

COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF MILAM COUNTY, TEXAS

AGENDA FOR MONDAY, June 28, 2021

Notice is hereby given that the Milam County Commissioners Court will convene on Monday, June 28, 2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Court will convene in person at the Milam County Courthouse in the Milam County Courtroom located at 102 S. Fannin Ave., Cameron, Texas. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and concerns for public health and safety the meeting will also be broadcast 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. June 28, 2021 and we will make arrangements for you to participate by phone. If you would like to attend and speak in person, space providing, you may register with Ms. Denise Wallace at the County Judge's office before 10:00 a.m. Monday, June 28, 2021.

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. The Court will convene and a quorum will be established.
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 a new CDBG-MIT infrastructure mitigation competitive grant awarded to Milam County by the Texas General Land Office.
6. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the COVID-19 pandemic in Milam County, including:
 - a. The status of the Milam County vaccination clinics;
 - b. The status of the Milam County COVID-19 testing; and
 - c. The prognosis for additional vaccinations and testing.
7. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the renovation of the Milam County Annex.
8. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve an order of the Milam County Commissioners Court, Texas, ratifying, confirming and validating an order authorizing the issuance of "Milam County, Texas General Obligation refunding bonds, series 2021" and the levying of an annual ad valorem tax, within the limits prescribed by law, upon all taxable property in the County for the payment of the bonds; and providing an effective date.

9. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve an order of the Milam County Commissioners Court, Texas, ratifying, confirming and validating an order authorizing the issuance of "Milam County, Texas tax notes, series 2021" and the levying of an annual ad valorem tax, within the limits prescribed by law, upon all taxable property in the County for the payment of the bonds; and providing an effective date.
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 - ii. Discuss and take any necessary action to create a reinvestment zone for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, said reinvestment zone to be known as Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Milano Solar, and located as

- described in the application by Tax Abatement Agreement with Milano Solar, LLC.
- iii. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the adoption of a Tax Abatement Agreement with Milano Solar, LLC, pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code.
- b. Sandow Lakes Ranch Solar I, L.L.C.
 - i. Discuss and take any necessary action to conduct a public hearing on the Creation of a Reinvestment Zone to be known as Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Sandow Solar I, for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county, and possible action on a Tax Abatement Agreement with Sandow Lakes Ranch Solar I, LLC,
 - ii. Discuss and take any necessary action to create a reinvestment zone for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, said reinvestment zone to be known as Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Sandow Solar I, and located as described in the application by Tax Abatement Agreement with Sandow Lakes Ranch Solar I, LLC.
 - iii. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the adoption of a Tax Abatement Agreement with Sandow Lakes Ranch Solar I, LLC., pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code.
 - c. Cattlemen Solar Park, L.L.C.
 - i. Discuss and take any necessary action to conduct a public hearing for the Creation of a Reinvestment Zone to be known as Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Cattlemen Solar Park, for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county, and possible action on a Tax Abatement Agreement with Cattlemen Solar Park LLC.
 - ii. Discuss and take any necessary action to create a reinvestment zone for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, said reinvestment zone to be known as Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Cattlemen Solar Park, and located as described in the application by Tax Abatement Agreement with Cattlemen Solar Park LLC.
 - iii. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the adoption of a Tax Abatement Agreement with Cattlemen Solar Park LLC., pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code.
 - d. Thunderbird Solar, L.L.C.
 - i. Discuss and take any necessary action to conduct a public hearing for the Creation of a Reinvestment Zone to be known as Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Thunderbird Solar, for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county, and possible action on a Tax Abatement Agreement with Thunderbird Solar, LLC.
 - ii. Discuss and take any necessary action to create a reinvestment zone for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, said reinvestment zone to be known as Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Thunderbird Solar, and located as described in the application by Tax Abatement Agreement with Thunderbird Solar, LLC.
 - iii. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the adoption of a Tax Abatement Agreement with Thunderbird Solar, LLC., pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code.

