COMMISSIONERS' COURT SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 14, 1996

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT met in *Special Session* on October 14, 1996, in the Titus County Courtroom with the following members present:

DANNY P. CROOKS	COUNTY JUDGE
MIKE PRICE	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1
MIKE FIELDS	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
IFAN CROVER	

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER J. W. TERRELL, JR.

PUBLIC AND COUNTY OFFICIALS ATTENDING MEETING:

CARL JOHNSON, AUDITOR
JUNE ROACH, TAX - ASSESSOR COLLECTOR
BOBBY LA PRADE, DISTRICT CLERK
TIM TAYLOR, COUNTY ATTORNEY
RICKY POOLE, CHIEF SHERIFF DEPUTY
EVA LAING WALKER, JUSTICE OF PEACE, PRECINCT 1
THOMAS P. GRESHAM, CONSTABLE PRECINCT 2

TERESA PRICE ANN RUNDLE
MIKE ROSS ELMER PATTON
PAULA DYKE BOB BAKER
BOBBY THOMPSON NONIE COVEY
RON FISCHER SHAREE HOOPER
SAM WALKER PHILLIP CROMWELL
JOHN RYDEN BURNIS COVINGTON

Invocation was given by Bob Baker.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERING BIDS FOR 2 OR MORE PATROL CARS FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Bids from Arendale Ford Sales, Inc., Nichols Ford and Cypress Ford, Lincoln, Mercury were received.

Chief Sheriff Deputy Ricky Poole recommended to take the lowest bid from Cypress Ford, Lincoln, Mercury at \$19,711.50 per unit.

Commissioner Mike Fields asked, "Ricky how many units do you feel you need at this time."

Chief Deputy Ricky Poole replied, "We really need 3 units."

Commissioner Fields stated, "I have enough funds at this time to purchase one unit for the Sheriff's Office. I have talked with the Sheriff's Department and they have agreed to sale the old units and replace some of the money in my account."

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Price and seconded by Commissioner Mike Fields to allow the Sheriff's Office to purchase three 1997 patrol units. Sheriff's budget for cars will pay for two units and Commissioner Mike Fields to pay for third unit. All money received from sale of old units will be returned to Commissioner Fields' funds. Motion carried unanimously. SEE ATTACHMENT "A"

IN THE MATTER OF HEARING JOHN RYDEN AFLAC REGARDING CAFETERIA PLAN

Mr. John Ryden, representative for AFLAC, presented his company's cafeteria plan for county employees. No action was taken.

IN THE MATTER OF HEARING SHAREE HOOPER & RON FISCHER REGARDING CAFETERIA PLAN

Mr. Ron Fischer and Sharee Hooper, representatives for Colonial, presented their company's cafeteria plan for county employees.

The Court asked both companies to leave literature to be compared. A decision on which cafeteria plan to be offered by payroll deduction would be made next month.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE DEPUTATION STEVEN LYNN MATUS AS A RESERVE DEPUTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Thomas E. Hockday to approve the deputation of Steven Lynn Matus as a reserve deputy for the Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERING RECOMMENDATION OF SALARY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1

"It is my recommendation that we consider this matter on next year's 1997-1998 Budget," said County Judge Crooks.

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDERING GTE SOUTHWEST, INC.
REPLACING CABLE BEGINNING APPROXIMATELY
2500' NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF STATE HIGHWAY
67 AND NW-3, ALONG THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE PUBLIC
R.O.W. OF NW-3 AND NW-18, THEN CONTINUING EAST ON NW-18
FOR 950' ALONG THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF PUBLIC R.O.W.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Mike Price to approve GTE Southwest, Inc. to replace existing

cable beginning approximately 2500' North of the intersection of State Highway 67 and NW-3, along the Eastern portion of the public R.O.W. of NW-3 and NW-18, then continuing East on NW-18 for 950' along the Southern portion of the public R.O.W. We will require GTE Southwest, Inc. to bore under any existing roads. Motion carried unanimously. SEE ATTACHMENT "B"

