

COMMISSIONERS COURT OF MILAM COUNTY, TEXAS

AGENDA for Monday August 24, 2020

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Milam County Commissioners Court will be held on Monday, August 24, 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 recent outbreak of the COVID-19 virus the meeting will also be conducted by phone and by Facebook Live.

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 meeting will also be broadcast by audio by dialing: (646) 749-3122 and using access code 183-749-653.

Public attendance will be limited due to COVID-19 spacing requirements and admittance will be done on a first come, first serve basis.

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. Hear public participation comments from the public who have timely made a proper request and take any necessary action regarding such request and/or comments.
6. Discuss and take any necessary action on the COVID-19 Pandemic in Milam County, including:
 - a. Update on the pandemic;
 - b. COVID-19 case summary; and
 - c. Update on the testing.
7. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding an update on the renovation project;
 - a. Professional Building renovation; and
 - b. Annex renovation; and
 - c. Grant for the annex renovation.
8. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding Courthouse repairs, including:
 - a. Sidewalk repairs; and
 - b. Reimbursement for roofing/cleaning.

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9. Discuss and take any necessary action to adopt a pauper's burial policy for Milam County, Texas.
10. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the Milam County 2020 Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant.
11. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a \$5,000.00 grant for Ferrell hog eradication in Milam County.
12. Subdivision Variance:
- a. Consider and take any necessary action regarding a variance for a subdivision on CR 335, appraisal district property ID 17665.
13. Contractual Issues:
- a. Discuss, consider and take any necessary action regarding contract for Precinct Three to exchange labor and materials for iron ore.
 - b. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a new proposed electrical contract for Milam County.
14. Elections Issues:
- a. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve security awareness training for Jodi Morgan, Monica Montez and Amy Guillen.
 - b. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve a signature committee for mail ballots.
 - c. Interlocal agreement between Milam County and the various local entities for the November 3, 2020 general election.
 - d. Discuss and take any necessary to approve a notice of election for the November 3, 2020 General Election.
15. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve a resolution consolidating County and municipal maintenance of birth and death records from the city of Rockdale.
16. Discuss and take any necessary action to accept the County Clerk and District Clerk's recommendation setting the archive fee at \$10.00 and to adopt the County and District Clerk's plan for record archiving.
17. Harvey Grant:
- a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposal to retain Strand engineering to provide project related professional engineering services for the CDBG-MIT program.
 - b. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposal to select Grant Works to provide project related administration/project delivery services for CDBG-MIT program.
18. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposal for Milam County to convey certain properties that are held in trust due to a tax foreclosure sale to the City of Cameron and the Cameron Independent School District as set forth in the attached Exhibit 1 to this agenda.

19. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve the salaries for the Milam County Auditor and the District Court Reporter for 2021.

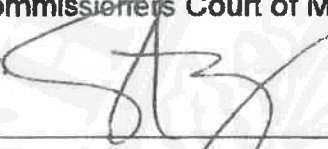
20. Utility Installations:

- a. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposal for an aerial crossing east of Rockdale on County Road 322 for Bartlett Electric for electrical usage at 6011 CR 322, Rockdale, Texas.
- b. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposed aerial crossing on County Road 437 .5 miles south of CR 433 on CR 437 near Detmold for Bartlett Electric.

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

22. Adjourn.

Dated this the 21st day of July 2020.
Commissioners Court of Milam County, Texas

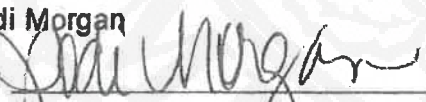
By: 

Steve Young, Milam County Judge

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I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the above named Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said Notice, and that I posted 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 21st day of August 2020 and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the schedule time of said Meeting.

Dated this 21st day of August 2020
County Clerk of Milam County, Texas

Jodi Morgan
By: 



JODI MORGAN
County Clerk

Filed 20 day of Aug
in 2020 At 4:00 M.
JODI MORGAN
County Clerk, Milam County, Texas
By: 
Deputy

If during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting the Commissioners 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.