17. Vision Plan:

- a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a vision plan provided by the Texas Association of Counties, which provides vision coverage for Milam County employees at no cost to the County.

18. Granite Communications:

- a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposed new contract with Granite Communications regarding phone service for Milam County.

19. Milam County Historical Commission:

- a. Discuss and take any necessary action to recognize the Milam County Historical Commission for earning the Distinguished Service Award for 2020 from the Texas Historical Commission.

20. Discuss and take any necessary action to pay the bills of Milam County, Texas.

21. Discuss and review non-action items regarding the current state of the county for Milam County.

22. Discuss and take any necessary action to adjourn the Milam County Commissioners Court.

Dated this the 25th day of June 2021:

Commissioner's Court of Milam County, Texas
 By: Judge Steve Young Digitally signed by Judge Steve Young
Date: 2021.06.24 19:03:24 -05'00'

Steve Young, Milam County Judge

I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the Notice of convening 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 place(s) readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 25th day of June. The notice will remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled date and time of said Court.

Dated this 25th day of June 2021.

County Clerk of Milam County, Texas

By: Jodi Morgan
 Jodi Morgan, Milam County Clerk



JODI MORGAN
County Clerk

Filed 25 day of June
 in 2021, At 8 A M.
 JODI MORGAN
 County Clerk, Milam County, Texas
 By: Jodi Morgan
 Deputy

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.



STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF MILAM:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on Monday, the 28th day of June A.D. 2021, 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:

Commissioners Court is now live stream through Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/live/producer/934846117015797>

**STEVE YOUNG, MILAM COUNTY JUDGE
HENRY HUBNIK, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO.1
DONALD SHUFFIELD, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 2
JEFF MUEGGE, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4
JODI MORGAN, COUNTY CLERK**

**Absent to wit:
ART NEAL, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3**

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/>

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 QUORUM – 10:00 A.M.**
- 2. PRAYER**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG**

4. DISCUSS THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMISSIONER 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 Commissioner's Court, Seconded by Commissioner Shuffield and approved unanimously.

June 14, 2021 Regular Minutes

June 21, 2021 Special Meeting

5. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a new CDBG-MIT infrastructure mitigation competitive grant awarded to Milam County by the Texas General Land Office

- **5.8 million for 2021**
- **Funds used for:**
 - **Flood control**
 - **Infrastructure Improvement**
 - **Green Infrastructure**
 - **Public Facilities**
 - **Home Buyouts**
- **No match requirement, should know more about this Thursday**
- **Grants received**
 - **Annex \$4.8 million**
 - **GLO- \$5.8 million-Milam County**
 - **ARPA-\$4,821,577.00**
 - **Tire clean up - \$11,000**
 - **GLO- \$27.3 million - Cities**
 - **EDA-Cameron - \$7 million**
 - **Total \$43,000,000.00**
- **Pending Grants**
 - **Floodplain \$1,00,000.00**
 - **Infrastructure \$350,000.00**
 - **NTIA \$7 million (Internet)**
 - **Bring fiber to each of the cities**

6. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the COVID-19 pandemic in Milam County, including:

- a) The status of the Milam County vaccination clinics;**
- b) The status of the Milam County COVID-19 testing; and**
- c) The prognosis for additional vaccinations and testing.**

- **7 active cases**
- **75 shots given last week**
 - **25 student**
- **Delta Variant has been found in Williamson County**

7. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the renovation of the Milam County Annex.

- **5/24 Interior Clean Up**
- **6/25 Section A (Right Side)**
 - **Metal Studs going up**
 - **Mechanical/plumbing & Electrical**
- **Section B (Left Side)**
 - **Demo in process**
 - **Asbestos Abatement this week**
- **220 Day Project**
- **There is interest in the buildings downtown**

8. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve an order of the Milam County Commissioners Court, Texas, ratifying, confirming and validating an order authorizing the issuance of “Milam County, Texas General Obligation refunding bonds, series 2021” and the levying of an annual ad valorem tax, within the limits prescribed by law, upon all taxable property in the County for the payment of the bonds; and providing an effective date.

