

**STATE OF TEXAS:**

**COUNTY OF MILAM:**

**BE IT REMEMBERED, that on Monday, the 12th day of September A. D. 2016, 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**

**BARBARA VANSA, COUNTY CLERK**

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

- **August 22 2016 – Regular Meeting**
- **August 31 2016 – County & District Clerk Records Archive Plan**
- **August 31 2016 – Public Hearing on 2017 Budget & Tax Rate**
- **September 07 2016 – Public Hearing on 2017 Budget & Tax Rate**

**#4 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Wayne Horkheimer – Fraud, Waste and abuse in Milam County Government**

- **First I would like to say Thanks to all of you for coming.**
- **I have handed out copies of the Atchley report.**

- **Sherry's doing an excellent job & I commend her for that.**
- **I would hope the Atchley report would be used to check in controls in Milam County offices.**

Milam County Government Wants to increase tax rate 4.8 cents from 65.2 cents to 70 cents per \$.100 valuation

First Budget Meeting 0900 on 31 August 2016

Second Budget Meeting 0900 on 07 September 2016

Final Budget Vote on 12 September 2016 at 1000 AM

Our 4.8 cents X Milam County taxable property value = \$805.050 for them

Vote Yes to let them take your money

Vote No to keep your money

Attend meetings or Vote by telephone or email

County judge David L. Barkemeyer at 254-697-7000 or email [dbarkemeyer@milamcounty.net](mailto:dbarkemeyer@milamcounty.net)

Commissioner 1 Richard "Opey" Watkins at 254-593-3171 or email [mcpc1@farm-market.net](mailto:mcpc1@farm-market.net)

Commissioner 2 Donald Shuffield at 254-697-7054 or email [dshuffield@milamcounty.net](mailto:dshuffield@milamcounty.net)

Commissioner 3 John Fisher at 512-446-2580 or email [jlfpc3.Fisher@aol.com](mailto:jlfpc3.Fisher@aol.com)

Commissioner 4 Jeff Muegge at 512-898-2115 or email [jmuegge@milamcounty.net](mailto:jmuegge@milamcounty.net)

August 22, 2016

For All Milam County Residents

Subject: Milam County Proposed Draft Budget and Tax Rate for Calendar Year 2017

1. The time has come for all Milam County Taxpayers to stand united and stop the five Milam County Commissioners Court members from increasing the tax rate 4.8 cents from 65.2 cents to 70 cents per \$100 valuation for a total increase of about \$805,050 (7.34 percent).
2. The tax rate could be reduced 1.2745 cents from the 65.2 cents to the effective tax rate of 63.9255 cents per \$100 valuation and allow the Taxpayers to keep an additional \$200,000.
3. Milam County is already facing an annual \$2 million loss of property tax revenue for 2016 and 2017 from the Luminant lawsuit. Luminant is the largest taxpayer in Milam County.
4. The Milam County Appraisal District significantly increased the appraised property values for business, home, and land owners. My taxable value increases will cost me 19% more taxes.
5. The draft budget proposes borrowing over \$800,000, giving a 2% pay raise to all County employees for about \$200,000, adding two deputies for \$114,000 plus some other jobs.
6. Special pay raises for 52 employees (from \$1,000 to \$4,270 each) for \$20,440 effective in September 2016 were approved 8 August 2016. This pay raise will cost \$56,160 for 2017.
7. The draft budget includes an increase of \$600 per employee from \$7,800 to \$8,400 for health insurance premiums. This is a pay increase for each Milam County employee. I pay my own health insurance which increases each year. Many taxpayers can't afford health insurance.
8. The draft budget includes \$102,000 for travel without any requirement to justify that travel was for County work. This includes County Judge for \$3,500, Veterans Service for \$2,500, District Court for \$300, four Justices of the Peace for \$15,200, County Attorney for \$2,000, four Constables for \$60,000, Agricultural Extension Service for \$11,000, and Sheriff (hidden in pay) for \$7,500.
9. County Sheriff Operations will increase \$176,520 from \$1,412,007 to \$1,588,527. County Sheriff Jail will increase \$140,790 from \$3,070,854 to \$3,211,644. Housing inmates income is budgeted at \$730,000 and housing prisoners expense is budgeted at \$100,000. How much money are we really making or losing by housing prisoners from other counties?
10. During budget meetings, the Sheriff requested a \$7,000 pay increase to put him up with the Rockdale chief and a \$3,000 pay increase for each of the 66 employees for about \$230,000.
11. Thefts of funds occurred in two Milam County offices in the past year. The Internal Auditor did not check or report internal control weaknesses. Milam County needs an internal auditor with credentials, independence and ability to perform audits and review the budget.
12. Conclusion: All Milam County Taxpayers will be penalized and forced to pay over \$805,050