Exhibit I
Agenda of 8-24-2020

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF MILAM

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RESALE OF PROPERTIES HELD IN TRUST
BY THE COUNTY OF MILAM, TEXAS, TRUSTEE AND HELD IN TRUST BY THE
CAMERON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE

Whereas, the Milam County Tax Office collects property taxes for The County of Milam, Texas;
and

Whereas, the following properties (hereinafter referred to as, "the Properties") were the
subject of a tax foreclosure sale:

See "**Exhibit A**," attached hereto and incorporated by reference

Whereas, the Properties did not receive a bid at tax sale and were struck off to The County
of Milam, Texas, Trustee, in Trust, for the use and benefit of itself, the City of Cameron, Texas,
and the Cameron Independent School District, and to the Cameron Independent School District,
Trustee, in trust for the use and benefit of itself, the City of Cameron, Texas, and the County of
Milam, Texas, by virtue of Constable's Deeds recorded in the Deed Records of Milam County,
Texas; and

Whereas, the Properties are currently tax exempt; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the Taxing Units that the Properties be resold in an
efficient manner which will return the Properties to a taxable status; and

Whereas, the City of Cameron, Texas, has expended considerable resources to maintain
the Properties each year since the properties were bid into trust; and

Whereas, the City of Cameron will expend considerable resources to improve the
Properties so that the Properties may be resold and returned to taxable status; and

Whereas, The City of Cameron, Texas, P.O. Box 833, Cameron, Texas 76520 has offered
to purchase the Properties for good and valuable consideration less than the market value of the
Properties specified in the judgment of foreclosure; and

Whereas, Section 34.05 of the Texas Tax Code provides for the private sale of property
acquired by a taxing unit;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that County of Milam, Texas accepts the offer to purchase
the Properties and shall resell all of the interest of the County of Milam in the Properties described
below to the City of Cameron, Texas, P.O. Box 833, Cameron, Texas 76520.

Property to be sold:

See "**Exhibit A,**" attached hereto and incorporated by reference

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Judge of Milam County, Texas, on the _____ day of _____, 2020 is authorized to execute a Deed Without Warranty conveying the properties sold pursuant to this Resolution.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2020 by the Commissioners Court of the County of Milam, Texas.

Steve Young
County Judge

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EXHIBIT A

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The Northwest part of Lot 1, and the East part of Lot 2, Block 4, Section C, W.W. Lewis Survey of the Henderson and Arnold Addition to the City of Cameron, being more particularly described in a Warranty Deed recorded at Volume 608, Page 93 of the Official Deed Records of Milam County, Texas (Tax Account No. 16234).

The West one-half of Lot 2, Block 4, Henderson and Arnold Addition to the City of Cameron, Milam County, Texas, as more particularly described in a Warranty Deed recorded at Volume 465, Page 441 et seq of the Deed Records of Milam County, Texas (Tax Account No. 16931)

The South ½ of the North ½ of Block 4, Lyles Second Addition to the City of Cameron, Milam County, Texas, being that property more particularly described in a Warranty Deed recorded at Volume 246, Page 483 et seq of the Deed Records of Milam County, Texas (Tax Account No. 15764).

Lot 6, Block 2, W.W. Lewis Addition (Henderson-Arnold), Section B, City of Cameron, Milam County, Texas (Volume 954, Page 490 and Volume 1007, Page 859 of the Deed Records, Milam County, Texas (Tax Account No. 12220).

Lot 4, Block 4, Section C, W.W. Lewis (Henderson-Arnold) Addition to the City of Cameron, Milam County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 244, Page 217 of the Deed Records, Milam County, Texas (Tax Account No. 13776).