Motion by Judge Young to adopt an order of the Milam County Commissioners Court, Texas, ratifying, confirming and validating an order authorizing the issuance of “Milam County, Texas General Obligation refunding bonds, series 2021” and the levying of an annual ad valorem tax, within the limits prescribed by law, upon all taxable property in the County for the payment of the bonds; and providing an effective date, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and approved unanimously.

Tax note series 2021 to purchase vehicles for the Sheriff's department in the amount of \$152,892.34

9. **Discuss and take any necessary action to approve an order of the Milam County Commissioners Court, Texas, ratifying, confirming and validating an order authorizing the issuance of "Milam County, Texas tax notes, series 2021" and the levying of an annual ad valorem tax, within the limits prescribed by law, upon all taxable property in the County for the payment of the bonds; and providing an effective date.**

Motion by Judge Young to adopt an order of the Milam County Commissioners Court, Texas, ratifying, confirming and validating an order authorizing the issuance of "Milam County, Texas tax notes, series 2021" and the levying of an annual ad valorem tax, within the limits prescribed by law, upon all taxable property in the County for the payment of the bonds; and providing an effective date, Seconded by Commissioner Shuffield and approved unanimously.

Refunding bond series 2021 to refinance about \$1.9 million of County debt with savings of \$17,769.26

10. **Utility Easement- Southwest Milam:**

- a) **Discuss and take necessary action regarding an easement for Southwest Milam on County Road 455 .9 miles east of the intersection of County Road 455 and FM 486 for new water service. The proposed bore will be for four inch PVC pipe buried 36 inches deep across the entire right of way.**

Motion by Commissioner Muegge to approve the Utility Easement from Southwest Milam on County Road 455, .9 miles east of the intersection of County Road 455 and FM 486 for new water service. The proposed bore will be for four inch PVC pipe buried 36 inches deep across the entire right of way, Seconded by Commissioner Hubnik and approved unanimously.

11. Permission for Entry and Waiver of Claims:

- a) Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a request to enter the property of Mr. Jeff Turner on County Road 455 for the purpose of maintaining said County Road with the understanding that any and all claims against Milam County are waived in connection with the entry.

Motion by Commissioner Muegge to approve a request to enter the property of Mr. Jeff Turner on County Road 455 for the purpose of maintain said County Road with the understanding that any and all claims against Milam County are waived in connection with the entry, Seconded by Commissioner Shuffield and approved unanimously.

12. Subdivision Variances:

- a) Discuss and take any necessary action on a subdivision variance request for 32 acres on Private Road 7056 appraisal ID 69550.

Motion by Commissioner Hubnik to approve a subdivision variance request for 32 acres on Private Road 7056, appraisal ID 69550, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and approved unanimously.

13. District Attorney Lease Agreement for Copier:

- a) Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposed lease agreement between the Milam County District Attorney's office and Xerox for a 60 month lease of a copier, including a maintenance agreement and other ancillaries, beginning on June 28, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Muegge to approve the contract with Xerox for the District Attorney's office for a term of 60 months, Seconded by Commissioner Hubnik and approved unanimously.

14. Resale of Properties Held in Trust:

- a) Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposal to resale several properties held in trust by Milam County and other entities, pursuant to section 34.05 of the Texas Tax Code, including tax account 18257, tax account 26623 and tax account 14644.

Motion by Commissioner Shuffield to approve the resale of several properties held in trust by Milam County and other entities, including tax accounts 18257, 26623 and 14644, Seconded by Commissioner Hubnik and approved unanimously.