(7.34 percent) more property taxes if three of the five Commissioners Court members vote to approve the draft budget. What actions will you take to improve Milam County operations and reduce costs before your business, home, and land are sold at a tax foreclosure sale?

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Submitted by Wayne Horkheimer  
 Taxpayer/Rancher/Retired Federal Auditor  
 Cameron, Texas 76520

**MIKE BURLISON – Judge & Commissioners, I emailed you my Recommendations for the Budget and I would like to reconsider the pay increase for the jail deputies. I visited with the Judge & Sheriff and I am totally convinced this needs to be done.**

**Mike Burlison**

**Milam County Court Comments**  
**Regarding the County Budget/Tax Rate**  
**September, 2016**

**I. Discussion**

- A. Luminant Litigation:** It appears that the largest property tax revenue source in Milam County is currently operating in Federal Bankruptcy Chapter 11 and accordingly, has refused to pay the full amount of property taxes for 2015 (due in 2016). I am told that the amount left owing is between \$1.5M and \$2M, which creates a shortfall that has resulted in litigation between Luminant (defendant) and the Milam County Taxing Authority (plaintiff). As of last Tuesday, 8-30-16, according to District Clerk records, no trial date had yet been set to hear the case. As I believe the county court now is aware, this case may take an extended amount of time to reach a final conclusion. Even when (and if), a judgement is rendered in favor of the plaintiff, an appeal is almost certainly eminent. If Luminant has the desire and the resources to pursue it, the combination of a full appellate court process, combined with possible intervention by the Federal Bankruptcy Judge, could literally take years for Milam County to receive any revenue distribution. Long term planning is required for an eminent revenue shortfall, and it is required now!
- B. Budget:**
- 1. Short Term Loan:** The court has proposed a six-month loan of \$800,000 to carry budget shortfalls, on the hope of a Luminant settlement. As previously discussed, this in my opinion is not fiscally responsible. A loan placed by a professional firm will cost, based on my previous experience, approximately 3% to place (\$24,000). The interest rate will in all probability, be no less than 6% APR (another \$24,000 for six months). The cost of this loan would then approach \$50,000. Then, when the February due date arrives the probability of Milam County having received any revenues from a Luminant settlement will be somewhere between slim and none.
  - 2. Tax Increases:** The County Court has proposed raising the property tax to 70 cents per \$100 valuation. This increase is projected to generate some \$800,000 to help “bridge the gap” in the 2017 budget. Again, this is a long-term problem, requiring long-term solutions. “Bridging gaps” only brings with it a reincarnation of the same problems to be encountered in subsequent years. The challenge is not a steady increase in tax rates, but the development of long-term plans, incorporating ways to deliver services in a more responsible, more meaningful, more cost effective manner.
  - 3. Law Enforcement Pay Increase:** The primary objective of any government in a Republic is public safety. It must, in all cases, occupy a frontal position in the “pecking order” of any federal, state or county budget. Our peace officers, when one considers the risk, responsibility and emotional pressure, under which they must perform, are all underpaid. Their department must, as all departments, however, be accountable to the public. Having said that, I believe these folks would understand a 6 month deferment of their approved raise, while we try to address the current and ongoing fiscal problem of Milam County. I am not in any way, suggesting that the law enforcement salary raises

be adjusted or removed, but only that they be deferred for six months, enhancing the chance to develop a long term plan for the county's future fiscal needs.