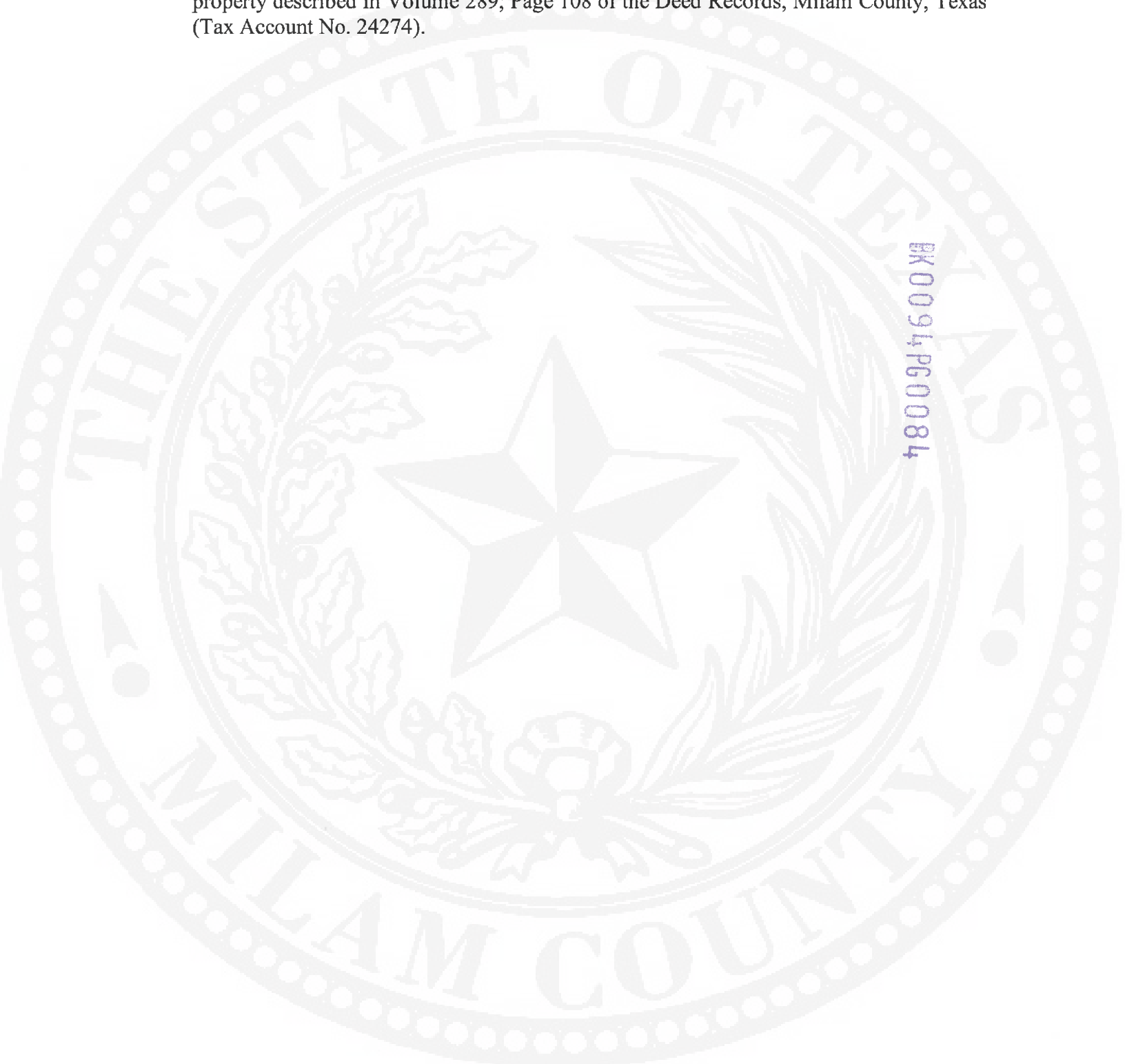
Southwest part of the North part of Block 4, W.W. Lewis (Brod & Mondrik Addition), City of Cameron, Milam County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 290, Page 187 of the Deed Records, Milam County, Texas (Tax Account No. 15638).

Lot 16, Block 39, West Cameron Addition to the City of Cameron, Milam County, Texas, being that property more particularly described in Volume 55, Page 173 of the Deed Records, Milam County, Texas (Tax Account No. 15836).

Northwest part of Lot 3, Block 4, Section C, W.W. Lewis (Henderson-Arnold) Addition to the City of Cameron, Milam County, Texas, being that property more particularly described in Volume 427, Page 335 of the Deed Records, Milam County, Texas (Tax Account No. 17895).

The South part of Block 13, Hood Addition to the City of Cameron, Milam County, Texas, being that property more particularly described in Volume 833, Page 466 and in Volume 833, Page 468 and in Volume 833, Page 470 and in Volume 833, Page 472 of the Deed Records, Milam County, Texas (Tax Account No. 23260).

The Southeast part of Lot 6, Block 1, Section C, W.W. Lewis Addition to the City of Cameron, Milam County, Texas (Volume 165, Page 588 SAVE AND EXCEPT that property described in Volume 289; Page 108 of the Deed Records, Milam County, Texas (Tax Account No. 24274).



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF MILAM

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RESALE OF PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST
BY THE CAMERON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, TRUSTEE

Whereas, the Milam County Tax Office collects property taxes for The County of Milam, Texas;
and

Whereas, the following properties (hereinafter referred to as, "the Properties") were the
subject of a tax foreclosure sale:

72 feet by 100 feet, out of the W.W. Lewis League, Milam County, Texas, being that
property more particularly described in Volume 157, Page 604 et seq of the Real Property
Records of Milam County, Texas AKA Block 26, Peoples Addition, Milam County, Texas
(Tax Account No. 18369).