Connor Buchanan- contact MVBA @ mvbalaw.com or at 512-943-1645

15. Tax Abatement for Charlotte Pipe and Foundry:

- a) Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposed five year, 80% annual tax abatement for Charlotte Pipe and Foundry for a \$21,750,000.00 capital improvement investment, at the request of the Milam County Industrial Development Foundation.

Motion by Judge Young to approve a tax abatement for Charlotte Pipe and Foundry for a \$21,750,000.00 capital improvement investment, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and approved unanimously.

**Ginger Watkins- 3 year 80% abatement
5 year of capital investment
Adds 4 jobs**

Motion by Judge Young to hold Public Hearing on the Reinvestment Zones for the 4 Solar projects at 10:37a.m., Seconded by Commissioner Shuffield and approved unanimously

Public Participation about Solar:

Matt Goodson- provided a powerpoint (see attached)

Mr. Goodson- went through his powerpoint and stated that he lives in PCT #2, moved here 6 years ago. Concerns are that solar is going to be surrounding his property. One thing we have found is that Solar is one of the most heavily taxed subsidized industries in the nations. Most solar farms qualify for a ITC; investment Tax Credit, its about 26% of the construction cost of the project. So you already have a large amount of federal tax dollars going to the project. Most abatements go off a point system, going off the capital investment and jobs that will be created for the community, we show that most of these are going to be at 50%, a 2 year 50-60% that they qualify for. The 10 year seems a little long for me. My kids go to Cameron School District seems like they could really use that money. Job growth is another big concern, you are adversely affecting a lot of surrounding landowners and property values. When you look into the potential job loss through feed stores and fertilize salesmen. You take this land out of ag use and its going to be that way permanently. The environmental impact that will be on the land, will be very hard to get back into AG. Roads are a concern, CR273 and CR275; drainage off the roads into Pond Creek. Run-Off water is a scary thought. Cadmium is a problem if it runs off into our water. Troy ISD actually did not pass their tax abatements; I am sure there is a reason. Louisiana Farm Bureau is going to quit giving tax abatements for solar projects or the State of Louisiana is. They are seeing the loss of ag in acreage and seeing the negative effects of that.

Sherri Brantley- I have my property surrounded by one side and across from the front of my house. I back Matt 100% on everything he said. First of all, I would like to say in my opinion that Solar Farms are really Industrial Scales Solar Plants not farms, the word farms is used to lure people into a false sense of security. They say industrial scale solar plants shouldn't be put near residents in the city or residential areas so why should they be put near homes in the country. The run-

off is toxic from the panels which are made in China by the way. The run-off will go straight into our tank, that's where we fish and we eat those fish, when our tanks are full it goes into around and goes into the creeks near our tanks and go to fellow property owners. It will cause land erosion on my property. I challenge you all to look into the cons and not just the money. It will ruin our lives and our community way of lives. It will affect our health, my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Would you want an industrial scale solar farm by your home?

Gene Kleiber- I have right at a 200-acre farm within a mile of the lady that just spoke. The water that would come off her place from the solar farm would run right through the middle of my place. It's a water way that comes right through my place and dumps right into Cannon Snap Creek, as a farmer raised up on a farm, I know what the environment means to everybody, so I am opposed to this.

Natacha Kiler- Project Manager for the Thunderbird Solar, I am here on behalf of my company and for myself. Me personally I have been in this business since 2008. There are economic benefits, jobs, construction jobs, but also a few long term jobs that don't bring burdens to the communities. I really see so much good in Solar. I don't hear about toxic water run-off. You can look up anything on the internet and find anything on the internet. A lot of really good things about Solar, change is hard and scary.

Commissioner Shuffield- The toxic that they are worried about, if you had a hail storm and broke all the glass and ran into the water system, what would come out of those panels?

Natacha Kiler- Again, I haven't see that happen, I have seen hail storms come through, and have seen some breakage but not like oil spills.

Commissioner Shuffield- In a scenario if there was some breakage, is there anything inside that would contaminate the soil.