4. **Other County Pay Raises:** County employees not subject to the aforementioned pay raises have been approved for a 2% pay raise, contingent upon an acceptable resolution to the Luminant case. These employees deserve a pay raise, but the one approved seems as though it was granted as a "pie in the sky" determination. While it is a meaningful display of good faith, it seems really unrealistic. While the plan is to not pay the raises prior to an undetermined future date, it is included in the budget, I suppose to be "warehoused" by the county, pending the contingencies being satisfied. To a taxpayer, after he or she is separated from his or her money, what difference does it make whether or not it is paid out to the county employees? While we would all like to see our county's employees get periodic raises, the truth of the matter is that many small counties such as ours, have a good measure of parity in wages and benefits. We are included in that group.
5. **Precinct Reserves:** I believe that each precinct in Milam County holds funds in reserve, in separate accounts. The approximate balances in these accounts include \$1,388,000 in Pct 1, \$ 496,000 in Pct 2, \$595,000 in Pct 3 and \$427,000 in Pct 4. These accounts total about \$2,906,000. I understand that about \$1 million of the reserve balance in Pct 1 was the result of a large FEMA settlement that remains unspent since it was granted somewhere in the time frame of 2006-2008. I understand it has been held for use in an emergency, which may or may not happen sometime. I spent some 13 years in upper management of a State Agency, the last 5 years of which as Deputy Director dealing with State budgetary matters every year. The Texas Legislative Budget Board (LBB) is charged with management and oversight of the budget of each and every State Agency. It is made up of 10 members of the Legislature, consisting of 5 members of the House of Representatives (appointed by the Speaker) and 5 members of the Senate (appointed by the Lt. Governor). They scrutinize and grant final approval of every State Agency budget. That group of legislators would not allow an agency to "sit on" unused reserves for 10 months, much less 10 years. The "highest and best use" of available funds is the States number one priority. This practice by Milam County is not fiscally responsible. Furthermore, to me, it is ludicrous.

## II. Recommendations:

- A. **Loan:** Suspend consideration of the loan. Borrowing money to cover a short-fall should be reserved as a last resort. Even then, it should have as a prerequisite, negotiations with the entire group of county banks, with a goal of a joint participation loan by those banks for the good of the County.
- B. **Tax Increase:** Defer consideration of the tax increase to next year, while considering all options regarding streamlining services to deliver those services at a reduced expense.
- C. **Law Enforcement Pay Raise:** Keep approval of the raise in place, including the small number of non-law enforcement employees approved with the group, but suspend payments of the increased amounts for 6 months, October of 2016 through March of 2017. This issue should be made to happen, but more planning is necessary before it is implemented.

