

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, DECEMBER 23, 2024, AT 10:00 AM

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 December 23, 2024.

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.
2. Invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.
4. Comments from the Public (limited to five minutes).
5. Consider and take action on the consent agenda.
 - a. The minutes from previous commissioner's court meetings and act on any corrections, changes, or approval of any of the said minutes.
 - b. Certificates of Completion.
 - c. Monthly Treasurer's Report.
6. Judge's Comments.
7. Present service plaques to retiring individuals.

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8. Public Hearing on the Amendment to the tax abatement agreement between Milam County and Sandow Lakes Solar I, LLC.
9. Review, discuss and take action on an Amendment to the tax abatement agreement between Milam County and Sandow Lakes Solar I, LLC.
10. Discuss and take action on a Permission for Entry and Waiver of Claim from Bryan Mulford on CR 412. **(Exhibit "A")**.
11. Discuss and take action on a Utility Installation request from Southwest Milam Water Supply for a proposed road bore on Inwood at the Glendale intersection for a line upgrade to provide new service.
12. Discuss and take action on a Utility Installation request from Southwest Milam Water Supply for a proposed road bore on CR 308 for new service.
13. Discuss and take action on a Variance Application from Jennifer Braham on PR 3591 in Gause.
14. Discuss and take action on a Private Road request for Private Road 2731. **(Exhibit "B")**.
15. Discuss and take action to open and award bids for Road and Bridge materials.
16. Discuss and take action to award bids for low water crossings contractors and materials.
17. Discuss and take action on an Interlocal Agreement between Milam County and the Gause VFD.
18. Discuss and take action to appoint a Judge Pro Tem for 2025.
19. Take action to accept bonds for newly Elected Officials taking office January 1, 2025.
20. Discuss and take action to approve the employment of Stephanie Charanza using 2024 Prosecutor's Office SB-22 funds.
21. Discuss and take action on the approval of utilizing the remaining 2024 Prosecutor's Office SB-22 funds to increase the salaries of the following positions for the Fiscal 2024 year:
 - a. 2nd ADA - \$25,000
 - b. DA Investigator - \$25,000
 - c. DA Victim Assistance Coordinator - \$15,000
22. Discuss and take action on moving the tabled discussion on moving tax collections to the Milam Appraisal District from January 2026 to February 10, 2025.
23. Approve line item adjustments in the Milam County budget.
24. Review, discuss and take action to pay the bills of Milam County, Texas as presented by the County Auditor's Office.
25. Adjourn

Dated this 19th day of December 2024

Bill Whitmire

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 *19th day of December 2024*. The Notice will remain posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled date and time of said court.

County Clerk of Milam County, Texas

Jodi Morgan



JODI MORGAN
County Clerk

Jodi Morgan,
Milam County Clerk

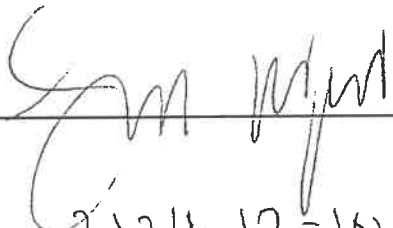
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in *2024*, At *4:20 P* M.
JODI MORGAN
County Clerk, Milam County, Texas
By *Jodi Morgan*
Deputy

(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.)

EX011169132

Permission For Entry and Waiver of Claims

I, Bryan Mulford, the undersigned, hereby give my consent to Milam County and its employees to enter my property located on County Road 412, for the purpose of maintaining County Road 412. In addition, I hereby waive any and all claims against Milam County that may result from that entry.


2024-12-10

Date



December 17, 2024

Commissioner James Denman
Milam County
107 N FM 107
Rockdale, TX 76567

RE: New Private Road

Dear Commissioner:

The Emergency Services division of the Central Texas Council of Governments has determined a public safety need for 9-1-1 physical addressing for residential structures off of **County Road 273** in Milam County.

Per National Emergency Number Association standards, the 9-1-1 addressing procedures state, *“any private drive with two (2) or more residences using the private drive, or for any private drive leading to one (1) or more residences longer than one-quarter mile in length, the private drive shall be named and residential structures shall be addressed off the newly named private drive.”*

The recommended name of this new private drive for 9-1-1 addressing is **Private Road 2731**

The intent of this private drive naming and addressing is to improve emergency response, should it ever be needed. Naming the private drive and addressing the residences may also improve delivery of all services to these citizens (Postal and UPS/FedEx delivery and other home delivery services).