Natacha Kiler- I have never heard of such a thing, so my answer to that would be No. I don't know of any toxic chemical that would come from an event like that.

Commissioner Shuffield- Why Milam County?

Natacha Kiler- It's not just Milam County, because of the transmission capacity, nice flat land we look for. A lot of different things that go into a solar project, but transmission capacity it the main.

Commissioner Shuffield- You have flat rows, it looks to me like you would have run-offs and cause erosions

Natacha Kiler- we plant native grasses around the panels, native to the area. Civil Engineers that design it

William Coats- Milano project- I can say that there is no evidence of leeching or toxic chemicals, that is the whole point behind this. You can research and find an answer if you are looking for that answer. There is no evidence of that happening, very good opportunity for the county. We have a local contact that is part of our team, Chris Silverthorne who has knowledge of the area, we got to know about the Economic troubles with the smelters closing. That created transmission capacity. You need transmission capacity to build projects. Because of these closings you had over 1,000 megawatts in some of these substations. You also have economic distress because of those things closing. You got 4 or 5 companies out here wanting for a reason, its not like its going to happen and then 10 more companies come in. It's not like the whole county is going to be covered in solar panels. These companies do rely on tax abatements, its just the market. Projects in other counties are getting these abatements.

Sherry Brantley- What about Erosion? Does it happen? How are you going to stop that from happening?

William Coats- Watersheds are important to us, Mitigation for erosion is going to be important to any engineer whether it's a

parking lot, solar farm or a house. Engineers will be involved. County Roads would be improved not diminished, Projects are not come and go. We are out here to be in business and neighbors for 30, 40, 50 years.

Commissioner Shuffield- What about safety? Fence with barbed wire, Is it safe, what if Matt's sons want to do a curiosity search and go in?

Natacha Kiler- Security is designed to keep people safe, it's a security fence and the solar panels are safe

Williams Coats- There is a current, your not touching the solar panel and getting electrocuted

Sherri Brantley- How many motors are used on the solar panel?

William Coats- It's a passive thing, the sun hits it, there is not motors

Judge Young- She is talking about turning the panels

William Coats – They do move towards the sun

Natacha Kiler- There are trackers, some do have some do not. Not sure how many

Sherri Brantley- How far from my fence will the solar panels be?

Natacha Kiler- 50 foot set back

Matt Goodson- State of Texas does not recognize if Solar is a mineral right or a surface right

William Coat- Surface Right

Matt Goodson- When does it makes its transmission from Ag to Surface?

Judge Young- Once improvements are in place the taxing begins. Then they go back and pay up front the past 3 years. We have looked at this and I am very much aware of your concerns. I am a Farmer and a Rancher, we have no say so, that is up to the landowner, he wants to lease it, he can lease it, once we get to this point, we have to make a decision on if we should give them a tax abatement. If the court finds that a designation will contribute to the retention or expansion of primary employment or will attract major investment in the zone and will contribute to the economic development of Milam County Court may approve.

Commissioner Hubnik- I have taken calls since Friday, last call was at 9:30p.m., all day Saturday and Sunday. I think we should table this until we can do more research and give people more time to be here. There was a professor in College Station that couldn't take off in time to get here, he was telling me about the negative impact would be, look at the Toxic chemicals in the construction of the panels. There are numerous people against this, can we table this and push back a week? I make a motion to table the item

Commissioner Muegge- Talking about the abatements, this is unique with solar, we have a board that does it, how it comes about. The companies are here and have spoke about it

Commissioner Shuffield- We went through the same thing for Humble and nobody came then, we have done been through this before.

Judge Young- I know there are some folks against, but if we table we aren't going to learn anything different

John Redington- Right now you are just creating the reinvestment zone, this just lets it be a possibility. Tax abatements let you have some kind of control.

Commissioner Shuffield- They can put the solar in without the abatement?

