

MILAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

**Henry “Hub” Hubnik
Commissioner, Precinct #1**

**James Denman
Commissioner, Precinct #2**



**Art Neal
Commissioner, Precinct #3**

**Wesley Payne
Commissioner, Precinct #4**

**Bill Whitmire
Milam County Judge
102 S. Fannin Ave.
Cameron, Texas 76520**

**NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF MILAM COUNTY, TEXAS**

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024, AT 10:00 AM

AGENDA

The Court will convene in person in the Milam County Courtroom, located at the Milam County Courthouse, 102 S. Fannin Ave., Cameron, Texas 76520. If any member of the public would like to speak in person regarding any of the agenda items, please register with the County Judge's Office before 10:00 am, on August 26, 2024.

The following items will be addressed, discussed, considered, passed, or adopted to-wit:

1. A quorum will be established, and the meeting of the Milam County Commissioners Court will be called to order.
2. Invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.
4. Comments from the Public (limited to five minutes).
5. Consider and take action on the consent agenda.
 - a. The minutes from previous commissioner's court meetings and act on any corrections, changes, or approval of any of the said minutes.
 - b. Certificates of Completion.
 - c. Monthly Treasurer's Report.
6. Judge's Comments.

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21. Discuss and take action on bonds for Melissa Fritz, Milam County Tax Assessor.
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23. Discuss and take action on a joint election between Milam County and Rosebud Lott ISD.
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25. Discuss and take action on an Order for Saturday and Sunday voting.
26. Health Department Update:
 - a. Presentation of Quarter 2 Report
 - b. Grant Updates and Upcoming Activities
 - c. Consider, discuss and take action on the updated Interlocal Agreement with Post Oak Savannah
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 - a. Presentation of WIC Financial Status, services provided and upcoming activities.
 - b. Consider, discuss and take action on the WIC Retention Stipend for WIC employees. **(Exhibit "E")**.
28. Discuss and take action to set the salaries, expenses or other allowances of the elected county and precinct officers. **(Exhibit "F")**.
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 - a. Proposed M&O tax rate at \$0.490121
 - b. Proposed I&S tax rate at \$0.051879
 - c. Proposed total tax rate at \$0.542000
30. Review, discuss, and act to pay the bills of Milam County, Texas as presented by the County Auditor's Office.
31. Adjourn

Dated this 21st day of August 2024



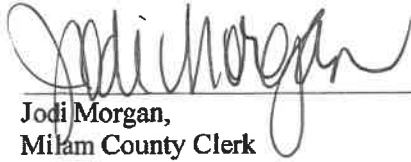
Bill Whitmire
Milam County Judge

2024 AUG 21 10:16:00 AM

I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above notice of the **Regular Meeting** of the Milam County Commissioners Court is a true and correct copy of said Notice. Further, the Notice is published on the Courthouse Door and the County Clerk's Office of Milam County, Texas and at other

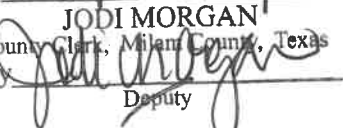
places readily accessible to the public at all times beginning on the **23rd day of August 2024**. The Notice will remain posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled date and time of said court.

County Clerk of Milam County, Texas


Jodi Morgan,
Milam County Clerk



JODI MORGAN
County Clerk

Filed 21st day of August
in 2024, At 4:32 P.M.
JODI MORGAN
County Clerk, Milam County, Texas
By: 
Deputy

(This Court reserves the right to convene in executive session at any time deemed necessary for the consideration of confidential matters in accordance with Texas Government code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes or decisions will be taken in open meeting.)

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Permission For Entry and Waiver of Claims

I, Mike Organ the undersigned, hereby give my consent to Milam County and its employees to enter my property located on County Road 455, for the purpose of maintaining County Road 455. In addition, I hereby waive any and all claims against Milam County that may result from that entry.

