from the Public (limited to five minutes)

Doug Veach- Insurance - 10:06am-10:07am
Janice Johnson- Insurance - 10:07am-10:09am
Gary Northcott- Insurance - 10:09am-10:09am
Wynema Adams-Insurance - 10:10am-10:10am
Rhonda Moran-Insurance - 10:10am-10:15am

6. Judge's Comments

Commissioners need to come up with a date to meet with Rockdale MDD

Proposed Budget to be filed tomorrow 8/15

Post Oak Savannah Ground Conservation will need 2 members appointed

Tax Rate on the August 28 Agenda

7. Discuss and take Action to accept the Milam County Treasurer's Report as represented by Linda Acosta

Push to 8/28

8. Review, Discuss, and Possibly Take Action on amending the 2024 Milam County Employees Health Plan in regard to the Voluntary Benefits.

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to put Vision and Dental into UHC through ANCO, and that we cover all Health, Dental and Vision for the employees, seconded by Commissioner Hubnik and motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Payne to leave voluntarily benefits the same as it has been with Rhonda Moran and Team Benefits Solutions, seconded by Commissioner Neal and motion carried unanimously.

9. Discuss and take action on a Permission for Entry and Waiver of Claims from Jim Hall on CR 456 in Precinct 4. (Exhibit A).

Motion made by Commissioner Payne to accept permission for entry and waiver of claims, seconded by Commissioner Neal and motion carried unanimously.

10. Discuss and take action to accept the yearly TXDMV Optional fees for Road and Bridge with no change, as submitted by the Milam County Tax Assessor. (Exhibit B)

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to accept the TXDMV Optional fee for Road and Bridge with no change, seconded by Commissioner Hubnik and motion carried unanimously.

11. Review, discuss and take action on a Utility Installation by Bell-Milam-Falls WSC on CR 405, to place a line within the right of way of CR 405 approximately 815 feet north of FM 1915.

Motion made by Commissioner Hubnik to approve it, seconded by Commissioner Neal and motion carried unanimously.

12. Review, discuss and take action on a Utility Installation by Bell-Milam-Falls WSC to place a line within the right of way of CR 114, approximately 0.4 miles west of CR117.

Motion made by Commissioner Hubnik to approve it, seconded by Commissioner Denman and motion carried unanimously.

13. Review, discuss and take action on a Utility Installation by Southwest Milam Water Supply to place a water line on Perry Lane, .3miles east of the intersection of Perry Lane and CR 455.

Motion made by Commissioner Payne to approve the Utility Installation from Southwest Milam on Perry Lane, seconded by Commissioner Neal and motion carried unanimously.

14. Review, discuss and take action on a Utility Installation by Southwest Milam Water Supply to place a water line on CR 440 at the north side of the intersection of CR 440 and CR 445.

Motion made by Commissioner Payne to approve the Utility Installation from Southwest Milam Water on CR 440, seconded by Commissioner Neal and motion carried unanimously

15. Review, discuss and take action on a Utility Installation for an overhead power line by Bartlett Electric at the intersection on FM 487 and CR 417 (Exhibit "C").

Push to 8/28

16. Discuss, review, and take action on a variance request by Michael Jamie Swadley on CR 250.

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to approve a variance request by Michael Swadley on CR 250, seconded by Commissioner Payne and motion carried unanimously.

17. Discuss, and review, and take action on a variance request by Danny and Linda Masur at 408 Cedar Grove Rd, S24500 Tomerlin, Minerva Lots 9 & 10.

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to accept a variance request by Danny and Linda Masur at 408 Cedar Grove Road, Minerva lots 9 & 10, seconded by Commissioner Neal and motion carried unanimously.

18. Review, Discuss and take action on funds to the rate increases for jury service as presented by District Clerk, Karen Berry.

Motion made by Commissioner Neal to do the rate increase for Juror service to \$60.00, seconded by Commissioner Denman and motion carried unanimously.

