

**STATE OF TEXAS:**

**COUNTY OF MILAM:**

**BE IT REMEMBERED, that on Wednesday, the 2nd day of September A. D. 2015, 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**

**DONALD SHUFFIELD, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 2**

**JOHN FISHER, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3**

**JEFF MUEGGE, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4**

**BARBARA VANSAN, COUNTY CLERK**

**Other 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:**

***PUBLIC HEARING***

***2016 BUDGET FOR MILAM COUNTY***

***SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION RECORDED IN VOLUME 75 OF  
THE MILAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES.***

***Judge officially opened for public comment at 9:00 a.m.***

***Frank Summers – I will start, by all means, I am not shy. My understanding is the Fire Departments will get paid in quarterly payments.***

***Judge – I have made a comment at a Fire Department meeting but not agreed upon yet. I have been thinking to pay ½ in January, then in June or middle of year discuss amongst all of us the remainder.***

***Shuffield – we did talk in a workshop about it but have not officially made a decision.***

***Judge – we will be strapped for cash in the beginning of the year.***

***Frank Summers – I commend the court for their efforts. I'm not a Veteran but my mother-in-law was & Ken helped her, he was a savior to her.***

**Museum budget is \$41,000 – when Charles retires move money by line item transfer; the museum is a very nice facility for Milam County & the City of Cameron; many museums & can't count how many are run by volunteers, and your (Judge) wife being one who has been there when Charles has been out; with that being said thank you very much.**

**Judge – I am very much in keeping Ken in place, he is working on applications for grant money to keep his assistant in place. We need to reduce part time of that cost and others.**

**Frank Summers - I talked to Ken and I will be talking to Marsha Farney and I ask you to contact her.**

**Commissioner Shuffield – I think in December they should know.**

**Fisher – I want to make clear at one meeting we voted to keep the museum, 3 to 2; my intention was for March or April, I don't think we need it to go on all year.**

**Horkheimer – handout For All Milam County Residents / subject: Public Participation in Commissioners Court Budget Meeting on September 2, 2015**

- **Veteran's service office hasn't provided facts; three veterans, myself, Frank Stewart & Loal Cole at a previous meeting were in favor of eliminating the VA office employee; proposing one veteran officer part time is sufficient; veterans say keep it, if it would've been put on paper it may have helped.**
- **Museum – don't take money you save from museum to veterans office, going good to bad.**
- **Streamline – have you to talked to other counties how they streamline?**
- **Travel – the budget has \$94,500 for travel – should have to justify**
- **Roads – Burleson County has 4 commissioners and a Road & Bridge Dept.**
- **JP's – I have talked to two previous JP's and both agreed the work could be handled by two.**

**Andy Isaacs, JP#4 – t**

- **To Horkheimer - "Is there anything you like about Milam County"?**
- **You have no idea what the JP's do.**
- **I spent all day yesterday going to schools talking about the new truancy laws.**
- **Museum / Veterans Office – we can beat them to death**
- **Milam County is not like "all" other counties / Summers - AMEN**
- **To Judge – you just went to a meeting, did you talk to them about streamlining**
- **Judge – I always do**
- **If you don't like the way we're running things run for office / Summers – AMEN**

**Frank Stewart – museum employee, regardless of how it's going to be handled, we need the hours public, please include in job description**

**Don Davenport – we need to think about requirements for county commissioners, JP's & Constables. That came from historical numbers; those needs came about for the size of the county.**

**Judge – Constables & JP's - Texas Constitution wording is four (4) JP's four (4) constables; we have to deal with this; some counties do not have 4&4**

**Shuffield – determined by population**

**Tom Jones – election to change**

**Judge – County election does not override Constitution**

**Tom Jones – some attorneys don't use constables because they don't do the work**

**Judge – I do surveys of surrounding counties for pay**

**Vansa – Supporting documents recorded in Volume 75.**

**I want to start out first by going over a few things before getting into elections.**

**Review of the:**

**MILAM COUNTY 2016 BUDGET & TAX RATE HEARING – SEPTEMBER 02 2015**

**MILAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER COURT REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 14 2015**

**E-FILE INCREASE – effective September 01 2015 - \$20 to \$30**

### **BIRTH & DEATH PROJECT –**

- Funding through Records Management, Records Archive and Preservation
- ACS Estimate updated August 26 2015 – estimated savings due to the County Clerk's Staff having indexed the records

| <b>TYPE OF RECORD</b>          | <b>ORIGINAL ESTIMATE</b> | <b>UPDATED ESTIMATE</b> | <b>ESTIMATED SAVINGS</b> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>BIRTH<br/>Approximately</b> | <b>\$157,500</b>         | <b>\$45,000</b>         | <b>\$112,500</b>         |

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| 75,000 records                           |           |          |           |
| DEATH<br>Approximately<br>35,000 records | \$63,000  | \$21,000 | \$42,000  |
| TOTAL PROJECT (\$)                       | \$220,500 | \$66,000 | \$154,500 |

## RECORDS ARCHIVE BUDGET –

August 24 2015 Public Hearing update / correction

- Amount in account as of 07/31/2015 = \$31680
- Amount collected per NON-COURT document = \$10.00
  - Official Records
  - Birth Record Issuance
  - Death Record Issuance
  - Marriage License Issuance

**ELECTIONS** – letter to Judges from Sherry; Notes regarding SOS meeting week of Aug.31-Sept. 2; letter from Liz Jungmann, EV personnel; notes regarding phone call from resident on CR357 and letter from Mr. James T. Hubert Jr.

- ***Sherry sent a letter to the Election Judges informing them of changes that have occurred since she's been working for the County.***
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- ***Sherry is attending a school in Austin this week – she called yesterday to inform me of updates.***
- ***Liz Jungman & Individual on CR357 – I explained to them the Judge & Commissioners do not have a say in “who” I terminate, it is my decision and because of no other reason than “budget cuts”, like last cut I will start at the bottom & go up.***
- ***Mr. Hubert – unable to attend due to doctor appointment***

### **Horkheimer – re: JP's & Constables**

- ***According to Article V, Section 18 of the Texas Constitution, each county in the State with a population of 18,000 or more but less than 50,000 shall be divided into not less than two and not more than eight precincts.***
- ***Any county that is divided into four or more precincts in 1999 shall continue to be divided into not less than four precincts.***
- ***Can't do anything for 2016 but think about it & maybe 2017.***

**Commissioner Shuffield – can we make motion & decision here?**

**Judge – September 14**

**Motion by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Shuffield to close the public meeting at 9:44 A.M.**

**The above and foregoing Minutes examined and approved in Open Court this 14th day of September 2015.**

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**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 September 02 2015.**

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

**STATEMENT OF APPROVAL**

**September 02 2015**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2016 BUDGET FOR MILAM COUNTY**

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**Commissioner of Precinct No. 1**

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**Commissioner of Precinct No. 3**

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**Commissioner of Precinct No. 2**

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**Commissioner of Precinct No. 4**

**Minutes from the Milam County Commissioners Court  
September 02 2015  
PUBLIC HEARING ON 2016 BUDGET FOR MILAM COUNTY  
ends on**