Mike Organ
Signature

Aug 1, 2024
Date

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Permission For Entry and Waiver of Claims

I, Angela Smith, the undersigned, hereby give my consent to Milam County and its employees to enter my property located on County Road 134E, for the purpose of maintaining County roads and ditches. In addition, I hereby waive any and all claims against Milam County that may result from that entry. I agree that Milam County may clean the silt, and debris from the sewer, and level it out at the new ditches where the water is now running on the owner's property. This will assist in the rain water running down the ditch line easily without restrictions. This waiver also gives Milam County permission to park their equipment on the property during all aspects of the construction duration. Any other needed information may be handwritten below but, must be initialed by both parties to be agreed upon.

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Angela Smith
Owners Signature

8-21-24
Date

[Signature]
Milam County Commissioner

8/21/24
Date

Permission For Entry and Waiver of Claims

I, Charles Dostkocil, the undersigned, hereby give my consent to Milam County and its employees to enter my property located on County Road 134E, for the purpose of maintaining County roads and ditches. In addition, I hereby waive any and all claims against Milam County that may result from that entry. I agree that Milam County may clean the silt, and debris from the newer , and level it out at the new ditches where the water is now running on the owners property. This will assist in the rain water running down the ditch line easily without restrictions. This waver also gives Milam County permission to park their equipment on the property during all aspects of the construction duration. Any other needed information may be hand written below, but must be initialed by both parties to be agreed upon.

Charles Dostkocil

Owners Signature

8-20-24

Date

[Signature]

Milam County Commissioner

8/19/2024

Date

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July 16, 2024

Bill Whitmire, Milam County Judge
Milam County Health Department, LA# 105

**RE: Retention Stipend for WIC staff
Employee Retention**

Purpose

The WIC program needs your support to help ensure WIC staff receive a one-time retention stipend to keep the exceptional staff that provide services in your community. This is a one-time retention stipend that is only available this program year that must be utilized and invoiced in September of 2024.

Background

Over the last 2 years Texas WIC staff have managed multiple crises. These have included a national formula shortage which required a great amount of extra work and dedication. Staff went above and beyond in an incredibly stressful situation, providing assistance to families in crisis unable to locate formulas for their infants. Staff assisted and reissued formula benefits multiple times as well as helped clients in locating alternative formulas. In addition, there have been multiple occasions where staff have had to reschedule client visits and reissue cash value benefits for fruits and vegetables, doubling the staff workload. There have been regional floods, power outages and tornados. Despite all of the crises, staff have remained steadfast in providing exceptional services to the participants in our communities.

Staff retention is crucial to the WIC program. WIC is a highly complex program, and it takes a new staff member approximately six months to become proficient providing WIC services. Over recent years the complexity of providing services to our WIC population has risen. Serving our participants has required our staff to improve their knowledge of nutrition topics, effective counseling, and developmental milestones. Throughout the last two years they have integrated multiple changes in technology brought on by a continuously modernized management information system. They have incorporated those changes into their everyday business practices and educated clients on the client facing improved functionality. Despite the ongoing changes, Texas WIC staff have continued to provide exceptional services exemplified in our customer service scores that are sent to participants after each clinic visit. In the last two years Texas WIC staff have an average customer service score of 6.62 out of a possible 7. Equally impressive is the average Net Promoter score of 89 (net promoter scores range from -100 to +100). A score in this range falls into the "World Class" category. Staff of

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this caliber are hard to find in the workforce and they are the heart of our program. It is imperative that we retain the very skilled workforce that makes up Texas WIC.

Funding

Texas WIC is providing additional funding to Local Agencies for a one-time retention stipend to each WIC employee. WIC will cover costs associated with a one-time retention stipend of \$4,000 to each WIC employee. Only one retention stipend can be given per person. That value can be prorated for staff that work less than 100% on WIC. These funds are only available for this purpose.

Eligible Employees

The retention stipend should be applied to all staff that contribute to the WIC customer experience.

Allowability

The State Agency strongly encourages you to provide this stipend to all WIC staff. Retention stipend pay is an allowable cost and is an effective tool to retain our very skilled workforce and continue to ensure quality services to all the participants in your communities.

Time Limited

In order to take advantage of this benefit to the Texas WIC workforce, the one-time stipend must be awarded to staff in September 2024 and invoiced in fiscal year 2024, ending on September 30, 2024. No additional funding is available after that period.

Funding and Reimbursement

Employee stipend funding will be reflected on the fourth quarter funding letter.