This private road name is pending your review and approval; upon approval, please notify our office so that we can continue the addressing process for these residents.

If you have any questions concerning the naming of this road, please contact me at (254) 770-2420.

Sincerely,

Tanja Broom
GIS Analyst II
CTCOG – Planning & Regional Services
2180 North Main Street, Belton TX 76513
Office: 254-770-2420
911addressing@ctcog.org

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MILAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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Instructions: Fill out ALL blanks - Please Print

Name: Bill M. Catcher

Home Address: 600 W 24th St

Telephone: 254-697-3028

Occupation: Retired County Agent

Please provide the name and address of any group or organizations you represent, if applicable:

Which agenda item do you wish to address?

SOLAR

In General, are you ___ for, or ___ against.

I acknowledge that, if called to speak, I will only speak to the agenda item(s) noted above in accordance with the Milam County Rules for Procedure, Conduct, and Decorum at County Commissioners Court, and that my comments will be limited to a maximum of five minutes.

Signature (electronic or actual): Bill M. Catcher

NOTE: If you wish to participate, please email this form to dwallace@milamcounty.net or turn in personally, no later than 9:45 am on the day of the meeting to allow sufficient time to accommodate you request.

THIS FORM BECOMES PUBLIC RECORD AND IS RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT.

Thank You

I am Bill McCutchen former Milam County Extension Agent ,Rancher, Pecan grower, Ag Consultant and Milam County resident since 1971

I am here to address solar in General-not this particular proposal

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I am concerned about all of the agricultural land lost to all development including solar

In Milam County Cattleman's solar covers about 2600 acres—3 others in the Buckholts, Burlington, Marak areas are another 2600 acres or more .

These 5200 acres are prime farmland .

This is the equivalent of 520,000 bushels of corn out of production locally annually,

This is a loss of \$2,340,000 .00 annually in local production

This is a loss of a lot more jobs than is gained in solar farms. We are losing farmers, ranchers, and businesses that support these operations.

I realize these land owners have a right to sell or rent their land, but at some point this prime ag land must be protected from development, Europe came to this point decades ago.

In the US we lost 10.9 million acres of ag land to development from 2001-20016

In Texas we lost 1.4 Million acres of Ag land in the same period.

At some point increased production per acre will not offset acreage lost and we are about there.

We are about to become net agricultural importers instead of net agricultural exporters.

Solar puts these farms on the best productive agricultural lands we have because they are basically level and have no trees to deal with. It takes one acre of solar panels to provide energy to 37 homes when the sun shines.

I believe there are much better solutions to energy problems

Additionally there are hazards associated with solar.

Electromagnetic fields

land use and habitat destruction,

disposal problems of used panels as they contain lead and cadmium

They are an eyesore.

With all of the Federal Green Deal monies poured into solar I believe they would have gone in here whether they received a tax abatement or not!!

Our greatest resources are our people, our land, and our water. May we be good stewards of what God has blessed us with.

I am asking the County and school districts to look at all that solar is affecting -not just potential tax money.

This potential tax money comes at a cost to environment, habitat, and people.

My old college Economics Professor at A&M said that:

..You don't get something for nothing.

..To get something you have to give up something else.

Lets be careful of what we are giving up.

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF MILAM §

IN COMMISSIONERS COURT
Regular Meeting **December 23, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Milam County, Texas was held on the 23rd day of **December** 2024 at **10:00a.m.** in the Milam County Historic Courthouse, County Court Room, 1st 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 DANICA LARA, AUDITOR
LINDA ACOSTA, TREASURER

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1. A quorum will be established, and the meeting of the Milam County Commissioners Court will be called to order – 10:00a.m.
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag
4. Comments from the Public (limited to five minutes). –

Bill McCutchen- Solar – 10:01am-10:06am

5. Consider and take action on the consent agenda.
 - a. The minutes from previous Commissioner's Court meetings and act on any corrections, changes, or approval of any of the said minutes.
 - b. Certificates of Completion
 - c. Monthly Treasurer's Report

Motion made by Commissioner Payne to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Neal and motion carried unanimously.

6. Judge's Comments.

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ESD to take over Ambulance service 12/30/2024 @ 7:00a.m.; all 5
2 Ambulances are wrapped with Milam County Emblem, the other 3 have Allegiance on
them; all are Full Trauma equipped

7. Present service plaques to retiring individuals.

Charlie West & Bill Torrey were present

8. Public Hearing on the Amendment to the tax abatement agreement between Milam
County and Sandow Lakes Solar I, LLC.

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to go into a Public Hearing, seconded by
Commissioner Payne and motion carried unanimously. – 10:09a.m.

