

uSTATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF MILAM:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on Monday, the 14th 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.

**To join by Facebook Live navigate to the Moving Milam Forward Facebook Page which is located at
<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**

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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. 10:02a.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**
 - 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.**

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

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

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL
December 14, 2020 Minutes
Approved _____

Commissioner of Precinct No. 1

Commissioner of Precinct No. 2

Commissioner of Precinct No. 3

Commissioner of Precinct No. 4