Thank you for your support as a Parent Agency and Local Agency that provides World Class WIC services to your community. You should be very proud of the services and the individuals you have that provide services at your agency.

Sincerely,

Edgar Curtis

Edgar Curtis
Texas WIC Director
Health and Human Services Commission

Cc: Jennifer Ranspot
Amanda Hovis, NECS Director
Tammye Farmer-Holloman, WIC Financial Liaison

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Public Notice

Notice of Increase in Salary and/or Expenses for Elected Officials

Pursuant to Section 152.013 of the Local Government Code



Each year the Milam County Commissioners' Court is required to set the salary, expenses, and other allowances of elected county and precinct officers. The commissioners' court must publish in a newspaper of general circulation in the county a notice of any salaries, expenses, or allowances that are proposed to be increased and the amount of the proposed increases. Below is a list of the current salaries, expenses, or allowances of every elected county or precinct officer, the proposed amount of increase and the proposed new salary, expenses, or allowances.

<u>Position</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>2025</u>
County Judge	\$64,292.00	\$6,455.00	\$70,747.00
County Clerk	\$56,819.00	\$7,822.00	\$64,641.00
Bldg & Elections Stipend	\$2,575.00	\$2,425.00	\$5,000.00
District Clerk	\$56,819.00	\$7,822.00	\$64,641.00
Justice of the Peace, Pct 1	\$50,582.00	\$6,923.00	\$57,505.00
Justice of the Peace, Pct 2	\$50,582.00	\$6,923.00	\$57,505.00
Justice of the Peace, Pct 3	\$50,582.00	\$6,923.00	\$57,505.00
Justice of the Peace, Pct 4	\$50,582.00	\$6,923.00	\$57,505.00
County Attorney	\$3,875.00	\$125.00	\$4,000.00
County Auditor	\$60,745.00	\$9,000.00	\$69,745.00
Treasurer	\$56,819.00	\$7,822.00	\$64,641.00
Tax Assessor/Collector	\$56,819.00	\$7,822.00	\$64,641.00
Constable, Pct 1	\$50,807.00	\$1,348.00	\$52,155.00
Constable, Pct 2	\$50,807.00	\$1,348.00	\$52,155.00
Constable, Pct 3	\$50,807.00	\$1,348.00	\$52,155.00
Constable, Pct 4	\$50,807.00	\$1,348.00	\$52,155.00
Sheriff	\$87,818.00	\$2,682.00	\$90,500.00
Commissioner, Pct 1	\$59,143.00	\$6,257.00	\$65,400.00
Commissioner, Pct 2	\$59,143.00	\$6,257.00	\$65,400.00
Commissioner, Pct 3	\$59,143.00	\$6,257.00	\$65,400.00
Commissioner, Pct 4	\$59,143.00	\$6,257.00	\$65,400.00

Budget Timeline

August 15, 2024 - Suggested time to have the Proposed Budget published and posted.

September 9, 2024 - Approval of the Proposed 2024 Tax-Rate in the Milam County Commissioners' Court.

September 9, 2024 - Approval and Adoption of the 2024 Tax-Rate and 2024 Budget by the Milam County Commissioners' Court.

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STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF MILAM §

IN COMMISSIONERS COURT
Regular Meeting **August 26, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Milam County, Texas was held on the **26th** day of **AUGUST 2024** at **10:00a.m.** in the Milam County Historic Courthouse, County Court Room, 1st Floor, Cameron, Texas.

The Following members were present

WILLIAM WHITMIRE, MILAM COUNTY JUDGE
HENRY HUBNIK, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO.1
JAMES DENMAN, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 2
ART NEAL, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 3
WESLEY PAYNE, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT NO. 4

JODI MORGAN, COUNTY CLERK
BRIAN PRICE, ASST. COUNTY ATTORNEY

DANICA LARA, AUDITOR

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ABSENT TO WIT:

1. A quorum will be established, and the meeting of the Milam County Commissioners Court will be called to order – 10:00a.m.
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 - c. Monthly Treasurer's Report

Motion made by Commissioner Hubnik to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Payne and motion carried unanimously.