Block 25, Peoples Addition, Milam County, Texas (Tax Account No. 19742).

0.6 acres, more or less, out of the W.W. Lewis League, Milam County, Texas being that
property more particularly described in Volume 159, page 387 et seq of the Real Property
Records of Milam County, Texas AKA Block 23, Peoples Addition, Milam County, Texas
(Tax Account No. 22149).

Whereas, the Properties did not receive a bid at tax sale and were struck off to the Cameron
Independent School District, Trustee, in trust for the use and benefit of itself, the City of Cameron,
Texas, and the County of Milam, Texas, by virtue of Constable's Deeds recorded in the Deed
Records of Milam County, Texas; and

Whereas, the Properties have not been resold by any taxing unit pursuant to the Texas
Tax Code; and

Whereas, the Cameron Independent School district wishes to purchase the Properties and
to utilize them for educational purposes; and

Whereas, The Cameron Independent School District, P.O. Box 712, Cameron, Texas
76520 has offered to purchase the Properties for good and valuable consideration less than the
market value of the Properties specified in the judgment of foreclosure; and

Whereas, Section 34.05 of the Texas Tax Code provides for the private sale of property
acquired by a taxing unit;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that County of Milam, Texas accepts the offer to purchase
the Properties and shall resell all of the interest of The County of Milam in the Properties described

below to the Cameron Independent School District, P.O. Box 712, Cameron, Texas 76520.

Property to be sold:

72 feet by 100 feet, out of the W.W. Lewis League, Milam County, Texas, being that property more particularly described in Volume 157, Page 604 et seq of the Real Property Records of Milam County, Texas AKA Block 26, Peoples Addition, Milam County, Texas (Tax Account No. 18369).

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Judge of Milam County, Texas, on the _____ day of _____, 2020 is authorized to execute a Deed Without Warranty conveying the properties sold pursuant to this Resolution.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2020 by the Commissioners Court of the County of Milam, Texas.

Steve Young
County Judge

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STATE OF TEXAS:

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COUNTY OF MILAM:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on Monday, the 24TH day of August A. D. 2020, 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:

Due to the recent outbreak of the COVID-19; this meeting was conducted by video, phone and in court with limited seating. Call 1 646 749 3122 access code 183 749 653

This meeting was also recorded facebook live and the link to listen is <https://www.facebook.com/934846117015797>

Public attendance will be limited due to COVID-19 spacing requirements and admittance will be done on a first come, first serve basis

**STEVE YOUNG, MILAM COUNTY JUDGE
RICHARD "OPEY" WATKINS, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO.1
DONALD SHUFFIELD, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 2
JOHN FISHER, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3
JODI MORGAN, COUNTY CLERK**

**Absent to wit
JEFF MUEGGE, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4**

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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- 10:00a.m.**
- 2. Prayer.**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and 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 –

a) Motion by Commissioner Fisher to approve the minutes from the previous meetings as listed, Seconded by Commissioner Shuffield and carried unanimously

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5. Hear public participation comments from the public who have timely made a proper request and take any necessary action regarding such request and/or comments-
None

6. COVID-19 pandemic in Milam County

- a) Update on the pandemic;
- b) COVID-19 case summary; and
- c) Update on the testing

- Confirmed cases in the county: 402
- Probable Cause: 19
- active cases: 31
- in the hospital: 3
- being monitored at high risk: 85
- Deaths 4

7. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding an update on the renovation project:

- a) Professional Building renovation; and
- b) Annex renovation; and
- c) Grant for the Annex renovation

Judge Young- Professional Building will start construction next week. The hold up has been Asbestos Removal. They will start on the roof, exterior then interior work Annex Building, the grant people will have a hearing Friday so we hope to hear from them then to see if the grant will cover the construction.

Since it is a matching grant we will be looking at redoing the parking lot ourselves and maybe putting solar panels on the roof. ,

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8. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding Courthouse repairs, including;
- a) Sidewalk Repairs; and
 - b) Reimbursement for roof/cleaning.

Sidewalk Repairs are finished and still waiting on the reimbursement from the State for the roof and cleaning

9. Discuss and take any necessary action to adopt a pauper's burial policy for Milam County, Texas

Motion by Commissioner Watkins to approve the Pauper's Burial Policy, Seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously

10. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding the Milam County 2020 Transportation Infrastructure Grant.