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 1996

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas E. Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Mike Price to approve minutes for September 1996. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Price and seconded by Commissioner Thomas E. Hockaday to approve budget amendment number 137. Motion carried unanimously. This amendment can be seen in the County Auditor's Office.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING COUNTY OFFICIAL REPORTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Price and seconded by Commissioner Thomas E. Hockaday to approve reports from Auditor, Treasurer, Tax Assessor - Collector, District Clerk, County Clerk, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Veterans Service Office, Cookville Volunteer Fire Department, Five Star Volunteer Fire Department, Nortex Fire Department and City of Talco Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF SIGNING PAY ORDERS AND PAYING BILLS

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Price and seconded by Commissioner Thomas E. Hockaday to approve signing pay orders and paying bills. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas E. Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Mike Price to approve the Texas Department of Transportation Resolution. Motion carried unanimously. SEE ATTACHMENT "C"

Tax Assessor - Collector, June Roach reported that the 4th Station had been added to her office. Mrs. Roach stated, "Tax statements are two weeks behind. The reason being that we did not get our figures from the Appraisal District until last week. My girls worked till ten o'clock at night and Saturday in order that we could postand mail all statements by tomorrow. It should not be too long before we start collection the taxes. It was no fault of the Appraisal District new leadership. They have been most cooperative."

The Court agreed the ladies were to be commended for their hard work.

Commissioner Fields reported specifications for bids on landscaping the County Jail would be going out.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas E. Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Mike Fields to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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The above and foregoing minutes for the month of September, 1996 were read and approved this 14th day
of October, 1996.
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DANNY P. CROOKS, COUNTY JUDGE
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MIKE PRICE, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT # 1
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MIKE FIELDS, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT # 2
J. W. TEKRELL, JR. , COMMISSIONER PRECINCT # 3
Thomas Z. Hockara
THOMAS E. HOCKADAY, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #4
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SHERRY MARS, COUNTY CLERK
COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER, 1996 A.D. RECORDED ON THE 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1996 A.D.
SHERRY MARS, COUNTY CLERK, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS
By Jeun Crown DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK





1997 FORD CROWN VICTORIA

4-DOOR SEDAN FULL SIZE WHITE

WHITE: FENDERS, HOOD, DECK LID, DOORS, AND TOP

4.6 L ENGINE: V-8

ELECTRONIC FUEL INJECTION

HEAVY DUTY RADIATOR

130 AMP ALTERNATOR

FRONT AND REAR BUMPER GUARDS

2 SPEED WINDSHIELD WIPERS AND WASHER INTERMITTEN

AM/FM RADIO

AIR CONDITIONING

POWER STEERING

POWER BRAKES

BELTED POLICE SPECIAL TIRES

2 OUTSIDE MIRRORS (RIGHT AND LEFT)

TINTED WINDSHIELD

CLOCK

SEATS: HEAVY DUTY (VINYL)

RUBBER FLOOR MATS

DOOR: REAR HANDLE INOPERATIVE

DUAL EXHAUST

CRUISE CONTROL- TILT STEERING

WIRED FOR OVER HEAD LIGHTS

SEATS: FRONT/SPLIT BENCH SEAT

CALIBRATED SPEEDOMETER

REAR WINDOW DEFROSTER

SPARE TIRE: FULL SIZE

ELECTRIC WINDOWS/ELECTRIC DOOR LOCKS

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FENDERS, HOOD, DECKLID, AND REAR FENDERS BEING PAINTED BLACK WILL BE THE COUNTY'S.