- D. "Other" Pay Raises with Contingencies: As previously stated, these pay raises are deserved, but Milam County, at present, is near or at the pay levels of counties comparable in size and resources. Make this a serious goal, for the not-too-distant future and take it out of this budget.
- E. Precinct Reserve Accounts: These accounts should be combined, pooled into one account and capped at \$1,000,000. That account should be shared by all 4 Precincts, based solely on need. The excess, some \$1,906,000, should be transferred immediately to the General Fund, where it would totally cover the short payment by Luminant of its tax obligation for this year. This is probably the second most important proposal of this presentation for solutions to Milam County's budgetary problems, the most important being the development of long-term strategies, to be outlined next.
- F. Long Term Planning: I have felt for some time that a long term problem was quickly developing, resulting from Luminant's partial payment of last year's property taxes (due this year) and some smaller monetary needs of the County, which deserved some attention. I have also feared, and still do, that our County Court has been a bit short-sighted in dealing with these long-term problems. We can "kick the can down the road" for the short term, but we don't have to do that. We can buy another six months or more, by implementing the suggestions I have made. Real solutions, however, must be researched, developed and implemented for the long term or, as they say, "life as we know it" in Milam County, will drastically change. I strongly believe that the court should appoint a committee of successful, intelligent taxpayers from Milam County to research the financial problems of the county and develop long term strategies to address those problems. I believe this was an idea originated by the court some 10 years ago to address the feasibility of the construction of the new jail. The committee should be provided with some resources to use, not personally, but for outside expertise and counsel. It should be a volunteer committee, consisting of members with the ability to devote a serious amount of time to the project, because time is certainly "of the essence". It should research as many theories as possible to develop ways to furnish the county services needed by the residents in a more cost efficient manner. Notice that I do not subscribe to the theory that the county will have to either "cut services or raise taxes". The key phrase here is, as stated, to furnish needed services in a more cost effective manner. Options should include, but not be limited to, a restructuring of the county government, which might include consolidation of responsibility in various agencies, or county precincts. Perhaps the actual consolidation of some entire precincts should be on the table as well. It's worked reasonably well in rural area school districts. Thank you for your consideration of these observations and ideas. I know this presentation is long.

**#5 – AUDITORS REPORT – See power point @ [www.milamcounty.net](http://www.milamcounty.net)**

**Judge – May need \$500,000 or so to finish out year. Several have suggested using Ad Valorem money to finish out year. We may not need to borrow money. I have talked with our Financial Advisors about it.**

**Want to look at the Shared Revenue which is housing prisoners; the Sales Tax Revenue is running well; Traffic Fines, Fines & Fees are also running well.**

**The Precinct Accounts have added TIF & FEMA money.**

**Luminant has paid \$1.2M less than tax bill.**

**#6 – TREASURERS REPORT – See power point @ [www.milamcounty.net](http://www.milamcounty.net)**

- **\$6,875,849.04 balance as of August 31 2016.**

**#7 – COMMISSIONER’S PRECINCT UPDATES –**

- **Precinct 1 – flooding; CR 103 and CR 414**
- **Precinct 2 – CR 235 and Loop 232 finished TIF project; working at Los Ranchitos; culverts**
- **Precinct 3 – spreading & working on TIF projects in Gause**
- **Precinct 4 – worked on CR 306 last week; worked with Thorndale City; CR 446 TIF**

**#8 – COURT CASES UPDATE – See power point @ [www.milamcounty.net](http://www.milamcounty.net)**

- **No District Court update**

**#9 – UTILITY INSTALLATIONS –None**

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

**#11 – DISCUSSION OF TAX OFFICE AND ANSWERS TO AUDIT –**

**Sherry Mueck - Thank you Mr. Horkheimer for your comment but I want to Thank the Judge & Commissioners for your work.**

**Now I want to introduce my staff –**

**Lydia Cervantes from Cameron, Texas - Chief Deputy**

**Cindy DeLaRosa from Cameron, Texas - Deputy Clerk II**

**Laura Cervantes from Cameron, Texas - Deputy Clerk II**

**Robin Good from Milano, Texas - Deputy Clerk**

**Alejandra Ruelas from Rockdale, Texas - Deputy Clerk**

**You see I have employees from all over the County**

**MILAM COUNTY TAX OFFICE  
SHERRY MUECK – TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR  
P O BOX 551, 101 S. FANNIN  
CAMERON, TX 76520  
254-697-7017  
FAX 254-697-7020**

**LYDIA SANCHEZ CERVANTES – CHIEF DEPUTY  
CINDY DE LA ROSA – DEPUTY    LAURA CERVANTES – DEPUTY  
ROBIN GOOD – DEPUTY        ALEJANDRA RUELAS – PT DEPUTY**

Description of office:

- Calculates property tax rates for the county and other entities if contracted to do so
- Collects property taxes for the county and other entities if contracted to do so
- Disburse tax collected to county and other entities
- Processes motor vehicle title transfers
- Issues motor vehicle registration and licenses
- Collects various other fees for the state and county i.e....beer and wine, MH escrow and Vehicle SIT/VIT

A complete list of duties is on file at Tax Office.

