

STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF MILAM:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on **Monday, the 25th day of August A. D. 2014**, the Commissioners' Court of Milam County, Texas, convened in SPECIAL Session in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Milam County Courthouse, 102 S. Fannin, Cameron Texas, with the following members of the Court present, to-wit:

DAVID BARKEMEYER, COUNTY JUDGE

RICHARD WATKINS, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 1

KENNETH HOLLAS, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 2

JOHN FISHER, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3

JEFF MUEGGE, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4

JODI MORGAN, DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

Others absent to-wit:

BARBARA VANSA, COUNTY CLERK

JOHN REDINGTON, LEGAL COUNSEL

And the proclamation having been made the Court was in session, the following business came on to be considered:

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON 2015 MILAM COUNTY BUDGET

CALL MEETING TO ORDER & ESTABLISH QUORUM -

Judge asked for public comment

LOAL COLE - handout to Judge & Commissioners and report to Clerk for public knowledge-

- Observations, Questions, & Comments
- The Income side needs lots of work
- It is reported that some individuals in this county block new industries and businesses from coming in.
- Why do we not compare our jobs to like jobs in the private sector?
- Why is there a flat fee for travel given to Elected Officials. Most of us have to justify our mileage expenses with actual odometer readings.

- Most of our Budget is spent on roads. There are all kinds of materials available that can be used on the roads to keep them from wash-boarding and throwing tons of dust into the air with the passage of vehicles.

FISHER – Expense is what keeps us from doing a lot of what we can do. We know how to fix the roads, but there is an expense to do it.

HORKHEIMER – handout to Judge & Commissioners and report to Clerk for public knowledge-

- The budge process has improved
- I request that the Judge and Commissioners cancel the tax increase and proposed salary increases

MUEGGE- What do you think the Poverty level is?

HORKHEIMER- Milam County; I don't know and couldn't give you a number

FRANKLIN STEWART- I know the question on pay raises is sensitive. I want to exempt law enforcement from everything I say. I think we need to give a second thought to the blanket raise. If the employee is doing a good job we should give a merit raise. The tax increase is not justified in this economy. I am all for the employees getting a raise and our tax payers getting a pay decrease.

JOE CLARK- I think you all need to think about what you are doing.
(inaudible)

KAREN CLARK- I have several questions about businesses coming in. I have heard that there is a group that keeps some businesses from coming in. We need businesses to come in to our county.

JUDGE BARKEMEYER- Those are good questions; the purpose here today is budget. I would like to answer all those questions but at another time.

HORKHEIMER- Judge how was your evening meetings?

JUDGE BARKEMEYER- They were very low. I try and give as much information in my newspaper articles and there is an online video on our website.

Judge Barkemeyer called this hearing to a close @ 9:45 A.M.

The above and foregoing Minutes examined and approved in Open Court this 8th day of September, 2014.

County Judge

State of Texas:

County of Milam:

I, Barbara Vansa, County Clerk, Milam County, Texas, attest that the foregoing is a true and correct accounting of the Commissioners' Court authorized proceedings for August 25, 2014

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

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

Commissioner of Precinct No. 1

Commissioner of Precinct No. 3

Commissioner of Precinct No. 2

Commissioner of Precinct No. 4

Minutes from the August 25, 2014 Milam County
Commissioners Court meeting ends