\$19,711.50 EACH

JAMES HILAM

203 W. FERGUSON - MT. PLEASANT, TEXAS 75455 HONE: 903-572-3486 FAX: 903-572-8902 PHONE: 903-572-3486



ALTERNATE BID

FAX: (903) 872-8002

Ford Motor Credit Company

The American Rand P.O. Box 1730 Dearborn, Michigan 40121-1738

October 10, 1996

Mr. James Milam Cypress Ford Lincoin-Mercury

Re: Ford Municipal Finance Program - Quotation for Titus Gounty Cohoel Stocket, TX Sheriff Dept

Deer Jernes

The following proposal is supplied by Ford Motor Credit Company. The following fixed simple interest rate(s) and payment factor(s) are good until February 1, 1997 and apply to total amounts financed for the range shown below.

This quotation is based on the financing of the following equipment: Three 1997 Ford Crewn Victoria P71 Police Sedans for a total amount financed of \$59,124.50.

Price Range	Term: 2 Years		Term: 3 Years	
(\$25,000-\$74,999)	(1st Payment in Advance)		(1st Payment in Advance)	
Payment Method	24 Monthly Pymts.	2 Annual Pyrnts.	36 Monthly Pyrnts.	3 Annual Pyrmis.
APR	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Payment Factor	.043689	.512195	.029847	,349722
Payment Amount	\$2,583.53	\$30,288.40	\$1,764.99	\$20,680.64

To calculate payment emount, multiply total dollar amount financed by the payment factor.

The Ford municipal lease-purchase finance plan has no mileage restriction, no prepayment penalty, requires no security deposit and has a \$1 buyout at term end. At lease inception, the new equipment title/registration would indicate Titus County School District, TX as Registered Owner, and Ford Motor Credit Company, P. O. Box 1739, Dearborn, MI 48121-1739, as Lienholder.

Ford Credit's financing is subject to review and approval of the municipality's two most recent sudited financial statements, completed "Fact Sheet" and (signed) "Essential Usa" letter along with mutuality acceptable documentation. Sample forms and documentation are attached. Sample documents should be reviewed by the Attorney for the Titus County School District.

Please Note: An exception to policy is allowed for posce-car transactions (police and sheriff's departments only) totaling no more than \$150,000 in outstandings per entity for terms of three years or less. If those conditions are met, no audit reports are needed; only the completed "Fact Sheet" and "Essential Use" forms are needed for credit approval.

Thank you for your interest in the Ford Municipal Finance plan. If you have any questions, please call me at 1-800-241-4199, ext. 14. My fax numbers are (313) 323-2872 or (313) 390-3783.

Barbara Lyens Municipal Finance

Attachments

CURRENT INTEREST RATES, PAYMENTS

AND ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.



ARLINGTON

FLEET SALES DEPARTMENT

OCTOBER 10,1996

TITUS COUNTY ATTN: AUDITOR BID-POLICE VEHICLES

WE ARE SUBMITTING BIDS ON 1996 FORD CROWN VICTORIA POLICE INTERCEPTORS THAT ARE IN STOCK AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY BUT ARE SUBJECT TO PRIOR SALE. ARL FORD POLICE CARS HAVE POWER WINDOWS, TILT WHEEL, STEREO RADIO, REAR WINDOW DEFROSTER AND POWER 4 WHEEL DISC BRAKES AS STANDARD EQUIPMENT. COPY OF

	360	APR	FACTOR	CALL 1-800-241-4199 EXT 11	FOR
	FORD MUNICIPAL	LEASING IS: 5%	INTEREST IS	AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME.	
*	OPTION #1 19983	3.00 IN STOCK/19	996		
	FACTORY INVOICE	E ATTACHED AND I	PRICING AS FO	DLLOWS:	

4 ANNUAL APR IST PAYMENT DUE AT TIME OF DELIVERY TO FORD MUNICIPAL.

APR

MULTIPLY FACTOR TIMES PRICE TO GET PAYMENT. COUNTY OWNS AT END OF LEASE FOR 1.00

FACTOR

NOTE: WE CAN HAVE DELIVERED TO MT.PLEASANT BY SCHULTZ INTERNATIONAL, A DRIVEAWAY SERVICE COMPANY FOR A NOMINAL FEE OR COUNTY MAY PICK UP AND SAVE THIS ADDITIONAL CHARGE.