Response to recommendations for Audit of Kolette Morgan:

### **A. General Controls**

Finding A-1 – My office is in the process of updating the policies and procedures portion of our handbook. We have frequent meetings to discuss changes and best practices. Most employees were given a copy of the policies and procedures when hired to place in their County handbook. Job descriptions are in their personal files, which are also being updated.

Finding A-2 – Software user guide is printed and in the Tax A/C office for employees to use. They are also aware that they may call the software company at any time to get assistance.

Finding A-3 – QuickBooks is used only for writing checks – checkbook balancing for the larger accounts.

Finding A-4 & A-5 – old bank accounts are now reconciled. We are processing accounts on a monthly basis. The three deputies can process online deposits and daily deposits. One deputy processes the deposits, another takes to bank and I balance the bank statements. I process all checks. All checks require 2 signatures.

Finding A-6 – Each user has a login and each are assigned duties.

Finding A-7 – NO ONE can waive P&I without a court judgment or a appraisal supplement correcting taxes. Corrections to payments/accounts are reviewed by Tax A/C and are kept in a file on a yearly basis. Clerks are informed to make notes in the event section of the property account in the software. All adjustments are tracked thru the software.

Finding A-8 – ALL cash drawers are locked and each clerk has a key to their drawer. The Tax A/C has a master set of keys locked in a safe in the vault.

### **B. Insufficient Checks**

Finding B-1 & 2 – All NSF checks same day. Property taxes are unpaid and notice is sent to property owner of NSF and extra fee. NSF customer for vehicle registration are also sent a notice of amount due and extra fees. ALL money is deposited in bank and once a month a separate check is issued to County Treasurer for the NSF Fees.

### **C. VIT Interest Account**

Finding C 1, 2 & 3 – Account is being reconciled on a regular basis. Interest is being transferred when possible. The Tax A/C and the Chief Deputy are the only ones who have access to this account. As of this date, no monies have been spent by new Tax A/C or Chief Deputy. I am researching what can and cannot be done with this interest account.

#### D. Cash Handling and Deposits

Finding D-1 – Levy process has just started for 2016; have not encountered this.

Finding D-2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 – All cash drawers are balanced by clerk and a reconciliation sheet indicating all monies in drawer is completed. The reconciliation sheet and all monies are then counted and verified by a separate clerk and prepared for deposit. The deposit is taken to bank by a separate clerk also. Deposits are done on a daily basis. Credit Card payments are tracked on a weekly basis, due to fact that it sometimes takes 2 to 3 days for a CC payment to process and appear in the bank. We are in the process of installing a secure after hours drop box. All payments are entered as amount collected and tracked in the software systems; this systems tracks refunds and refunds are checked and disbursed on a weekly basis.

Please note that some policies, procedures and dollar amounts are not published due to safety concerns.

At this time the Tax Office has installed cameras throughout the office.

The Tax Office has received bids to install safety features such as bullet proof glass at work stations and a secure wall and door to separate customers from employees processing deposits; but due to budget constraint, these items are now on hold.

Sherry Mueck  
Milam County Tax Assessor/Collector

**Judge – We did apply for a grant for the glass upfront and did not receive it. Comments have been made about the problem being internally and not public. We are concerned that someone could do a robbery with all the publicity we've had. I appreciate the effort Sherry is putting forward and trying to prevent more from happening.**

**#12 – ADOPT 2017 BUDGET – Motion by Judge Barkemeyer, seconded by Commissioner Muegge to ADOPT THE 2017 BUDGET. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.**

**The Adopted 2017 Budget can be viewed on the  
Milam County Website @ [www.milamcounty.net](http://www.milamcounty.net).**

**#13 – ADOPT TOTAL 2016 TAX RATE – Motion by Judge Barkemeyer, seconded by Commissioner Fisher to ADOPT THE TOTAL 2016 TAX RATE AT \$.70. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.**

