

STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF MILAM:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on Monday, the 13th day of July 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

JEFF MUEGGE, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4

BARBARA VANSAN, COUNTY CLERK

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

**Members absent, to-wit:
JOHN FISHER, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3**

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. – Commissioner Fisher absent.

#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.

- **June 19 2015 – FEMA**
- **June 22 2015 – Regular**
- **June 22 2015 – Preliminary Budget Recommendation by Judge**
- **July 06 2015 – Health Department Director**
- **July 10, 2015 – FEMA / County Only**

#4 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

#5 – FINANCIAL / AUDITORS REPORT – Refer to the POWER POINT on the Milam County website.

- **97% Ad Valorem collected to date; end of July should be 100% for the year**
- **Revenue other sources – extremely well**
- **Share revenue – Coryell & Lampasas inmates - \$336,032.95**
- **Sales tax - \$564,053.25**
- **Expenditures – all departments running under budget, 10% about \$1M and add to our general fund reserves, unfortunately some things coming up second half, well with what we're going to have to deal with**
- **Expect lawsuit with Luminant – Appraisal District meeting this week to discuss and set up attorney fees with the Counties portion being \$160,000**
- **I am very appreciative of the Appraisal District going around talking to School Districts, mainly Rockdale, asking for support and I've been told all have agreed.**
- **Rockdale ISD – pay approximately same as County – other entities pay balance**
- **If settled out of court the Appraisal District will refund money to the County & schools**
- **May have money to go into next year's budget; have to keep in mind we may to cut \$2M.**

#6 – TREASURERS REPORT – Refer to the POWER POINT on the Milam County Website.

- **Balance as of June 2015 - \$9,848,822.22**

#7 – COMMISSIONERS

- **PCT 1 – shredding; re-gravel CR209; chip sealing**
- **PCT 2 – CR133 finished; still on CR303, hope to finish in about three weeks**
- **PCT 3 – absent**
- **PCT 4 – CR429 work on TIF Grant**
- **Judge – any comments on FEMA**
 - **Watkins – Pct 1 meeting Monday**

- **Shuffield – Pct 2 – meeting Tuesday**
- **Muegge – asking Watkins about the tree disposal**
- **Watkins – need permit to bury or haul off ashes**
- **Shuffield – we are hoping to get at least 75% FEMA funds**
- **Judge – some people getting impatient with John; John is trying to get stuff done**

#8 – COURT CASE UPDATES – Refer to the Power Point on the Milam County Website.

- **County Court – Civil Jury trial started Friday (July 10) and continuing today, this afternoon.**
- **District Court – Judge going opposite direction with case load**

#9 – APPROVE UTILITY INSTALLATION REQUESTS -

Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Watkins to approve the Utility Installation Request by Southwest Milam Water Supply Corporation to place a water line / road bore within the right-of-way of CR455, Precinct 4. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

Motion by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Muegge to approve the Utility Installation Request by Southwest Milam Water Supply Corporation to place a water line within the right-of-way of CR413, Precinct 1. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#10 – PERMISSION FOR ENTRY AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS – None

#11 – INTRODUCTION OF NEW INTERIM HEALTH DEPT DIRECTOR – Judge introduced Maribeth Bartz-Sexton as the new interim health department director through the end of the year until a replacement replacing Patsy Gaines who retired.

Mrs. Sexton has 39 years of service with the State, retiring twice and has been on the job with Milam County since the afternoon of Friday (July 10).

#12 – REVIEW OF 2016 BUDGET PLANNING CALENDAR - Judge mentioned normally him and Danica (Treasurer) met with the Department Heads to discuss their individual budgets, this year he is asking a Commissioner to sit in the meeting with them.

- **July 28 and August 4 – Commissioner Workshop meeting with County Judge and Auditor to review departmental budget proposals. No pay increases will be given this year.**
- **August 7 – Post budget & tax rate with county clerk and on website**
- **August 24 and September 2 – Public Hearings on 2015 Budget & Tax rate**
- **September 14 – Adopt budget**

November Constitutional Amendment Election – important item is the Homestead.

Kolette Morgan, Tax Assessor / Collector stated if the Homestead amendment doesn't pass her office will send new notices and issue refunds.

#13 – VETERANS’ SERVICES EXPENDITURE AND ACTIVITY REPORT – Ken Janicek, Veterans Service Officer made presentation and gave the Court a print out of the FY14 Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures.

- **Veteran Population – 2117 surviving Veterans / families**
- **Total Expenditure – \$17,580**
- **Compensation & Pension – \$8,565,000 (\$673,000 more than 2013)**
- **Education & Vocational Rehabilitation / Employment – 358**
- **Insurance & Indemnities – 69**
- **Medical Care – 8,588**
- **Unique Patients – 596**

I’m hoping our office will stay as is, if not may have to reduce hours.

- **Judge – Bell County has 49,000 veterans**
- **Shuffield – Is Lee & Falls County on here (handout)**
- **Janicek – Milam County \$4000 Veteran**

#14 – APPOINT TAX COLLECTOR / ASSESSOR TO CALCULATE AND PUBLISH THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE FOR 2015 TAX ROLL – Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Shuffield to appoint Kolette Morgan to calculate and publish the effective tax rate for 2015 tax roll. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#15 – ACCEPT CERTIFICATES FOR THE MILAM COUNTY CLERK AND EMPLOYEES FOR COMPLETING THE CJIS SECURITY AWARENESS COURSE – Motion by Judge Barkemeyer, seconded by Commissioner Muegge to accept the Certificates for Barbara Vansa, County Clerk; Susanne Gelner, Chief Deputy; Jodi Morgan, Linda Hall, Esther Vargas and Sherry Mueck, Deputies for completing the CJIS – Criminal Justice Information system Security & Awareness Training. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#16 – APPROVE PURCHASE OF BROCH SWEEPER FOR PRECINCT 2 – Motion by Commissioner Shuffield, seconded by Commissioner Muegge to approve the lease purchase of the broch sweeper in the amount of \$34,000 from CAT for Precinct 2. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#17 - BILLS – Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Watkins to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$361,489.68 as presented to the court. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#18 - ADJOURN – Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Shuffield to adjourn @ 10:55 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 27th day of July 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 July 13, 2015.

**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
July 13, 2015**

**Minutes from the July 13, 2015 Milam County
Commissioners Court meeting ends on**