600,000 awarded from the State, TIFT Grant for road work
PCT #1- CR101
PCT #2- CR241
PCT #3- 318

11. Discuss and take any necessary regarding a \$5,000.00 grant for Ferrell hog eradication in Milam County

Motion by Commissioner Fisher to approve a \$5.00 per head bounty, bring snout to Milam County Commissioners until grant money runs out, Seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously

12. Subdivision Varainace:

- a) Consider and take any necessary action regarding a variance for a subdivision on CR335, appraisal district property ID 17665

Motion by Commissioner Shuffield to approve subdivision variance on CR 335, Seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously

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13. Contractual Issues:

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- a) **Discuss, consider and take any necessary action regarding contract for Precinct Three to exchange labor and materials for iron ore.**

Motion by Commissioner Fisher to approve the agreement for in kind exchange with Joe Copora and PCT#3, Seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously

- b) **Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a new proposed electrical contract for Milam County**

Motion by Commissioner Shuffield to table a new proposed electrical contract, Seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously

14. Election Issues

- a) **Discuss and take any necessary action to approve security awareness training for Jodi Morgan, Monica Montez and Amy Guillen**
- b) **Discuss and take any necessary action to approve a signature committee for mail ballots**
- c) **Interlocal Agreement between Milam County and the various local entities for the November 3, 2020 general election**
- d) **Discuss and take any necessary action to approve a notice of election for the November 3, 2020 General Election**

Motion by Commissioner Watkins to approve Election Issues A-D, Seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously

15. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve a resolution consolidating County and Municipal Maintenance of birth and death records from the city of Rockdale

Motion by Commissioner Shuffield to approve the resolution to consolidate County and Municipal Maintenance of birth and death records from the City of Rockdale, Seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously

16. Discuss and take any necessary action to accept the County Clerk and District Clerk's recommendation setting the archive fee at \$10.00 and to adopt the County and District Clerk's plan for record archiving

Motion by Commissioner Watkins to approve the records archive fee rate at \$10.00 and to adopt the County and District Clerk's records archive plan, Seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously

17. Harvey Grant:

- a) Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposal to retain Strand engineering to provide project related professional engineering services for the CDBG-MIT program**
- b) Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposal to select Grant Works to provide project related administrative/project delivery services for CDBG-MIT program**

Motion by Commissioner Fisher to approve Strand Engineering for engineering services and Grant Works for administrative project delivery services for the CDBG-MIT program Seconded by Commissioner Shuffield and carried unanimously

18. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposal for Milam County to convey certain properties that are held in trust due to tax foreclosure sale to the City of Cameron and the Cameron Independent School District as set forth in the attached Exhibit 1 to this agenda:

- a) Discuss and take any necessary action to raise or not raise road and bridge fees and child safety DMV Fees in Milam County for 2021 (correction this line should be removed; was not an agenda item)**

Motion by Commissioner Watkins to approve the conveyance of certain properties that are held in trust due to tax foreclosure sale to the City of Cameron and Cameron Independent School District as attached in Exhibit 1, Seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously

19. Discuss and take any necessary action to approve the salaries for the Milam County Auditor and the District Court Reporter for 2021

Motion by Commissioner Fisher to approve the salaries for the Milam County Auditor and District Court Reporter for 2021, Seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously

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20. Utility Installations

- a) **Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposal for an aerial crossing east of Rockdale on County Road 322 for Bartlett Electric for electrical usage at 6011 CR 322, Rockdale, TX**

Motion by Commissioner Fisher to approve an aerial crossing east of Rockdale on County Road 322 for Bartlett Electric, Seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously

- b) **Discuss and take any necessary action regarding a proposed aerial crossing on County Road 437 .5 miles south of CR 433 on CR 437 near Detmold for Bartlett Electric**

Motion by Judge Young to approve an aerial crossing on County Road 437 .5 miles south of CR 433 on CR 437 near Detmold for Bartlett Electric, Seconded by Commissioner Fisher and carried unanimously

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

Motion by Commissioner Fisher to pay the bills in the amount of \$241,984.60, Seconded by Commissioner Shuffield and carried unanimously

22. Adjourn- Motion by Commissioner Fisher to adjourn at 10:58am, Seconded by Commissioner Watkins and carried unanimously

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The above and foregoing Minutes for Monday, August 24, 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 August 24, 2020

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

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

August 24, 2020 Minutes

Approved _____

Commissioner of Precinct No. 1

Commissioner of Precinct No. 2

Commissioner of Precinct No. 3

Commissioner of Precinct No. 4

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