

Cameron County Commissioners' Court Agenda Request Form

Resolution No. 2026R04056

NO. 2-PP

Date: March 30, 2026 Meeting Date Request: April 7, 2026
Deadline for Action: _____ Contact Person: _____
Department: County Judge Phone: 544-0830
Department Head Name: Eddie Treviño, Jr. Signature: B. Whitew for

Caption:

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION REGARDING DATA CENTERS IN CAMERON COUNTY.

Background: *(Briefly summarize your request, if needed use separate sheet(s) or attach supporting documentation).*

PLEASE FILL IN ALL BLANKS WITH REQUIRED INITIALS AND FISCAL DATA INFORMATION OR PLACE N/A IF IS NOT APPLICABLE:

County Judge n/a Auditor _____ Budget _____ Legal n/a Human Resources n/a Purchasing n/a
1295 Form n/a

Fiscal Data:

Dept. Name: 100-4090 Fund No. n/a Department: Yes No _____ Amt. Expended : \$ n/a
Funds Available: Yes _____ No _____ General: Yes No _____ Impact on future budget: Yes _____ No _____
Grant: Yes _____ No

Comments:

Action taken by Commissioners' Court

Approved _____ Tabled _____ Denied _____ Motion made by _____ Seconded _____ Vote _____

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF CAMERON §

2026R04056
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT ON THE 7TH DAY OF APRIL 2026, THE CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT CONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION, AND UPON THE REQUEST OF THE CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT, THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE SAID COURT FOR SUCH MEETING, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.041 ET. SEQ., VERNON'S TEXAS CIVIL STATUTES (THE TEXAS OPEN MEETING ACT) TO BE CONSIDERED.

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DATA CENTERS IN CAMERON COUNTY"

WHEREAS, THE PACE OF DATA CENTER CONSTRUCTION HAS EXPONENTIALLY INCREASED ACROSS THE UNITED STATES AND WITHIN THE STATE OF TEXAS, DRIVEN BY INCREASING DEMAND FOR DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE, DATA AGGREGATION, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND CLOUD COMPUTING SERVICES; AND

WHEREAS, THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF ADVANCED DATA INFRASTRUCTURE IS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF TEXAS' ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS AND NATIONAL SECURITY POSTURE IN AN INCREASINGLY GLOBAL TECHNOLOGICAL COMPETITION, AND THE STATE OF TEXAS HAS EMERGED AS A NATIONAL LEADER IN ATTRACTING DATA CENTER INVESTMENT DUE TO ITS BUSINESS-FRIENDLY CLIMATE AND ENERGY RESOURCES; AND

WHEREAS, RESPONSIBLE LONG-TERM PLANNING IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE GROWTH OCCURS IN A MANNER THAT PROTECTS GRID RELIABILITY, WATER SUSTAINABILITY, FISCAL INTEGRITY, AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF EXISTING RESIDENTS; AND

WHEREAS, LOCAL CONCERNS HAVE EMERGED IN CAMERON COUNTY REGARDING THE POTENTIAL ADVERSE IMPACTS OF LARGE-SCALE DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENTS ON SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES, THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH, CONSUMER UTILITY COSTS, LAND USE COMPATIBILITY, AND STRAIN ON LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND RESOURCES; AND

WHEREAS, THE CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT HAS LONG BEEN A STRONG ADVOCATE OF PRESERVING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES AND FOSTERING EDUCATION WITH RESPECT TO NATURAL RESOURCES AS DEMONSTRATED THROUGH THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE SOUTH TEXAS ECOTOURISM CENTER AND ADDITIONAL REFORESTATION EFFORTS; AND

WHEREAS, CAMERON COUNTY FACES RECURRING DROUGHT CONDITIONS AND ONGOING WATER SUPPLY CHALLENGES IMPACTING MUNICIPAL, AGRICULTURAL, AND INDUSTRIAL WATER USERS; AND

WHEREAS, UNDER CURRENT TEXAS LAW, COUNTIES DO NOT POSSESS GENERAL ZONING AUTHORITY AND ARE NOT GRANTED BROAD-LAND-USE REGULATORY POWERS COMPARABLE TO THOSE OF MUNICIPALITIES, THEREBY LIMITING THE ABILITY OF COUNTIES TO REGULATE THE LOCATION, DENSITY, AND OPERATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF LARGE-SCALE DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS DATA CENTERS WITHIN UNINCORPORATED AREAS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT TAKES THE FOLLOWING POSITION(S) WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DATA CENTERS IN CAMERON COUNTY:

SECTION 1. POSITION OF THE COURT

THE CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT SUPPORTS RESPONSIBLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; HOWEVER, THE COURT FORMALLY EXPRESSES OPPOSITION TO THE USE OF OPEN-LOOP EVAPORATIVE COOLING SYSTEMS OR OTHER HIGH-VOLUME POTABLE WATER CONSUMPTION TECHNOLOGIES IN LARGE-SCALE, HIGH CONTINUOUS-LOAD DATA CENTER FACILITIES WHICH PLACE A STRAIN ON LOCAL ELECTRICITY AVAILABILITY, ABSENT DEMONSTRATED SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY AND MITIGATION SAFEGUARDS. THE COURT FURTHER OPPOSES ANY DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT THAT FAILS TO INCORPORATE ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS TO PROTECT THE COUNTY'S NATURAL RESOURCES AND RESIDENTS.

THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT FURTHER STATES THAT SUPPORT FOR ADDITIONAL DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT IN THE STATE OF TEXAS AND CAMERON COUNTY SHOULD BE CONDITIONED UPON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPREHENSIVE, ENFORCEABLE SAFEGUARDS TO:

- PROTECT ELECTRIC GRID RELIABILITY AND PREVENT COST BURDENS ON RESIDENTIAL, AGRICULTURAL, AND SMALL-BUSINESS RATEPAYERS;
- ENSURE RESPONSIBLE, SUSTAINABLE, AND TRANSPARENT WATER USE PRACTICES;
- PROTECT AGRICULTURAL LANDS, RANGELANDS, WILDLIFE HABITATS, AND NATURAL DRAINAGE SYSTEMS BY REQUIRING CAREFUL SITE SELECTION, AVOIDANCE OF PRIME FARMLAND AND ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE AREAS WHERE PRACTICABLE, AND APPROPRIATE MITIGATION OF HABITAT FRAGMENTATION AND STORMWATER IMPACTS;
- PREVENT DEGRADATION OF COUNTY ROADS, DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, AND OTHER PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE; AND
- SAFEGUARD COMMUNITY WELFARE, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

SECTION 2. TRANSPARENCY AND REPORTING

THE CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT URGES THE STATE OF TEXAS AND RELEVANT REGULATORY AGENCIES TO REQUIRE FULL AND TRANSPARENT PUBLIC REPORTING OF ANTICIPATED ELECTRICITY DEMAND, WATER USAGE, AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPACTS FOR ALL PROPOSED DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENTS PRIOR TO FINAL APPROVAL.

SECTION 3. INDEPENDENT IMPACT ANALYSIS

NO FUTURE DATA CENTER PROJECT SHOULD PROCEED WITHOUT A RIGOROUS, INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF:

- IMPACTS ON LOCAL ELECTRICITY RELIABILITY AND TRANSMISSION CAPACITY;
- IMPACTS ON LOCAL AND REGIONAL WATER AVAILABILITY AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLANNING;
- IMPACTS ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS, RANGELANDS, WILDLIFE HABITATS, NATURAL DRAINAGE PATTERNS, AND POTENTIAL HABITAT FRAGMENTATION, INCLUDING EFFECTS ON PRIME FARMLAND, SOIL INTEGRITY, AND STORMWATER RUNOFF;
- LONG-TERM INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS BORNE BY TAXPAYERS; AND
- EFFECTS ON SURROUNDING RESIDENTIAL, AGRICULTURAL, AND COMMERCIAL LAND USES.

SECTION 4. RESOURCE SUSTAINABILITY STANDARDS

THE CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ENCOURAGES ADOPTION OF STATEWIDE PLANNING AND REGULATORY STANDARDS PRIORITIZING SUSTAINABILITY, INCLUDING:

- INTEGRATION OF WATER-EFFICIENT OR CLOSED-LOOP COOLING TECHNOLOGIES;
- UTILIZATION OF RECLAIMED, RECYCLED, OR NON-POTABLE WATER SOURCES WHERE FEASIBLE;
- DEMAND RESPONSE PARTICIPATION AND LOAD MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS TO PROTECT ELECTRICITY AVAILABILITY.

SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE ACTION REQUESTED

ENACT LEGISLATION PROVIDING COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION AND AUTHORITY IN LAND USE, INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING, AND RESOURCE IMPACT REVIEW RELATED TO LARGE-SCALE DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENTS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE CAMERON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT DOES HEREBY UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR BALANCE BETWEEN ECONOMIC GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE AVAILABILITY; HOWEVER, THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT CANNOT SUPPORT NEW DEVELOPMENT WHICH DIRECTLY THREATENS WATER AVAILABILITY, ELECTRICITY RESOURCES, THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY OR DIMINISHES OUR NATURAL HABITATS AND ECOTOURISM EFFORTS WITHOUT PROPER REGULATORY OVERSIGHT OR SUFFICIENT MITIGATION.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

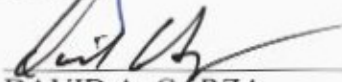
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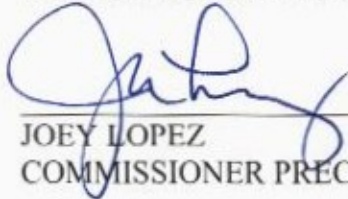
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COUNTY JUDGE



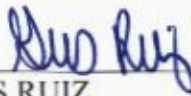
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