

# MILLS CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a Public Meeting and Regular Meeting of the Mills Central Appraisal District Board of Directors on **March 9, 2021** at **5:30 PM** at **901 6th St., Goldthwaite, Texas 76844.**

## AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER.
2. OPENING PRAYER.
3. ROLL CALL/CERTIFY QUORUM.
4. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE AND ANTI-BRIBERY STATEMENT TO BOARD MEMBERS.
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS.
6. PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS APPROVAL OF COLLECTION CONTRACT WITH LINEBARGER, GOGGAN, BLAIR AND SAMPSON.
7. CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION CONTRACT WITH LINEBARGER, GOGGAN, BLAIR AND SAMPSON, LLP.
8. CONSIDER AND ACT ON "ACTION APPROVING CONTRACT WITH LINEBARGER, GOGGAN, BLAIR AND SAMPSON, LLP" DOCUMENT AS REQUIRED BY HB 2826 AND ADOPTION BY THE BOARD THEREOF.
9. CONSIDER AND ACT ON TAX CODE SECTION 33.11 EARLY PERSONAL PROPERTY PENALTY RESOLUTION.
10. CONSENT AGENDA.
  - A. JANUARY 12, 2021 MEETING MINUTES
  - B. PAID BILLS
  - C. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
11. CHIEF APPRAISERS REPORTS.
  - A. COLLECTIONS
  - B. APPRAISAL
  - C. GENERAL
12. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON CURRENT LAW SUITS.
13. ADJOURNMENT.

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Mills County, Texas

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IF, DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING, DISCUSSION OF ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA OTHER THAN ANY MATTER SPECIFIED ABOVE SHOULD BE HELD IN CLOSED MEETING, THE BOARD WILL CONDUCT CLOSED MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 551, SUBCHAPTERS D AND E, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CONSULTATION WITH COUNSEL UNDER SECTION 551.071. 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, ACTIONS, OR DECISIONS WILL BE TAKEN IN OPEN MEETING.



# NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Mills Central Appraisal District will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 5:30p.m.at 901 6<sup>th</sup> St., Goldthwaite, TX 76844 for the purpose of considering and taking action on all matters on the agenda for the meeting, including approval of an agreement with the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect delinquent property taxes and authorizing the execution of such agreement.

The agreement to be considered is necessary for the delinquent taxes owed to the taxing jurisdictions of Mills County to be collected in the most effective manner. The taxing jurisdictions desire that such delinquent tax, penalties and interest be collected as provided in the Texas Tax Code.

The Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP firm is fully qualified to provide this representation, being the largest delinquent tax collection law firm in the State of Texas, as well as the United States and having been engaged in this specialized legal service for more than 40 years. In addition, the Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP firm possesses infrastructure and technology, such as call center technology, that the Appraisal District does not currently possess.

Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP has represented the Appraisal District for multiple years with competence and professionalism, in the collection of delinquent property taxes.

The specialized legal services required by this agreement cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of the Appraisal District due to the high cost of implementing the appropriate infrastructure and technology and employing sufficient in- house attorneys and staff with the level of experience and competence necessary to perform these activities.

Linebarger will be compensated on a contingent fee basis as provided in the Texas Tax Code Sections 6.30, 33.07, 33.08, 33.11, and 33.48. These Texas Tax Code sections specifically provide for an additional penalty on delinquent taxes to compensate collection attorneys. A contract to pay inside or outside attorneys on an hourly basis would represent an additional cost to the Appraisal District.

Entering into the proposed agreement is in the best interests of the residents of Mills County because the delinquent taxes will be professionally and competently collected without the additional costs to the Appraisal District of implementing infrastructure and technology, and employing in-house personnel or paying outside counsel on an hourly fee basis which would otherwise be required.

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