FORD POLICE CARS ARE IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY AND ARE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS.

VERY, VERY LIMITED SUPPLY ON 1996 POLICE CARS. WE WILL BE OUT OF POLICE CARS IN A VERY FEW DAYS.

WE ARE BIDDING AS CLOSE TO YOUR SPECS AS WE HAVE IN STOCK.

SINCERELY,

3 ANNUAL

EMMETTE CONE, FLEET MANAGER ARENDALE FORD SALES, INC.

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EMMETTE CONE FLEET MANAGER

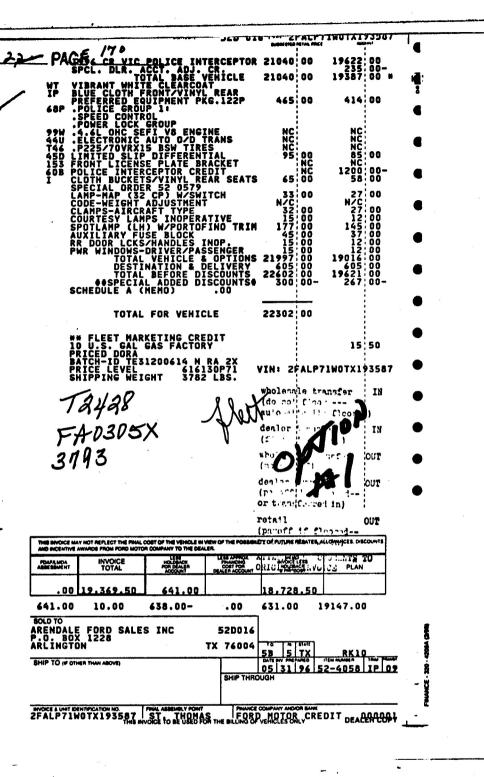


19th Year Member



ARENDALE FORD SALES INC. 633 N. Hwy. 360 Arlington, TX 78004 (817) 261-4261 - Office (800) 588-8991 (817) 633-5031 - FAX

633 North Hwy 360 • Arlington, TX 76011-6304 • Metro (817) 261-4261 • FAX (817) 633-5031



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2401 East I-20 at Campus Drive

Fort Worth, TX 76119

(817) A35-FORD

Metro (817) 429-7750

October 9, 1996

Bid for Police Interceptors Titus County Sherriff's Department Mt. Pleasant, Texas

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to bid for your Police Interceptor need.

We are not bidding order units. We are bidding units that we have in stock and some options may vary from your specifications. Please note the exceptions on your specification sheet and our enclosed descriptive computer printout. Units bid are subject to availability at time of P.O. issuance.

Price is F.O.B. Mt. Pleasant. Price per unit is \$20,752.75

If you need clarification, please call. Thank you.

Sincerely.

Bob Hazelwood Commercial Sales & Leasing Nichols@bford

2401 East I-20 at Campus Dr. Fort Worth, TX 76119 (817) 535-FORD Metro (817) 429-7750

TRUCKS

BOB HAZELWOOD Account Minager Commercial Fleet & Leasing

FAX # (817) 136-3846 Beeper ≠ (214) 909-8217

VOL 22 PAGE 172 Prepared By: BOB HAZELWOOD NICHOLS FORD, INC. 2401 E. I-20 AT CAMPUS FORT WORTH TX 76119 (817)-536-4147 FAX

Prepared For: TITUS COUNTY SHERRIFF'S DEPARTMENT POLICE INTERCEPTOR MT. PLEASANT TX 75455

1996 Year : Ford Cars Make : Crown Victoria Police Pkg Model: P71 4dr Police Interceptor 03/07/96 Style: Effective Date: PRICE LEVEL CODE 616

