

STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF MILAM:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on Wednesday, the 28th day of May A. D. 2014, 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:

DAVID BARKEMEYER, COUNTY JUDGE

CHUCK BALCH, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO.1

KENNETH HOLLAS, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 2

JOHN FISHER, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3

JEFF MUEGGE, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4

BARBARA VANSAN, COUNTY CLERK

Others absent, to-wit

John Redington, Legal Counsel

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

#1 – CALL MEETING TO ORDER & ESTABLISH QUORUM – 10:00 a.m. - All Present

#2 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – U. S. Flag. “Honor the Texas Flag”, I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one State, Under God, one and indivisible

#3 – MINUTES – Motion by Commissioner Balch, seconded by Commissioner Muegge to approve the May 12 2014 meeting minutes as presented to the court. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#4 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

- **TOBY JOHNSON – Re: Veteran's Services**
- **W. K. GRAHAM – Re: Elemination of Karen Kunkel's Position With County Veterans Service**
- **Yvonne Hanel – V A Office**

#5 – RESOLUTION SMITH-LEVER ACT – Motion by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Muegge to approve the Centennial Resolution Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Signing of the Smith-Lever Act – Founding Legislation of the Nationwide Cooperative Extension System. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

- Presentation by Cheryl Walker, Milam County Extension Agent
- Presentation recorded in **Volume ____ Page ____** of the Commissioner Court Minutes.
- Judge to Cheryl – We are specially pleased you are part of the county.

#6 – BUILDING A BETTER TEXAS AWARD –

- Presentation by Cheryl Walker, Milam County Extension
- Jon Gersbach, Agent not present due to death in family
- Judge – not only until I became Judge did I learn to appreciate the 4-H & Extension Club.

#7 – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – RLSS/LPHS CONTRACT – Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Hollas to approve the application for the RLSS/ LPHS contract. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

- Gaines – have already submitted due to time restraint
- Budget totals - \$30,349

#8 – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – TB STATE AND TB FEDERAL CONTRACT – Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Balch to approve the TB State Contract in the amount of \$5244 with the County match of \$1049. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

- Gaines stated that she had a voice in Austin for Milam County because she was able to be on committees with directors for the State of Texas.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – TB STATE AND TB FEDERAL CONTRACT – Motion by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Muegge to approve the TB State Contract in the amount of \$8977 with the County match of \$1795. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

- Gaines stated at the end of the year the State will come to make sure we have met all criteria.

#9 - PRECINCT 3 - UTILITY INSTALLATION REQUEST / CENTURY LINK – Motion by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Balch to TABLE the Utility Installation Request with Century Link. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

- Commissioner Fisher presented the request
 - 1304 CR 330, Milano Texas
 - CR 330 and CR 331
- Justice of Peace Isaac suggested to the court that it not be approved until Century fixes.

#10 – PRECINCT 1 – UTILITY INSTALLATION REQUEST / SALEM – ELM RIDGE WSC – Motion by Commissioner Balch, seconded by Commissioner Fisher to approve the Utility Installation Request with Salem – Elm Ridge WSC. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

- Commissioner Balch presented the request.
 - CR 203 Loop, travel South, .1 mile on Alamo Road

#11 – CITY OF ROCKDALE / TEXAS STREET - Motion by Commissioner Hollas, seconded by Commissioner Fisher to allow the City of Rockdale to annex the county road portion of Texas Street. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

- Exploring annexation procedures & growth of city.
- County cannot ask for the road to be annexed
- John Redington is not here but if annex other property may need to do documents.
- Contingent if City annexes, County doesn't object

#12 – VETERANS OFFICE PRESENTATION – Presented by Ken Janicek, Veterans Service Officer

