

STATE OF TEXAS:

COUNTY OF MILAM:

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on Thursday the 22nd day of September A. D. 2016, 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 "OPEY" WATKINS, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO.1

JOHN FISHER, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3

JEFF MUEGGE, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4

BARBARA VANSAN, COUNTY CLERK

OTHERS ABSENT, TO WIT:

DONALD SHUFFIELD, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 2

OTHERS PRESENT, TO WIT:

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK, HEALTH DIRECTOR

And the proclamation having been made the Court was in session, the following business came on to be considered:

MILAM COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

Judge Barkemeyer called the meeting of the Milam County Health Department to Order at 1:30 p.m.

Robert Kirkpatrick presented the Court with an Agenda and supporting documents to be discussed during the meeting.

Page 1 of 3 ---- In August the Milam County Health Department gave 328 Tx Vaccines for Children – primarily because of school starting.

Co-CASA Record Searches – provides more feedback to individuals

- **Record search of immunizations**

- **3 age groups**

Judge – Private vaccines are bought with County money then we sell them to the clients.

Kirkpatrick – we are not losing on Private Pay

Judge – We have one nurse on County payroll and that is Rae Beth – the county pays \$30,000 of her salary.

We are losing money providing private pay for flu shots – we could have the people go somewhere else.

Kirkpatrick – County Employees are the only ones who receive the flu shot without cost.

Judge – Are you sure? I thought if someone comes in and can't pay you give the shot anyway.

Kirkpatrick – I will look into it, I think if someone can't pay it comes from the State. We have two employees who handle medicare.

Judge – Depending on what happens next year we may need to refer people onto somewhere else.

Robert – we are also using AMR money for shots

Judge – we quit doing “Well Child”.

Kirkpatrick – I had a visit with a Department of State Health Services representative and she said she wish we would come back to doing “Well Child”.

Judge – We didn't have the clientele to continue doing that program.

Kirkpatrick – Some private pay have to come & pay upfront before we order their medicines.

Judge – I think we really need to do the vaccines for the school kids, it is important. Who would do it if we didn't?

Kirkpatrick – The Region.

Judge – No, the Region wouldn't do it.

Kirkpatrick –

Judge – if we didn't do it

Muegge – that’s one reason why we did it

Kirkpatrick – We do not have the capability to bill Insurance.

Watkins – my wife fights this all the time “asking parents if they have insurance” – some parents say no but she feels they do have insurance but cannot turn them away.

Kirkpatrick – The State would rather the kids get the shots for free then not get shots.

Judge – doesn’t really cost the county?

Page 2 of 3 ----- Indigent Health – September 30 through August 31 expenditures were \$409,903.08. Each week Dr. Richardson and Lori Wallace reviews claims.

As of August 31 the County spent \$215,133.33 – January through August. Doesn’t include salary; no reimbursement from Medicare.

Judge – with salary approximately \$500,000

Kirkpatrick – Fiscal year – Lori & Dr. Richardson doing good job scrutinizing. September we are in 16-17.

Preparedness – the summer we had a decline because of no school.

- **Attended the STARZ Conference in McAllen**
- **Attending Fire Chief’s meetings**
- **Milam County Triad – October 5 – I encourage you all to attend**
- **Zika**
- **Immunization Outreach –**
- **Family Consumer**

Judge – who is the Family Consumer representative?

Kirkpatrick – Micah Holcombe

Muegge – you were talking to me about a high rate of absenteeism @ the a local school.

- **I heard at the Public field house there was quite a bit of “staff”, thinking because of the carpet.**

Page 3 of 3 ----- Septic –

August was low because the Inspector was on vacation.

Commissioner Shuffield previously asked about backup incase inspector is out. I am checking on that.

Budget - \$20,000 – I think we could possibly go down to \$5000 if we had a revolving, self sufficient account. The application fee of \$400 goes into the General Revenue.

Judge – Danica will not let you show expenses in revenue. That’s the reason I was asking about where in the budget does it show

Kirkpatrick – Grants for 15-16

Not all DSHS grants end or have the same year.

RLSS – LPHS funds a portion of Rae Beth’s salary; Immunizations help pay Maribel, Erica & Olivia salaries and a portion of Rae Beth’s.

No TB cases reported this year.

EBOLA – started new year in July; should expire end of November because we don’t have the ZIKA virus here.

Special Funding – nothing was used so it is going away.

Muegge – can you reapply for it?

Kirkpatrick – yes, but probably won’t get it because not executing money properly.

PHEP – due to Monica leaving.

Judge – how much for your salary?

Kirkpatrick - \$45,000 and it’s also used for Erica’s salary.

Judge – One of the ways to use up some of the other money was buying expensive furniture and I do not like that. I think we need to plan ahead for proper use such as for equipment.

Muegge – Debbie is helping with the upkeep in bathrooms at the One Stop Center.

Kirkpatrick – I have to request approval from DSHS to use grant money for building improvements or repairs

Muegge – We want you to communicate with us.

Kirkpatrick – We did get the IdentiSys asset management system and Danica & some of my people were trained on it.

NEXT 90 DAYS – handout

Senior EXPO – October 5th at the Cameron VFW Hall from 9a.m. to 2p.m.

October 25-26 we will close the department to attend the Required Immunization Training in Austin. We will take the Tahoe and stay two nights.

- **We have not used the blue vehicle since Maribeth left and Donald is trying to get rid of it.**

Preparedness – revitalize volunteers

Outreach – I will meet with the Lions Club after the Commissioners Court meeting on Monday. Methodist Church lunch bunch in November.

I did not include October 12 – will be at a CTCOG meeting in Belton all day.

DICO / Designated Infection Control Officer – will attend exercise with Bell County to test draft a plan; research where designated infection control officers need to exit; and work on determining the qualifications and training requirements.

Definition – Designated infection control officer--The person serving as an entity's designated infection control officer under Health and Safety Code, §81.012, who has a health care professional license or specific training in infection control, acts as liaison between the entity and the destination hospital, and monitors all follow-up treatment provided by the affected emergency response employee or volunteer.

Judge – what did we appoint Dr. Richardson to? Infectious Disease Officer?

Kirkpatrick – DICO – 17 people

Indigent Health Care – the office will be closed a couple days in November for training.

Administrative – Grant – we are required to stay open an extended hour and we have been open 5 to 6 and no one comes in. We have

talked about extended clinic hours the 1st Monday of the month from 5pm to 8pm in Cameron and the 1st Tuesday of the month from 5pm to 8pm in Rockdale.

Risking HIPPA Violations – I am relocating / rearranging the office.

Medicaid – the license was keeping me up at night until before this meeting when they contacted me and told me to resubmit one page of the application.

Motion made by Judge Barkemeyer, seconded by Commissioner Muegge to adjourn the meeting at 2:57 p.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.

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 22, 2016.

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

STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

September 26, 2016

Commissioner of Precinct No. 1

Commissioner of Precinct No. 3

Commissioner of Precinct No. 2

Commissioner of Precinct No. 4

**Minutes from the September 26, 2016 Milam County
Commissioners Court meeting ends on**