******* EQUIPMENT ******* <<< MECHANICAL >>> 4.6L SEFI V8 engine Unique calibration w/increased idle speed 4-speed electronically-controlled automatic transmission w/OD, OD lockout Brake-shift interlock 3.27 rear axle ratio HD U-joints w/3.5" aluminum driveshaft Distributorless ignition system
HD 84 amp-hr maintenance-free battery w/battery saver HD 84 amp-hr maintenance-free battery wybattery saver
HD 130 amp alternator
Electronic voltage regulator
Easy access labeled fuse panel
Police accessory feed wires-inc: (1) ignition, (1) direct
Courtesy lamp wiring
Lower radiator air dam
Police level extra cooling
Engine oil cooler
Transmission oil cooler Transmission oil cooler Pwr steering oil cooler Coolant recovery system Viscous fan HD body-frame construction HD body-trame construction
Front coil spring suspension
Rear 4-bar link coil spring suspension
HD suspension-inc: HD front/rear springs, nitrogen pressurized shock
absorbers, front/rear stabilizer bars
Low friction lube-for-life upper ball joints
P225/70VR15 all-season SBR BSW tires Conventional spare tire & wheel HD 15" X 6.5" steel wheel rims Full wheel covers Speed sensitive variable assist pwr steering Pwr 4-wheel disc brakes Single stroke parking brake Automatic parking brake release w/manual emergency override 20.0 gallon fuel tank w/tethered fuel cap Dual stainless steel exhaust system Scissors jack Primary plastic-head ignition key Single key locking system

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Clearcoat paint w/anti-chip paint primer Body-color B & C-pillars Concealed body-color bumpers-inc: one piece full wrap cover, bright insert Black (white w/white exterior) narrow body-side moldings w/bright insert Black rocker panel moldings Black windshield/backlight moldings Body-color door/bright window frames Bright/center design grille Low profile dual aero automatic headlamps w/on/off delay Dual black heated/fold-away remote control pwr mirrors Solar tinted glass Rear quarter windows Interval windshield wipers w/dual jet fluidic washer system Low liftover decklid design w/full reflective applique Theft resistant decklid latch Gas cylinder hood assists Lower body-side urethane protection <<< INTERIOR >>> Cloth reclining bucket seats w/2-way headrests, front armrests 16 ounce color-keyed carpet Driver-side footrest under carpet Color-keyed tilt steering wheel w/mounted stalk controls for washer/wipers, hi/low headlamp beam, turn signal, flash-to-pass Analog gauge cluster-inc: volt, oil pressure, water temp, fuel level Electronic 0-140 MPH speedometer Trip odometer Headlamps-on reminder chimes Pwr windows Remote decklid release Manual air conditioner-inc: R134A refrigerant, positive shut off registers Rear window defroster Side window demisters Electronic AM/FM stereo radio-inc: (4) speakers, clock Large lockable, illuminated glove box w/dampened glove box door, embossed logo owner's pouch Defroster grille w/integral vertical ribs Cigar lighter in instrument panel center stack 12-volt pwr point located near floor heat register

<<< EPA FUEL ECONOMY RATINGS >>>

Vinyl mat luggage compartment trim Deep-well trunk design

Dual ashtray-mounted cup holders Day/night rearview mirror

Molded headliner w/o grab handles

Dual beam map lights
Dome light
Engine compartment light
Luggage compartment light

12 ounce carpeting on lower door trim panel Front door trim panel w/armrests/map pockets Easy access inside door release handles Rear ashtrays integral w/door panels Cloth covered sun visors w/retention clips

<<< EXTERIOR >>>

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Inner/outer color-keyed one-piece scuff plates for front/rear doors

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City 17/hwy 23 (4.6L engine/4-speed auto trans)
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<<< SAFETY FEATURES >>>
Dual air bag supplemental restraint system (SRS)
Front/rear outboard 3-point active seat belts w/front comfort adjustment
Rear door child safety latches
Brake-shift interlock
Dual note horn