State raising pay to \$20.00 on the 1<sup>st</sup> day and will reimburse us \$14.00 The 2<sup>nd</sup> day is being raised to \$58.00, State will reimburse us \$52.00

Exemption age also being raised from 70 to 75

19. Discuss and take action on a final plat for North Park Subdivision at CR 139 and Highway 77.

Motion made by Commissioner Hubnik to approve it, seconded by Commissioner Payne and motion carried unanimously.

20. Discuss, review, and take any necessary action on Tax Abatements submitted by the Milam County Industrial Development Corporation.

Push to 8/28.

21. Discuss and take action on an Order of Appointment for Election Judges and Alternate Judges.

Motion made by Commissioner Hubnik to approve the appointment of Election Judges and Alternate Judges, seconded by Commissioner Neal and motion carried unanimously.

22. Review, Discuss, and take action on Next Request, Public Information Request Software. (Exhibit "D").

Motion made by Commissioner Payne to go with the Next Request Economy license for this year, seconded by Commissioner Neal and motion carried unanimously.

23. Discuss and possibly take action on purchasing protective vest for the Sheriff's Dept.

Push to 8/28



24. Consider and take action on the adoption of a Citizen Participation Plan for the Milam County CDBD-MIT Mod Grant.

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to adopt the Citizens Participation Plan for Milam County for the MIT Mod Grant, seconded by Commissioner Hubnik and motion carried unanimously

25. Discuss, review, and take action on Milam County Procurement and Debarment Policies and Procedures.

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to approve with the listed changes we just went through, seconded by Commissioner Payne and motion carried unanimously

Changes: 1<sup>st</sup> page: Change \$5,000 or more must be submitted to Commissioners Court for approval before purchase-change to be submitted to department head for approval before purchase

2<sup>nd</sup> page Commissioners Court recognizes the County Judge's administrative assistant's responsibilities for overseeing the purchase-change to remove administrative assistant and leave County Judge

 $3^{rd}$  page- \$5,000 must be approved by formal action of the Commissioners Courtchange to formal action of the department head

Purchase Orders- From Auditor's Office handles travel arrangements, online ordering, maintenance and distribution of cell phone inventory and other request from elected officials and departments to- See separate travel policy for rules concerning per diem meals, lodging and transportation

4<sup>th</sup> page- County Employee placing the order will search the EPLS system-change to The Department Head placing the order will search the EPLS system for the vendor.

7<sup>th</sup> page- Methods for Procurement-

Reviewed by the Grand Administrator and the County Grants Department for potential duplicative items- change to Reviewed by the Grant Administrator and the County auditor's office for potential duplicative items

26. Discuss and possibly take action on sending a Notice of Non- Performance to Architexas in regard to the Professional Building renovation.

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to act and send this letter of non-performance to Architexas in regard to the Professional Building, seconded by Commissioner Denman and motion carried unanimously

27. Discuss, and possibly take action on the policy concerning aerobic septic inspection on private property.

Push to 8/28

28. Review, Discuss and take action to order an election on the proposed Emergency Services District (ESD) concerning ambulance operations in Milam County.

> Motion made by Judge Whitmire to order an election on the proposed ESD concerning ambulance operations in Milam County, seconded by Commissioner Payne and motion carried unanimously

29. Bills

Motion made by Commissioner Payne to pay the bills, seconded by Commissioner Neal and motion carried unanimously.

\$1,361,744.96

30. Adjourn

Motion made by Commissioner Neal to adjourn at 11:23a.m., seconded by Commissioner Payne and motion carried unanimously.

The above and foregoing Minutes for Monday, August 14, 2023 having been examined and approved in Open Court this 28 day of assess

**County Judge Whitmire** 

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 August 14, 2023.

County Clerk and Ex-Officio Member of

Commissioners' Court, Milam County, Texas

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

August  $\frac{|V|}{|V|}$ , 2023

Commissioner PCT #1- Henry Hubnik

Commissioner PCT #2- James Denman

Commissioner PCT #3- Art Neal

Commissioner PCT #4- Wesley Payne

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MAY BE VIEWED ON THE WEBSITE WWW.MILAMCOUNTY.NET, in the minutes in the Commissioners Court book located in the County Clerk's office, or online at <a href="https://milam.txpublicsearch.us">https://milam.txpublicsearch.us</a>