**#14 – ADOPT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS 2016 TAX RATE – Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Watkins to ADOPT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS 2016 TAX RATE AT THE RATE OF \$.656397. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.**

**#15 – ADOPT DEBT SERVICE 2016 TAX RATE – Motion by Commissioner Shuffield, seconded by Commissioner Muegge to ADOPT THE DEBT SERVICE 2016 TAX RATE**

**AT \$.043603. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.**

**#16 – APPROVE 2017 SALARY FOR COUNTY AUDITOR AND DISTRICT COURT REPORTER –**

**Motion by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Fisher to approve the 2017 Salary for the COUNTY AUDITOR at \$48,996.00, contingent on the Milam Appraisal District's Valuation of the Luminant properties being upheld and taxes paid in full based on those values, with increases being implemented at the time taxes are collected. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.**

**Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Shuffield to approve the 2017 Salary for the DISTRICT COURT REPORTER at \$63,648.00, contingent on the Milam Appraisal District's Valuation of the Luminant properties being upheld and taxes paid in full based on those values, with increases being implemented at the time taxes are collected. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.**

**#17 – APPROVE COUNTY HOLIDAYS FOR 2017 – Motion by Judge Barkemeyer, seconded by Commissioner Shuffield to approve the County Holidays for 2017. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.**

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**Milam County Holidays for 2017**

Monday	January 2	New Year's Day
Monday	January 16	Martin Luther King Day
Monday	February 20	President's Day
Friday	April 14	Good Friday
Monday	May 29	Memorial Day
Monday	July 3	Independence Day
Tuesday	July 4	Independence Day
Monday	September 4	Labor Day
Monday	October 9	Columbus Day
Friday	November 10	Veterans Day
Thursday	November 23	Thanksgiving
Friday	November 24	Thanksgiving
Monday	December 25	Christmas

*G. B. Anderson 8/12/16*  
*Donald L. Huffield 9/12/16*  
*Paul W. ... 9-12-16*  
*John T. Fisher 9-12-16*  
*Jeff Muegge 9-12-16*

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**#18 – APPROVE PRIVATE ROAD 3390 AND PRIVATE ROAD 4372 –  
Motion by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Muegge to table the  
approval of Private Road 3390 in Precinct 3. This motion having been put to vote  
prevailed, the vote being unanimous.**

**Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Shuffield to approve Private Road 4372 in Precinct 4. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.**

**#19 – APPROVE THE SALE BY PRECINCT 2 OF 10KW GENERATOR, (EM ASSET) MANUFACTURED BY LIBBY WELDING CO. – Motion by Commissioner Shuffield, seconded by Judge Barkemeyer, to approve the sale of the 10KW Generator and earmark the money from the sale to go to the Emergency Management Budget. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.**

- **Commissioner Shuffield stated the generator was donated to Susan and when we went & picked it up from Fort Hood, it already had problems and we cannot find parts.**

**#20 – APPROVE DEPUTATIONS – Motion by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Muegge to approval the Deputation of ESTHER VARGAS as Deputy District Clerk. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.**

**#21 – APPROVE PROCLAMATION FOR CONSTITUTION WEEK – Daughters of the American Revolution –**

**Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Shuffield to approve the PROCLAMATION FOR CONSITUTION WEEK, proclaiming the week of September 17 through 23 as CONSTITUTION WEEK. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.**

- **Lue Wenzel expressed her Appreciation to the Court for doing this.**

**#22 - BILLS – Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Fisher to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$313,738.49 as presented to the court. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.**

**#23- ADJOURN – Motion by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Muegge to adjourn @ 11:12 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 26th day of September 2016.**

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**County Judge, David Barkemeyer**

**County of Milam:**

**State of Texas:**

**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 12 2016.**

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

**STATEMENT OF APPROVAL**

**September 12 2016**

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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**

**POWERPOINT  
PRESENTATION  
September 12 2016**

**September 12 2016 Milam County Commissioners  
Court meeting ends on**