

JULY 24, 2006 – 1:30 P.M.

THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION HELD A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH KLEBERG COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT THE COURTHOUSE ANNEX, LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER LOCATED AT 1500 E KING, KINGSVILLE, TEXAS ON MONDAY, JULY 24, 2006 AT 1:30 P.M.

CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:

Sam R Fugate, Mayor
Al Garcia, Commissioner
Stanley Laskowski, Commissioner
Arturo Pecos, Commissioner

CITY COMMISSION ABSENT:

Charles E Wilson, Mayor Pro-tem

COUNTY COMMISSION PRESENT:

Pete DelaGarza, Judge
Romeo Lomas, Commissioner
Roy Cantu, Commissioner
David Rosse, Commissioner
Joe Hinojosa, Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Carlos Yerena, City Manager
Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney
Edna S Lopez, City Secretary
Mark Rushing, Finance Director
Diana Gonzales, Human Resource Director
Yolanda Cadena, Health Director
Jason Torres, Inspector

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

The meeting was opened by County Judge Pete DelaGarza and Mayor Fugate at 1:35 pm

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (Mayor Fugate)

The invocation was delivered by County Commissioner David Rosse, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – Required by Law

Mayor Fugate announced there were no minutes to approve.

II. Public Comment on Agenda Items³

1. Comments on all agenda and non-agenda items.

Mayor Fugate announced that anyone wanting to speak on any agenda or non-agenda item could do so that this time.

III. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴

1. Discussion in joint session with the Kleberg County Commissioners' Court regarding the management, operations and budgeting of the following: (Mayor Fugate).

- Health department
- Library department

Mayor Fugate stated he asked for this joint meeting because the City is beginning their budget process, and this is an opportunity to discuss the Health and Library departments. He added that he would like to hear what the County has to say.

County Judge DelaGarza stated it is difficult for departments to serve two masters and that he is worried about the budget. He recommended that the County take charge of the Library, because the Library is owned by the County. He stated that approximately \$61,000 is the difference between the two departments and added that the Health Department brings in \$22,000 in fees. He stated the County would propose a service contract with the City to pay for services.

Mayor Fugate stated that the City was not in a position to make any decision until the City's budget is discussed. He added that there is a concern to the citizens of Kingsville of providing service outside the City. Mayor Fugate also stated that he has not discussed this issue with the City Manager, Health Department employees or the Health Board.

County Commissioner Lomas stated he could not understand why a meeting was called if the City was not prepared to discuss. Mayor Fugate stated everyone is working diligently to get this resolved. County Commissioner Lomas requested this item be tabled.

County Commissioner Rosse requested Commissioner Laskowski provide information regarding an informational packet that was provided by Ms Yolanda Cadena, Health Director. Ms Cadena provided clarification on listed mowing charges.

There was lengthy discussion on revenues generated, and expenditures shared for both departments.

Everyone agreed that this was not only a management issue but a financial issue.

County Judge DelaGarza asked for Mayor Fugate's recommendation. Mayor Fugate stated he was not prepared to make a recommendation, but, if management is a problem, maybe it does need to be divided. County Judge DelaGarza stated that the County is going through hard times. Commissioner Garcia stated that in the past all problems with these two departments have been dealt with appropriately; he added lets do the same with this. County Judge DelaGarza stated dividing the departments would help the County. City Manager Yerena stated consolidating is always good.


Commissioner Laskowski commented that these two departments did not receive a raise like the other County departments. County Judge DelaGarza stated this is a good reason to divide the departments.

Mayor Fugate stated this will be looked at during the budget process. County Commissioner Cantu suggested organizing a committee.

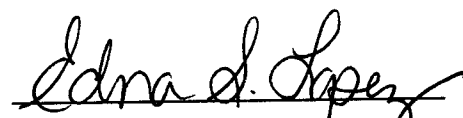
DISCUSSION ONLY

IV. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.


Sam R Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:


Edna S Lopez, City Secretary