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****** FACTORY OPTIONS
OPTION
CODES
            DESCRIPTION
            4dr Police Interceptor
            STANDARD EMISSIONS
4.6L SEFI V8 ENGINE (STD)
4-SPEED ELECTRONICALLY-CONTROLLED AUTOMATIC
TRANSMISSION W/OD (STD)
PREFERRED EQUIPMENT PKG-inc: pwr door locks.
99W
44U
122P
                                                                            *GROSS*
               speed control
            122P PREFERRED EQUIPMENT SAVINGS *DISCOU
P225/70VR15 ALL-SEASON SBR BSW TIRES (STD)
CLOTH FRONT BUCKETS/VINYL REAR BENCH SEATS
                                                                   *DISCOUNT*
            SEE
            SOLID CLEARCOAT RPO PAINT (STD)
POLICE GROUP 1-inc: pwr door locks, speed
68P
                control
             ANTI-LOCK BRAKING SYSTEM/ELECTRONIC TRACTION-
553
            ANII-LOCK BRAKING SISTEM/ELECTRONIC TRACTION-
ASSIST (N/A w/45D Limited Slip Differential)
HEAVY DUTY RUBBER FLOOR MATS *replaces STD
carpeting* (N/A w/12H or 12Q floor mats)
LAMP-MAP (32 CP) W/SWITCH
127
FLV
            CAMPS-AIRCRAFT TYPE
DECKLID RELEASE-IGNITION CONTROL
PCF
PDI
            SPOTLIGHT (LH) W/PORTOFINO TRIM
POWER LOCKS-DRIVER ONLY CONTROLLED
PLF
PLL
             AUXILIARY FUSE BOX
PI.N
             RADIO SUPPRESSION
PRS
            POWER WINDOWS-DRIVER ONLY CONTROLLED
PW4
            PAINTED PER SPEC-VISABLE EXTER. SURFACES
             FRONT BUMPER GUARD
             Destination Charge
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COLOR SELECTIONS

P Portofino Blue Interior WT Vibrant White (CC/Met) Exterior #1

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Sandlin MOTORS, INC.

on at Hwy. 67 — P.O. Box 32

N. Jefferson at Hwy. 67 — P.O. Box 32 Phone (Area Code 903) — 572-3656 MT. PLEASANT, TEXAS 75456-0032



October 11, 1996

Titus County Commissioners Court

Dear Sirs:

The police car package will not be offered for the balance of the full size model production by Chevrolet. In view of this fact, we will not be able to bid on your specifications as submitted. We would like the opportunity to explore alternative specifications so that we may satisfy your needs in the future.

Thank you for this opportunity and for your past and future considerations.

Respectfully,

GM GM

80 80087 85-104 (NEV.1-00) VOL _22 PAGE/76 OCT 71 1996 FTT3 GTE Southwest NOTICE OF COMMUNICATION LINE INSTALLATION incorporated DATE SEPT. 30, 1996 TO THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT OF TITUS COUNTY ATTENTION COUNTY JUDGE: Formal notice is hereby given that GTE SOUTHWEST INCORPORATED will construct a communication line within the right-of-way of a County Road in WINFIELD TEXAS, TITUS County, as follows: AN EXISTING GTE CABLE WILL BE REPLACED BEGINNING APPROXIMATELY 2500' NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF STATE HWY. 67 AND NW 3, ALONG THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE PUBLIC ROW. OF NW 3 AND CONTINUING NORTH FOR APPROXIMATELY 15000' TO THE INTERSECTION OF NW 3 AND NW 18, THEN CONTINUING EAST ON NW 18 FOR 950' ALONG THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE PUBLIC R.O.W. The location and description of this line and associated appurtenances is more fully shown copies of drawings attached to this notice. The line will be constructed and maintained on the County Road right-of-way in accordance with governing laws. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, it is expressly understood that tender of this notice by the GTE Southwest Incorporated does not constitute a waiver, surrender, abandonment or impairment of any property rights, franchise, easement, license, authority, permission, privilege or right now granted by law or may be granted in the future and any provision or provisions so construed shall be null and void. Construction of this line will begin on or after OCT

