

STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF MILAM:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on Monday, the 23rd day of November A. D. 2015, 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

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, DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

**Others present, to-wit
John Redington, Legal Counsel**

**Absent
Barbara Vansa, Milam County Clerk**

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 Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Shuffield to approve the minutes as presented to the court. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

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#4 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Andy Isaac- Morning Star Ranch had a trail ride this past weekend and I wanted to say Thank You to Commissioner John Fisher. The road was in good condition. Judge you also got a letter about courtroom security;

you need to make a decision about that. There are a lot of crazy people out there and that would not be a bad idea to consider.

#5 – UTILITY INSTALLATIONS – Southwest Milam Water Supply Corporation place a waterline within the right of way of County Road 302 and County Road 302A. Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Fisher to approve the utility installations as presented to the court. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#6 – ENTRY AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS – NONE

#7 – SALE ONE 5000 GAL WATER TRUCK THROUGH KENNEDY AUCTION – Motion by Commissioner Shuffield, seconded by Commissioner Muegge to approve the sale of one 5000 gal water truck through Kennedy auction as presented to the court. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#8 – BUY A 4000 GAL WATER TRUCK FOR \$68,000 – DONALD SHUFFIELD- It's a used 2007 Freightliner, it is universal for use and the most economical I was able to find. Motion by Commissioner Shuffield, seconded by Commissioner Fisher to approve the purchase of a 4000 gal water truck for \$68,000.00 as presented to the court. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#9 – RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING TREE OF ANGELS CEREMONY FOR 2015 – JOHN REDINGTON- First I would like to introduce our new prosecutor Kyle Nuttall; our office was able to get a grant to bring in another prosecutor. I encourage everyone to come out to the Tree of Angels Ceremony on December 15, 2015. It will be held at the Milam County Museum; the ceremony is for Victims of Crimes or families of Crime Victims. We have supplies on hand for the families to make an ornament or they can bring their own. We also recognize Veterans that are gone. We have a speaker, Judge Barkemeyer has spoken before and we will have refreshments.

Judge Barkemeyer- It is to an extent a very emotional event but also very nice to see the community come together at this time. So please come out and support the Tree of Angels. This is an Annual Event held by the Milam County Attorney's office. Motion by Judge Barkemeyer, seconded by Commissioner Fisher to approve the Resolution recognizing the Tree of Angels Ceremony. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#10 – QUITCLAIM DEED TO BRUCE GOOTEE – John Redington- This is a strip of land donated in 1935 to the county for a road that was never built. Motion by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Shuffield to approve the Quitclaim Deed as presented to the court. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#11 – VACATING ABANDONED ROAD IN DAVILLA – JOHN REDINGTON- When Davilla was a town they platted a grid of roads, but Davilla was never incorporated. Those roads then became rights of the County. Block 16 and 17 has not had a road or any improvements.

Judge Barkemeyer- So half of it goes to one land owner and the other half goes to the other owner?

John Redington- Yes it is a strip of land 80X250 between Block 16 & 17.

Motion by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Shuffield to vacate and abandon a road in Davilla between block 16 and 17. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#12 – SHORTEN CR 403 – John Redington- This road has been in service but it is a dead end road. The traffic coming down there is undesirable. The owners had originally spoken to Commissioner Balch, but the land owners could not come to an agreement on the maintenance of the road. Recently they were able to reach an agreement on how the road would be maintained. Motion by Judge Barkemeyer, seconded by Commissioner Watkins to shorten County Road 403. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#13 – POST OAK SAVANNAH GROUNDWATER CONVERSATION DISTRICT UPDATE – GARY WESTBROOK- Hand Out Provided

#14 – ISD’s MEMO’S OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MILAM COUNTY/TRANSPORTATION & FACILITY – Susan Reinders- The Schools would be POD’s (Point of Distribution) If we had to evacuate an area or transport the ISD’s would help. They would provide location, buses and bus drivers. All six school districts are on board with this. Motion by Judge Barkemeyer, seconded by Commissioner Muegge to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Milam County and each ISD. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#15 –APPROVE PRIVATE ROAD 3513 AND 2309 – Motion by Judge Barkemeyer, seconded by Commissioner Shuffield to TABLE the Approval of Private Roads 3513 & 2309. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

- **Susan Reinders to get with Chris White from the Sheriff’s Department to see how the roads are to be named.**

#16 – APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR JOINT PRIMARY – SHERRY MUECK- Joint Resolution for the Primary to combine the Primary Election instead of having two elections. This is something we do every year. Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Watkins to approve the Resolution for Joint Primary. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#17 - BILLS – Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Fisher to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$301,679.71 as presented to the court. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#25 - ADJOURN – Motion by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Muegge to adjourn @ 11:00 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 14th day of December 2015.

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 November 23, 2015.

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

**STATEMENT OF APPROVAL
November 23 2015 Meeting**

Commissioner of Precinct No. 1

Commissioner of Precinct No. 3

Commissioner of Precinct No. 2

Commissioner of Precinct No. 4

**POWERPOINT
PRESENTATION
November 23,
2015**

**Minutes from the November 23, 2015 Milam County
Commissioners Court meeting ends on**