



July 13, 2016

RE: Texas Youth Commission Facility

Dear Citizens:

I would like to update you on a few matters regarding the proposed use of the Texas Youth Commission facility by Cayuga Centers. I attended the Navarro County Commissioners Court meeting on Monday, July 11, 2016, and listened to the comments that were made by several of our citizens. When the public comment session was completed, I left to attend another meeting. I later learned that the County Commissioners voted to ask for the property from the Texas Juvenile Justice Department and also voted to cease negotiating with Cayuga. I was unaware that the County Commissioners were intending to vote on Monday as we had several meetings with the County Judge that had established a timeline that included Commissioner, Council, and public meetings before the vote was to be taken on July 25, 2016. Had I known that a vote was planned, I would certainly have addressed the Commissioners Court and given my input, and I would have also informed all of you of the meeting so you would have the opportunity to attend and provide your input as well.

I have heard from many of you who feel that the public was not provided good, complete, and accurate information regarding the project. Also, I understand you have unanswered questions you would like addressed.

In looking further at this, I discovered that the City could also request that the TJJD convey the TYC facility to the City for leasing to Cayuga Centers. Cayuga Centers has approached the City to request the City Council to consider sponsoring the project.

In that regard, the City Council will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Dawson Auditorium on the Navarro College Campus to receive information and public comment regarding the merits of the project. All citizens are invited to attend, learn the facts, and ask questions.

This is a very important decision for our community and I encourage you all to attend.

Thank you for your interest in our city.

Sincerely,

Chuck McClanahan
Mayor