GTE SOUTHWEST INCORPORATED

BY GAKY PENDE

Address

PENDERGISASS

TX

OCTOBER 14, 1996

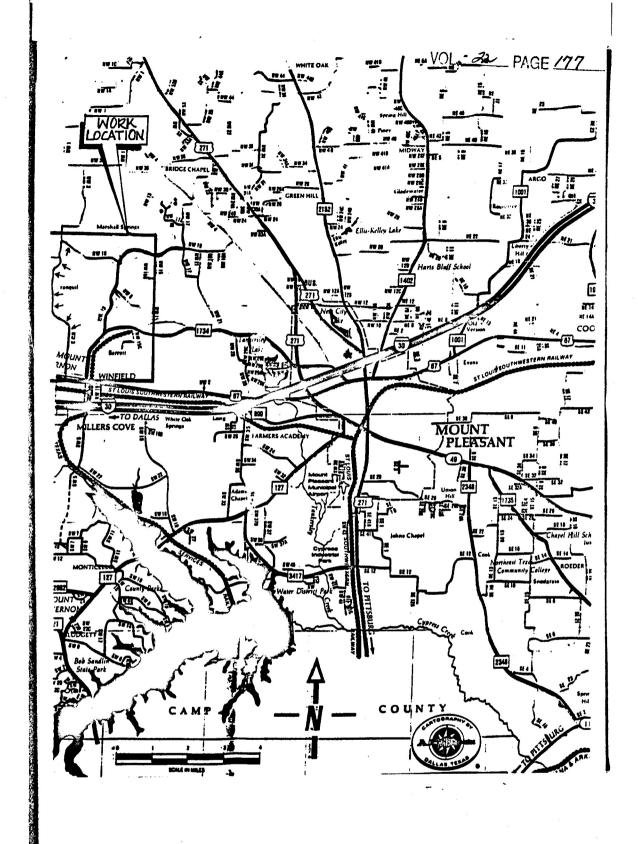
OSP TECHNICIAN

SULPHER SPKINGS

APPROVED 10/14/96 BY TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

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TITUS COUNTY JUDGE DANNY P. CROOKS



RESOLUTION

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS. Texas requires additional funds to maintain and expand its 77,000 miles of statemaintained highways, some 78 percent of which are in need of repair, replacement or modernization; and
- WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation has reported that more than half of the approved, cost-effective and needed road and bridge projects cannot be funded over the next three years; and
- WHEREAS, the continued economic growth of Texas, along with the quality of life of its citizens, is imperiled by allowing our excellent road and bridge network to fall below the state's traditional standards; and
- WHEREAS, more than \$2.5 billion have been diverted each year for the past 10 years from the highway fund and spent on non-highway programs, contrary to the expressed will of state voters, above and beyond the 25 percent of gas tax revenues dedicated to schools; and
- WHEREAS, the people of Texas expect their representatives to be responsive to the absolute necessity of protecting our state's \$100 billion investment in its roads and bridges.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners' Court of Titus County, Texas requests that the 75th Texas Legislature take immediate action to correct the problem of inadequate highway funding by:

- taking steps to reverse the trend of diverting highway funds from construction and First, maintenance to other uses;
- moving immediately to reduce the growing backlog of unfunded highway construction and maintenance projects by assuring adequate funding for those Second.
- providing permanent legislative safe guards against the gradual encroachment on dedicated gasoline tax funds for non-highway uses and the resulting deterioration Third. of Texas' precious, first-rate road and bridge system.

October 14 day of _

County Judge |

