

STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF MILAM:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on Monday, the 24th day of August 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

JEFF MUEGGE, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4

BARBARA VANSA, COUNTY CLERK

Members of the court absent, to-wit:

JOHN FISHER, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3

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

MILAM COUNTY 2016 BUDGET AND TAX RATE

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

Loal Cole – Budget Concerns handout

Concerns for the future –

- ***We need to put someone who has the ability & knowledge to get our roads fixed***
- ***We have five (5) trained Service Officers in the County***
 - ***Three (3) Veterans of Foreign Affairs***
 - ***They can fill out all the forms***
 - ***Two (2) American Legion***
 - ***Why do we keep the secretary position & paying on that?***
 - ***Les Davenport – can I answer that? They are not all able to help, ours is 85 years old, cannot do it, Rockdale is about to fold.***

Frank Stewart – I am Veteran and member of VFW Post 2010 and have been involved with Veteran affairs; we can help if they need us to; help available anytime.

Lupe Dalley – I am from Rockdale

- **Alcoa retiree and Veteran**
- **Increase in taxes, set incomes**
- **Alcoa is gone**
- **Luminant is different, not sure what's going on there**
- **We have to live on the money we have, sometimes have to borrow because we don't have it.**
- **Cannot continue to go as we are**
- **People will not be able to pay taxes, may lose homes**

Les Davenport - is this the Commissioners Court meeting?

- **Answer was NO**
- **Museum – inadament objects on shelves**
- **Veterans signed Constitution to Defend & Protect the County**
- **5013C – museum could stand on it's own**

Yvonne Hanel –

While I am for the museum there are other means for funding and Veterans cannot . Last year the DA gave money to fund the VA secretary.

- **Last year Judge told Karen to go to Rockdale without court approval**
- **Then told Karen to go to DA office, again without court approval**
- **2012 sales tax = \$1.2M**
- **2013 sales tax = \$1.5M**
- **2014 sales tax = just over \$1M**
- **Losing half a million dollars coming into the county last year is very concerning**
- **Two (2) years ago a 10% raise was given to yourself & commissioners (not current ones)**

Chris Munson – **Precinct 4**

I suspect Milam County is not the only county who is going through this; isn't there some avenue to talk to the State in Austin to help?

Wayne Horkheimer – **Handout entitled For "All Milam County Residents"**

- **Personnel Policy Manual – normal hours of work**

- **Road and Bridge**
- **Museum**
- **Constables**
- **Tax Assessor / Collector**
- **Justices of the Peace**
- **Veterans Service**
- **County Judge**
- **Work Ethics**
- **Conclusion**

Linda Gifford – my husband died in 2000; I tried so hard to get money from the VA (county) wouldn't help, Milam County did; I am an administrative assistant and know the they have to know everything, can do everything but sign; without administrative assistant he (Ken) will have to do all.

Don Davenport – Judge has been doing a good job – can't kill the messenger. I agree with the terms of the museum, we can do without, could be self supporting.

Judge – any more comments? Any more comments?

I appreciate all your comments, opinions, this is what we want. I know the proposal is controversial. The problem we have we don't know what the outcome will be. Lawsuit has been filed – Friday. Filed in District Court, County Clerk Office. Filing bankruptcy in Delaware. I think Luminant will come back & back again, will most likely have to be made some that are proposed this time. We need growth in the County; went from over 1M in minerals, only to 1/2 M this tax roll. We will take your opinions in account.

Judge adjourned meeting – 3 minutes till 10:00 a.m.

The above and foregoing Minutes examined and approved in Open Court this 14th day of September 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 August 24 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

**Minutes from the March 24, 2015 Milam County Commissioners Court
MILAM COUNTY 2016 BUDGET AND TAX RATE PUBLIC HEARING
ends on**