6. Judge's Comments.

DMV Fee's, Melissa signed no changes to the fees
Town Hall update- 4 of them, not a lot of public attendance
District Clerk putting all Civil and Criminal on microfilm \$224,000.00; using Revolution Data

7. Public Hearing on the following issues:

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- d. An Amendment to the Tax Abatement Agreement between Milam County, Texas and the Yaupon Solar Energy Storage, LLC (Nextera Energy Resources).

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to open the Public Hearing at 10:04a.m.,
Seconded by Commissioner Payne and motion carried unanimously.

No Public Comments

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to close the Public Hearing at 10:05a.m.,
Seconded by Commissioner Payne and motion carried unanimously.

8. Discuss and take action on the following:

- a. The revocation of a Tax Abatement Agreement between Milam County, Texas and the Cattleman I Solar Park LLC (EDP Renewables)

Motion made by Commissioner Denman to not remove the abatement., Seconded
by Commissioner Hubnik and motion carried unanimously.

- b. An Amendment to the Tax Abatement Agreement between Milam County, Texas and the BT Jungmann, LLC solar project (Pinegate Renewables).
- c. An Amendment to the Tax Abatement Agreement between Milam County, Texas and the Gransolar Texas One, LLC solar project (Pinegate Renewables).

Motion made by Commissioner Payne to table.. Seconded by Commissioner
Hubnik and motion carried unanimously.

- d. An Amendment to the Tax Abatement Agreement between Milam County, Texas and the Yaupon Solar Energy Storage, LLC (Nextera Energy Resources).

No Action taken

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9. Discuss and take action on an updated contract from CTWP.

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to accept the updated contract from CTWP. Seconded by Commissioner Neal and motion carried unanimously.

10. Discuss and take action on a request to waive fees associated with the Public Records Request of August 19, 2024, made by the Texas Coalition Against Crypto mining.

Motion made by Judge Whitmire that we do not accept the waiver of fees associated with the public records request by the Texas Coalition Against Crypton mining. Seconded by Commissioner Denman and motion carried unanimously.

11. Discuss and take action on a Permission for Entry and Waiver of Claims for Mike Organ in Precinct 4. (Exhibit "A").

Motion made by Commissioner Payne to approve the Permission for Entry and Waiver of Claims for Mike Organ. Seconded by Commissioner Neal and motion carried unanimously.

12. Discuss and take action on a Permission for Entry and Waiver of Claims for Angela Smith in Precinct 2. (Exhibit "B").

Motion made by Commissioner Denman to accept it. Seconded by Commissioner Hubnik and motion carried unanimously

13. Discuss and take action on a Permission for Entry and Waiver of Claims for Charles Doscocil in Precinct 2. (Exhibit "C").

Motion made by Commissioner Denman to accept it. Seconded by Judge Whitmire and motion carried unanimously

14. Discuss and take action to accept a donation from SB Energy to Precinct 1 for \$150,000.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Hubnik we accept the donation for Precinct 1. Seconded by Commissioner Denman and motion carried unanimously

15. Discuss and take action to accept a donation from SB Energy to Precinct 2 for \$150,000.00.

No action taken. this is a reimbursement for the bridge repairs that falls into the road use agreement

16. Discuss and take action on a Variance Application on CR 412 from Georgia Gardner.

Motion made by Commissioner Hubnik to approve the Variance Application for Georgia Gardner, Seconded by Commissioner Neal and motion carried unanimously

17. Discuss and take action on a Variance Application in the Jose DePena Survey, near CR 124 in Milam County from Susan Dean.

Motion made by Commissioner Hubnik to approve the Variance in the Jose Depena Survey on CR 124, Seconded by Judge Whitmire and motion carried unanimously

18. Discuss and take action on inventory of CATRAC equipment. (Exhibit D)

Motion made by Commissioner Denman to give her permission to begin the process of getting rid of stuff, Seconded by Commissioner Payne and motion carried unanimously

Kenzie Oliver – Emergency Management Coordinator

19. Discuss and take action on a Utility Installation request from Marlow Water Supply on CR 228C.

Motion made by Commissioner Denman to accept the Installation request from Marlow Water supply on CR 228C, Seconded by Commissioner Hubnik and motion carried unanimously

20. Discuss and take action on a proposal for Precinct 2 to request bid for a tractor.

Motion made by Commissioner Denman to go out for bids, Seconded by Judge Whitmire and motion carried unanimously