John Redington – Yes but with the abatement you have some kind of control and say so. You have agreements in place, takes out lawsuits, fighting that puts the county in a tight spot.

Motion by Commissioner Hubnik to table the item to the next meeting

No second, motion fails due to no second, motion dies

Motion by Judge Young to close the Public Hearing at 11:28a.m., Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and approved

3-1.

Judge Young- Yay

Commissioner Shuffield – Yay

Commissioner Muegge – Yay

Commissioner Hubnik- Ney

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Motion by Judge Young to move to create a reinvestment zone, to be known as “Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Milano Solar” for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, said reinvestment zone to be located as described in the application by Milano Solar, LLC, Seconded by Commissioner Shuffield and approved 3-1

**Judge Young- Yay
Commissioner Shuffield – Yay
Commissioner Muegge – Yay
Commissioner Hubnik- Ney**

Motion by Judge Young move to approve a tax abatement agreement with Tax Abatement Agreement with Milano Solar, LLC, to provide economic development within the Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Milano Solar, located within Milam County in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, upon land described in the application attached to the proposed Abatement Agreement, for the construction of a solar power generating project of approximately 150-200 MW capacity, at an estimated cost of \$150,000,000.00 dollars, Seconded by Commissioner Shuffield and approved 3-1

**Judge Young- Yay
Commissioner Shuffield – Yay
Commissioner Muegge – Yay
Commissioner Hubnik- Ney**

- b. **Sandow Lakes Ranch Solar I, L.L.C.**
- i. **Discuss and take any necessary action to conduct a public hearing on the Creation of a Reinvestment Zone to be known as Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Sandow Solar I, for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county, and possible action on a Tax Abatement Agreement with Sandow Lakes Ranch Solar I, LLC,**
 - ii. **Discuss and take any necessary action to create a reinvestment zone for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, said reinvestment zone to be known as Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Sandow Solar I, and located as described in the application by Tax Abatement Agreement with Sandow Lakes Ranch Solar I, LLC.**
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Motion by Judge Young to move to create a reinvestment zone, to be known as "Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Sandow Solar I" for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, said reinvestment zone to be located as described in the application by Sandow Lakes Ranch Solar I, LLC, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and approved 3-1

**Judge Young- Yay
Commissioner Shuffield - Yay
Commissioner Muegge - Yay
Commissioner Hubnik- Ney**

Motion by Judge Young to move to approve a tax abatement agreement with Tax Abatement Agreement with Sandow Lakes Ranch Solar I, LLC, to provide economic development within the Milam County Reinvestment Zone- Sandow Solar I, located within Milam County in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, upon land described in the application attached to the proposed Abatement Agreement, for the construction of a solar power generating project of approximately 500 MW capacity, at an estimated cost of \$400,000,000.00 dollars, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and approved 3-1

**Judge Young- Yay
Commissioner Shuffield - Yay
Commissioner Muegge - Yay
Commissioner Hubnik- Ney**

- c. Cattleman Solar Park, L.L.C.**
- i. Discuss and take any necessary action to conduct a public hearing for the Creation of a Reinvestment Zone to be known as Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Cattlemen Solar Park, for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county, and possible action on a Tax Abatement Agreement with Cattlemen Solar Park LLC.**
 - ii. Discuss and take any necessary action to create a reinvestment zone for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, said reinvestment zone to be known as Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Cattlemen Solar Park, and located as described in the application by Tax Abatement Agreement with Cattlemen Solar Park LLC.**
 - iii. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the adoption of a Tax Abatement Agreement with Cattlemen Solar Park LLC., pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code.**

Motion by Judge Young to move to create a reinvestment zone, to be known as “Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Cattlemen Solar Park” for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, said reinvestment zone to be located as described in the application by Cattlemen Solar Park, LLC, Seconded by Commissioner Shuffield and approved 3-1