Matias Wolansky with EDF spoke

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to come out of the public hearing and back into
regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Payne and motion carried
unanimously. 10:21a.m.

9. Review, discuss and take action on an Amendment to the tax abatement agreement
between Milam County and Sandow Lakes Solar I, LLC

Motion made by Commissioner Payne to approve the extension for the 2 years,
seconded by Commissioner Neal and motion carried unanimously.

10. Discuss and take action on a Permission for Entry and Waiver of Claims from Bryan
Mulford on CR 412. (Exhibit A).

Motion made by Commissioner Payne to approve the Permission for Entry and
Waiver of Claims from Bryan Mulford on CR 412, seconded by Commissioner
Neal and motion carried unanimously.

11. Discuss and take action on a Utility Installation request from Southwest Milam Water Supply for a proposed road bore on Inwood at the Glendale intersection for a line upgrade to provide new services.

Push to 01/13/2025

12. Discuss and take action on a Utility Installation request from Southwest Milam Water Supply for a proposed road bore on CR 308 for new service.

Motion made by Commissioner Payne to approve a Utility Installation request from Southwest Milam Water Supply for a proposed road bore on CR 308. Seconded by Commissioner Neal and motion carried unanimously.

13. Discuss and take action on a Variance Application from Jennifer Braham on PR 3591 in Gause.

Push to 01/13/2025

14. Discuss and take action on a Private Road request for Private Road 2731. (Exhibit B)

Motion made by Commissioner Denman to approve the Private Road request for Private Road 2731. Seconded by Commissioner Hubnik and motion carried unanimously.

15. Discuss and take action to open and award bids for Road and Bridge materials.

Motion made by Commissioner Hubnik to accept all bids. Seconded by Commissioner Payne and motion carried unanimously.

16. Discuss and take action to award bids for low water crossings contractors and materials.

Motion made by Commissioner Hubnik to award the bid to John Graham. Seconded by Commissioner Payne and motion carried unanimously.

17. Discuss and take action on an Interlocal Agreement between Milam County and the Gause VFD.

Motion made by Commissioner Payne to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Milam County and the Gause VFD, Seconded by Judge Whitmire and motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Neal abstained from the motion

18. Discuss and take action to appoint a Judge Pro Tem for 2025.

Motion made by Commissioner Payne to reappoint Commissioner Neal, Seconded by Judge Whitmire and motion carried unanimously.

19. Discuss and take action to accept bonds for newly Elected Officials taking office January 1, 2025.

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to accept bonds for newly Elected Officials taking office January 1, 2025, Seconded by Commissioner Denman and motion carried unanimously

20. Discuss and take action to approve the employment of Stephanie Charanza using 2024 Prosecutor's office SB-22 funds.

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to approve the employment of Stephanie Charanza using 2024 Prosecutor's office SB-22 funds, Seconded by Commissioner Neal and motion carried unanimously.

21. Discuss and take action on the approval of utilizing the remaining 2024 Prosecutor's Office SB-22 funds to increase the salaries of the following positions for the Fiscal 2024 year.

- a. 2nd ADA - \$25,000.00
- b. DA Investigator - \$25,000.00
- c. DA Victim Assistance Coordinator - \$15,000.00

Motion made by Commissioner Denman to not approve utilizing the remaining 2024 Prosecutor's Office SB-22 funds, Seconded by Commissioner Neal and motion carried unanimously.

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22. Discuss and take action on moving the tabled discussion on moving tax collections to the Milam Appraisal District from January 2026 to February 10, 2025.

Motion made by Commissioner Neal to move the tabled discussion on moving tax collections to the Milam Appraisal District from January 2026 to February 10, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Payne and motion carried unanimously.

23. Approve line item adjustments in the Milam County budget.

Motion made by Commissioner Denman to approve line item adjustments in the Milam County budget. Seconded by Commissioner Payne and motion carried unanimously.

24. Bills

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

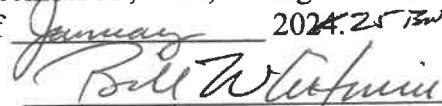
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25. Adjourn

Motion made by Commissioner Neal to adjourn at 11:05a.m., seconded by Commissioner Payne and motion carried unanimously.

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The above and foregoing Minutes for Monday, December 23, 2024, having been examined and approved in Open Court this 13 day of January 2024. ^{25th 13th}



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 December 23, 2024.


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


STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

01/13, 2024


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 <https://milam.tx.publicsearch.us>.

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