21. Discuss and take action on bonds for Melissa Fritz, Milam County Tax Assessor.

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to accept the bonds for Melissa Fritz as Milam County Tax Assessor, Seconded by Commissioner Denman and motion carried unanimously

22. Discuss and take action on bonds for Carolyn Hux, Agrilife Extension office of Milam County.

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to accept the bond for Carolyn Hux, at the Agrilife Extension office of Milam County, Seconded by Commissioner Denman and motion carried unanimously

23. Discuss and take action on a joint election between Milam County and Rosebud Lott ISD.

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to accept the Joint Election between Milam County and Rosebud Lott ISD, Seconded by Commissioner Payne and motion carried unanimously

24. Discuss and take action on a Notice of Election.

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to accept the Notice of Election, Seconded by Commissioner Payne and motion carried unanimously

25. Discuss and take action on an Order for Saturday and Sunday voting.

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to accept the Order for Saturday and Sunday Voting, Seconded by Commissioner Payne and motion carried unanimously

26. Health Department Update:

- a. Presentation of Quarter 2 Report
- b. Grant Updates and Upcoming Activities
- c. Consider, discuss and take action on the updated Interlocal Agreement with Post Oak Savannah

Push Item 26c to 9/9

27. WIC Update:

- a. Presentation of WIC Financial Status, services provided and upcoming activities.
- b. Consider, discuss and take action on the WIC Retention Stipend for WIC employees. (Exhibit E).

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to accept the WIC Retention Stipend for WIC employees, Seconded by Commissioner Denman and motion carried unanimously

28. Discuss and take action to set the salaries, expenses or other allowances of the elected county and precinct officers. (Exhibit F)

Motion made by Commissioner Payne to accept the salaries, expenses and other allowance for the elected county and precinct officers, Seconded by Commissioner Neal and motion carried unanimously

29. Discuss and take action to approve the proposed Milam County Tax Rate as follows:

- a. Proposed M&O tax rate at \$0.490121
- b. Proposed I&S tax rate at \$0.051879
- c. Proposed total tax rate at \$0.542000

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to change the item to read

- a. Proposed M&O tax rate at \$0.489133
- b. Proposed I&S tax rate at \$0.052867
- c. Proposed total tax rate at \$0.05420

, Seconded by Commissioner Payne and motion carried unanimously

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to approve the Proposed M&O tax rate at \$0.489133, Seconded by Commissioner Denman and motion carried unanimously

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to accept the Proposed I&S tax rate at \$0.052867, Seconded by Commissioner Neal and motion carried unanimously

Motion made by Judge Whitmire to accept the Proposed tax rate at \$0.05420, Seconded by Commissioner Payne and motion carried unanimously

30. Bills

Motion made by Commissioner Payne to pay all bills of Milam County, seconded by Commissioner Neal and motion carried unanimously.

\$409,007.51

31. Adjourn

Motion made by Commissioner Neal to adjourn at 11:09a.m., seconded by Commissioner Payne and motion carried unanimously.

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The above and foregoing Minutes for Monday, August 26, 2024, having been examined and approved in Open Court this 9th day of September 2024.

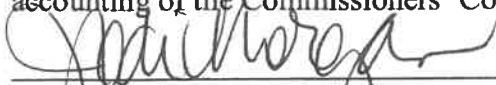


County Judge Whitmire

State of Texas:

County of Milam:

I, Jodi Morgan, County Clerk, Milam County, Texas, attest that the foregoing is a true and correct accounting of the Commissioners' Court authorized proceedings for August 26, 2024.



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

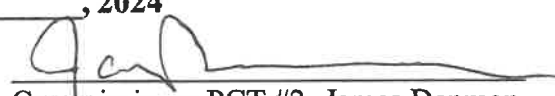
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STATEMENT OF APPROVAL

9/19, 2024




Commissioner PCT #1- Henry Hubnik



Commissioner PCT #2- James Denman



Commissioner PCT #3- Art Neal



Commissioner PCT #4- Wesley Payne

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MAY BE VIEWED ON THE WEBSITE
WWW.MILAMCOUNTY.NET , in the minutes in the Commissioners Court book located
in the County Clerk's office, or online at <https://milam.tx.publicsearch.us>.