**Judge Young- Yay
Commissioner Shuffield – Yay
Commissioner Muegge – Yay
Commissioner Hubnik- Ney**

Motion by Judge Young to move to approve a tax abatement agreement with Tax Abatement Agreement with Cattlemen Solar Park LLC, to provide economic development within the Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Cattlemen Solar Park, located within Milam County in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, upon land described in the application attached to the proposed Abatement Agreement, for the construction of a solar power generating project of approximately 240 MW capacity, at an estimated cost of \$250,000,000.00 dollars, Seconded by commissioner Shuffield and approved 3-1

**Judge Young- Yay
Commissioner Shuffield – Yay
Commissioner Muegge – Yay
Commissioner Hubnik- Ney**

d. **Thunderbird Solar, L.L.C.**

- i. **Discuss and take any necessary action to conduct a public hearing for the Creation of a Reinvestment Zone to be known as Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Thunderbird Solar, for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county, and possible action on a Tax Abatement Agreement with Thunderbird Solar, LLC.**
- ii. **Discuss and take any necessary action to create a reinvestment zone for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, said reinvestment zone to be known as Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Thunderbird Solar, and located as described in the application by Tax Abatement Agreement with Thunderbird Solar, LLC.**

- iii. **Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the adoption of a Tax Abatement Agreement with Thunderbird Solar, LLC., pursuant to Chapter 312, Texas Tax Code**

Motion by Judge Young to move to create a reinvestment zone, to be known as “Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Thunderbird Solar” for purposes of tax abatement to provide economic development within the county in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, said reinvestment zone to be located as described in the application by Thunderbird Solar, LLC, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and approved 3-1

**Judge Young- Yay
Commissioner Shuffield – Yay
Commissioner Muegge – Yay
Commissioner Hubnik- Ney**

Motion by Judge Young to move to approve a tax abatement agreement with Tax Abatement Agreement with Thunderbird Solar, LLC, to provide economic development within the Milam County Reinvestment Zone-Thunderbird Solar, located within Milam County in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, upon land described in the application attached to the proposed Abatement Agreement, for the construction of a solar power generating project of approximately 200 MW capacity, at an estimated cost of 260,000,000.00 dollars, Seconded by Commissioner Shuffield and approved 3-1

**Judge Young- Yay
Commissioner Shuffield - Yay
Commissioner Muegge - Yay
Commissioner Hubnik- Ney**

17. Vision Plan:

- a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a vision plan provided by the Texas Association of Counties, which provides vision coverage for Milam County employees at no cost to the County.**

Motion by Commissioner Shuffield to approve the vision plan provided by the Texas Association of Counties, which provides vision coverage for Milam County employees at no cost to the County, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and approved unanimously.

18. Granite Communications:

- a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposed new contract with Granite Communications regarding phone service for Milam County.**

Motion by Judge Young to approve a proposed new contract with Granite Communications regarding phone services, Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and approved unanimously

19. Milam County Historical Commission:

Discuss and take any necessary action to recognize the Milam County Historical Commission for earning the Distinguished Service Award for 2020 from the Texas Historical Commission.

Motion by Judge Young to table the Distinguished Service Award for 2020 from the Texas Historical Commission, Seconded by Commissioner Shuffield and approved unanimously

20. 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 \$366,820.75, Seconded by Commissioner Shuffield and approved unanimously.

21. Discuss and review non-action items regarding the current state of affairs of Milam County.

Motion by Judge Young to table the current state of affairs of Milam County, Seconded by Commissioner Hubnik and approved unanimously

22. ADJOURN- Motion by Commissioner Hubnik to adjourn at 11:49a.m., Seconded by Commissioner Muegge and carried unanimously.

The above and foregoing Minutes for Monday, June 28, 2021 having been examined and approved in Open Court this _____ day of _____ 2021.

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 June 28, 2021.

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

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

Commissioner PCT #1

Commissioner PCT #2

Commissioner PCT #3

Commissioner PCT #4