- **Judge – after Ken’s presentation we will allow others to speak**
- **Janicek – after my presentation I will give the Court a Memo with supporting documents.**
- **Lot of people do not know what we are.**
- **I am the “Veterans Advocate”**
- **History –**
 - **Code of Federal Regulations. Pensions, Bonuses & Veterans Relief. Chapter 38 Part 0 to 17**
 - **Federal Benefits handbook – Veterans & Survivors – can be purchased**
- **Without naming Veterans or Dependents he mentioned several instances him and / or Karen assisted with & were able to get much needed help.**
- **Mentioned previous Veterans Service Officers and staff**
- **Contacts other Veterans Service Officers and sometimes able to get more information regarding Veteran or Dependent he is trying to helping and many times finds more information with leads for more assistance.**
- **Things like this happen all the time.**
 - **It’s nice to visit with Veterans without interruptions**
 - **Karen Kunkel part time at VA & DA office – if you’re going to have a full time office you need a full time employee.**

MILAM COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

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CAMERON, TEXAS 76520

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5-28-2014

MEMO:

TO: MILAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

FROM: KEN JANICEK

SUBJECT: Request to reinstate Veterans Service Office Secretary Karen Kunkel
from 20 hours per week to 40 hours per week.

The office is presently falling behind in file maintenance.

It is further noted that routine duties of the secretary are now often executed by the service officer and this leads to questionable consideration being devoted to through claim handling research and preparation.

From an economic standpoint the funds necessary to meet the concerns are justified by the following statistics:

The 2014 original budget submitted for the veterans service office was \$90,692.30.

This amount included a salary for the secretary in the amount of \$27,000.00, this was

on the basis of administrative one secretary, an increase over the present assigned \$26,000.00 on an annual basis.

The original budget of \$90,692.30 represents .005052 of the Milam County Budget of \$17,952,662.00 for the year 2014. This dollar amount is barely over ½ of 1 % of the budget.

Milam County population is 24, 238. The veteran population of Milam County is 2,125 representing 8.76% of the population, this is not even considering any of the veterans family members.

In 2013, veterans received \$7.892,000.00 in funds from the VA for compensation and pension consideration According to a Wikipedia website using the most favorable income statistics, the veteran population receives .0192 of the income in the county. This is almost 2% of the resources and does not take into account that the VA funds are surely not the ONLY income in the veterans resources in most instances.

Respectfully,

Ken Janicek

#13 – PUBLIC SALE OF PROPERTY – Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Hollas to approve the Resolution requesting a Public Sale of Property acquired by Milam County at a delinquent tax sale. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#14 – COUNTY FLAG – Motion by Judge Barkemeyer, seconded by Commissioner Balch to adopt the new County Flag. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

- 1836 original flag
- New one designed by Charles King & Main Printing
- Don Shuffield – WHY would we want to change history?
- Judge – it's not really historically – 1990's came the 1836 flag
- Justice of Peace Pct 4, Gary Northcott – I think it was for the Bi-centennial
- Fisher – have we even had a flag?
- Vansa – what will happen to the existing flag? Go to the museum?
- Judge – not much of a flag

#15 – PRECINCT 4 “NO THRU SIGNS” – Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Balch to approve the putting up “No Thru Trailers” signs on CR 428. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

- Worley Bridge – 908 CR FM 486 side

#16 – TAX REFUNDS – Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Fisher to approve the Tax Refunds in the amount of \$ 282.28. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

- Tax Assessor / Collector Kolette Morgan stated these refunds are normal with a first time Rendention Penalty Refund.

#17 - BILLS – Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Fisher to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$238,679.97 as presented to the court. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

- Judge – forgot to mention TXDOT Grant came back yesterday, meeting next Tuesday

#18 - ADJOURN – Motion by Judge Barkemeyer, seconded by Commissioner Muegge adjourn @ 11:35 A.M. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

The above and foregoing Minutes examined and approved in Open Court this 9th day of June 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 May 28 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

**POWERPOINT
PRESENTATION**

May 28 2014

**Minutes from the May 28 2014 Milam County Commissioners Court
meeting ends on**

**The May 28 2014 Commissioner Court Meeting date was changed
due to Monday, May 26 2014 being
Memorial Day and Tuesday, May 27 2014 being Election Day.**