

STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF MILAM:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on Monday, the 8th day of February 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:

Kyle Nuttall

Others 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:

#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 Fisher, 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.

- **January 25th – Regular Meeting**

#4 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none

#5 – AUDITORS REPORT – See power point @ www.milamcounty.net

- Judge stated he will be reporting different in the previous years; I will report on actual cash basis

- Lydia informed the Judge that Luminant has paid tax money based on their rendering of numbers which was slightly over \$4M. Judge had told Lydia do not accept the money if it comes in but it was postmarked before January 28 and can receive payment without penalty until the 31st.
- If the trial is settled in their favor we won't get anymore.
- How do we finish 2016 and plan for 2017?
- YTD General Fund Balance - \$2,156,500
- If settlement doesn't happen this year we may have to borrow for the last couple months.
- 2017 Budget planning – we will know our financial standing each month.

General Fund Expenditures –

- District Court, Court appointed attorneys.
- Fire Departments – we paid ½ and will pay other ½ mid-year.
- Juvenile Probation – quarterly payments
- Emergency Management – made 1st payment on new radio system; will pay 6 more years because of 7 year contract.
- Health Department –
- Senior Citizen Center – we paid \$35,000; we cut ½ of part time help in Rockdale.

Road and Bridge

- Everybody's reserves went up except for Precinct 4; if we don't settle or Luminant gets their way you (precincts) will be short \$200,000; the General Fund will get \$2M less.

Non Budget –

- Bea's Kitchen got their money from Williams Foundation

#6 – TREASURERS REPORT – See power point @ www.milamcounty.net

- **9,018,390.06**

#7 – COMMISSIONER'S PRECINCT UPDATES –

- **Precinct 1 – Finished CR414; re-did CR403 in Davilla; re-graveled CR102; working on ditches & brush**
- **Precinct 2 – Finished CR303 FEMA; CR 303 & 336 hydraulic; CR136 contract out; North section of County working on culverts**
- **Precinct 3 – gravel; CR342 Lin Luce**

- **Precinct 4 – CR443 culverts; CR446 ditches & ROW; CR429 burning brush pile for FEMA**

#8 – COURT CASE UPDATE – See power point @ www.milamcounty.net

#9 – UTILITY INSTALLATIONS –

Motion by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Shuffield to approve the Utility Installation Request by Salem Elm Ridge WSC proposing to place a water line within right-of-way of CR 214, Precinct 1. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

Motion by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Shuffield to approve the Utility Installation Request by Salem Elm Ridge WSC proposing to place a water line within right-of-way of CR 218, Precinct 1. 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 Salem Elm Ridge WSC proposing to place a water line within right-of-way of CR 208A, Precinct 1. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

Motion by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Shuffield to approve the Utility Installation Request by Salem Elm Ridge WSC proposing to place a water line within right-of-way of CR (unknown), Precinct 1. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#10 – PERMISSION FOR ENTRY AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS –

Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Fisher to approve the Permission for Entry and Waiver of Claims – Consent given by Leroy Stephens for Milam County and its employees to enter his property located at CR447 in Precinct 4. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#11 – APPROVE PRIVATE ROAD 1471 PALOMINO DR. IN ROCKDALE - Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Fisher to approve the address to Mr. Noack's private road as 1471 Palomino Drive, Rockdale Texas 76520. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#12 – ACCEPT BID FROM LHOIST MATERIALS – Motion by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Fisher to accept bids from LHoist materials for all four precincts. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#13 – DISCUSS CHANGES AT MUSEUM – Motion by Judge Barkemeyer, seconded by Commissioner Shuffield to transfer \$22,000 to the Museum Board. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

Comments by Judge: There was some opposition because of cutting back the Veteran's Office; Fisher stated he would vote for the budget as long as Charles King retires in March; I have not received any feedback except from the board meeting he attending and his wife who is President of the Museum Board; the board will manage staffing & operation of the museum; will keep it open with volunteers; County will not fund Charles but the museum will keep him on as part time if he accepts; 2017 we will not have a museum budget; \$22,000 transfer to the Museum Board, we will allocate \$22,000 each year; without our support am not convinced the museum can operate; Museum fundraiser; if Luminant sustains their lawsuit we will have to do what we have to do & I have told this to the Museum board and that I cannot guarantee anything. We give them a reasonable amount to operate. **Hours of operation - Charles is not good at babysitting the operation of hours. May have to get another person to help with the hours.**

Muegge – they will give an accounting?

Fisher – Part time help will be out of this?

Judge – someday Charles won't be there & may want to get someone to keep up with what's there, valuables.

Shuffield –sounds good to me

#14 – ACCEPT THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT CLERK'S ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS 2015 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION – Motion by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Muegge to accept the County and District Clerk's Association of Texas 2015 Certificate of Completion for Barbara Vansa, County Clerk and Karen Berry, District Clerk. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#15 – ACCEPT THE COUNTY JUDGES AND COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS – Motion by Judge Barkemeyer, seconded by Commissioner Muegge to accept the County Judges and Commissioners Associations of Texas for Donald Shuffield, Commissioner Precinct 2. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#16 – APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT TO SERVE ON THE MCIDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Motion by Judge Barkemeyer, seconded by Commissioner Watkins to reappoint *Ginger Watkins, Gary Johnson and Rickey Williams* to serve on the Milam County Industrial Development Corporation, MCIDC Board of Directors. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#17 – DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES – Motion by Commissioner Shuffield, seconded by Commissioner Muegge to approve

the Election Services Contracts between *Rockdale ISD, Rockdale Hospital District & City of Rockdale and City of Cameron & Cameron ISD* and Milam County. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#18 – TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS SALES – Motion by Commissioner Shuffield, seconded by Commissioner Muegge to approve the Order Authorizing Texas Independence Day Fireworks Sales subject to the rules that are set under same statute as July 4th. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

- **Judge – not July 4th / March 02, Texas Independence Day**
- **Susan – we are under a Red Flag Warning now due to the high winds and dryness.**

#19 - BILLS – Motion by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Fisher to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$338,963.49 as presented to the court with the following bills being read in court for approval. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

- **Precinct 3 – Texas Crushed Stone Company - \$22,637.82**
- **Precinct 3 – CNH Industrial Capital - \$1085.10**
- **Precinct 4 – Texas Crushed Stone Company - \$1,972.49**

Other bills discussed and included in the \$338,963.49

- **20th 82nd Jud Dist Juv Prob - \$8187.42**
 - **Per Donna Orsag, Treasurer – I don't understand why this money is deposited into our account, neither me nor Danica have signed anything or given any numbers.**
 - **Per Jennifer Lopez with Juvenile Probation - 82nd Judicial District is Falls County – Falls County is a different CTCOG so the money comes here**
 - **Judge – Falls County is a different COG**
 - **Per Donna Orsag, Treasurer \$8187.42 is a double payment**

#20 - ADJOURN – Motion by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Muegge to adjourn @ 11:08 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 22nd day of February 2016.

County Judge, David Barkemeyer
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 February 08 2016.

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

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

February 08 2016

Commissioner of Precinct No. 1

Commissioner of Precinct No. 3

Commissioner of Precinct No. 2

Commissioner of Precinct No. 4

**POWERPOINT
PRESENTATION
FEBRUARY 08 2016**

**Minutes from the February 08 2016 Milam County
Commissioners Court meeting ends on**

