

STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF MILAM:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on Monday, the 25th day of April 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

JODI MORGAN, DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

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

**Absent
Barbara Vansa, County Clerk**

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 Fisher to approve the minutes as presented to the court. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

- **April 11 2016 – Regular Meeting**
- **April 23, 2016- Health Department Workshop**

#4 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

- **Franklin Stewart- On April 10 I came to the court to discuss getting the Audit Report from Atchley and Associates released. I contacted the Attorney General, Ken Paxton stated that he had written a letter to Bill Torrey. As I understand he is asking Bill to release the Audit in 10 days**

or call him as to why it could not be released. See attached letter from Ken Paxton.

- **Judge Barkemeyer- Thank You we will take that into account.**

#5 – UTILITY INSTALLATIONS – Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Fisher to approve the utility installation request by Southwest Milam Water Supply Corporation to place a water line within the right-of-way of County Road 308A. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#6 – PERMISSION FOR ENTRY AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS – none

#7 – TAX ABATEMENT FOR MAYFIELD DAIRY QUEEN AND CLASSIC BANK- Motion by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Shuffield to approve the abatement for Mayfield Dairy Queen at 1,360,000. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

- **Mayfield Dairy Queen-See power point @ www.milamcounty.net**
- **Ginger Watkins- The value you see on the paperwork has already been adjusted. The amount will come down to \$1,360,000 from 1,375,000.00. I have not had time to run figures for the changes on the bottom line.**

- **Classic Bank- See power point @ www.milamcounty.net**
- **Robert Davis- This is an addition to the west side of the building. We are extending behind the building; the building will be two stories.**
- **Commissioner Shuffield to Robert Davis- Will there be more employment?**
- **Robert Davis- Could open up with more room.**
- **Commissioner Muegge- Is the abatement for four years as well?**
- **Ginger Watkins- Yes**
- **John Redington to Ginger Watkins and Robert Davis- Did Mr. Williams recuse himself from the vote?**
- **Ginger Watkins-Yes**
- **Motion by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Shuffield to approve the abatement for Classic Bank for 51,429.76. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.**

Judge Barkemeyer- We have talked about these abatements, there are more to come. We are in such a bind, a difficult situation because of a shrinking tax base. We need the growth in our tax base. We have these tax abatements to draw in businesses. The tax abatements are important for our local businesses.

#8 – JURY APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 2-6 – Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Fisher to approve Jury Appreciation Week May 2-6. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

- **John Redington- I would like to thank Mrs. Vansa for bringing this to court. We had a trial in District Court and only 41 Jurors showed up last week. So please spread the word on how important Jurors are.**

#9 – HEALTH INSURANCE RATES – Motion by Commissioner Muegge seconded by Commissioner Watkins to approve the Scott and White Health Insurance Rates. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

- **Judge- We have gone four years with Scott and White rates going up. This year the Scott and White rep showed up and gave us a proposal with our rates going up 9%. Our annual total premium in round numbers is 1.2 million. We did not budget for that. So we sent the rep back to the drawing board. We only budgeted for a 3% increase. The rep came back with some adjustments and a 3.5% increase.**
- **Tiffany Greene- Deductibles and office visits changed.
On the middle plan the deductible went from \$500 to \$750
Office Visits dropped from \$30.00 to \$25.00
Specialist went up from \$30.00-\$50.00
Dependant coverage will increase some.**

Scott and White will be back this week to meet with the employees and hand out packets.

- **Judge- We need to try and pay 100% while we can. There are few counties that the employee pays for their insurance.**
- **Judge to Tiffany- Can you find out how many counties are with Scott and White?**

#10 – 3 DUMP TRUCKS FOR PCT#3 – Motion by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Muegge to 3 Dump Trucks for PCT #3. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

- **Commissioner Fisher- These will be used trucks**

#11 – RESIGNATION OF ELECTION JUDGES – Motion by Judge Barkemeyer, seconded by Commissioner Muegge to accept the resignations of Wes Howe, Joyce Dalley and Sharon Cloud. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#12 – DEPUTATION OF NANCY TUCKER – Motion by Commissioner Shuffield, seconded by Commissioner Fisher to approve Nancy Tucker deputy county clerk. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#13 – AMR CONTRACT PROVIDING INJECTIONS – Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Watkins to approve contract with AMR to provide injections. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

- **Judge- AMR is asking \$40.00 an hour and they will go town to town. We can advertise in the paper when they will be set up in a town.**

#14– CONTRACT PROPOSAL FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR WIC – Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Shuffield to approve the Contract

for Financial Services for WIC. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

- **Debbie Olbrich- We are looking for someone that will do the financial aspects of WIC. Someone that will make sure all grants are intact. We do have someone in mind; his name is Mr. Jasso.**
- **Maribeth Sexton- There is not enough money for a full time employee but there is money for a contract.**
- **Judge- If it is not going as plan you can terminate within 60 days?**
- **Commissioner Muegge-You budgeted for this?**
- **Debbie Olbrich- Yes, Maribeth did look over my budget and we will be watching closely so if we need to cut it we can.**

#15 – BILLS – Motion by Commissioner Muegge, seconded by Commissioner Fisher to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$259,385.62 as presented to the court. This motion having been put to vote prevailed, the vote being unanimous.

#16 - ADJOURN – Motion by Commissioner Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Muegge 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 9th day of May 2016.

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 April 25, 2016.

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

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

April 25, 2016

Commissioner of Precinct No. 1

Commissioner of Precinct No. 3

**POWERPOINT
PRESENTATION
APRIL 25, 2016**

**Minutes from the April 25, 2016 Milam County
Commissioners Court meeting ends on**