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Cameron County Judge

CAMERON COUNTY IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY OF THE CAMERON COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR'S SOUTHMOST OFFICE

Cameron County is pleased to announce that the Groundbreaking Ceremony of the Cameron County Tax Assessor-Collector's Southmost Office will be held on Friday, October 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. This new tax office will be the 10th Tax Assessor-Collector site in Cameron County, and will be located at 3000 Southmost Blvd. in Brownsville, Texas.

This new Tax Assessor-Collector's Office will be a 3,597 sq. ft. building situated on a 1.31 ac tract of land that will service customers via in-person with five teller stations available, or via its three drive thru lanes. This facility will have a seating capacity for 52 customers, and will include a state-of-the-art ticketing system to service all customers' needs.

This location will collect current and delinquent property taxes, allow payment agreements for all delinquent accounts, payment agreements for individuals over 65 years of age, title transfers, motor vehicle renewals, T.A.B.C. license renewal for liquor, wine, and beer, and collections for all new and used car dealership vehicle inventory tax, as well as marriage licenses through the County Clerk's Office. In addition, this location will include two kiosk workstations, one for the County Clerk's Office that will assist with obtaining deed records, and the other for the District Clerk's Office to offer services such as court record information.

This project idea began on February 2018, when the Southmost water tower was demolished by the utility company. The land was donated to Cameron County by the City of Brownsville and the Brownsville Independent School District. The total project cost is \$2,820,000.00.

"In less than two years, we're pleased to inform that we have opened doors to two new locations, in San Benito and Harlingen, and are breaking ground on this third site in Brownsville. I want to thank our Tax Assessor-Collector, Mr. Tony Yzaguirre, Jr., for working diligently in expanding locations and offering services with the convenience of drive-thru lanes, to best serve our constituency," stated Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr.

"I am very proud to join Tony Yzaguirre, Jr., our Tax Assessor-Collector, as we break ground for the Southmost Tax Office that will provide services to our constituents in Precinct 1. Under the leadership of Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr., and County Commissioners, Cameron County has broken ground on many projects all over the county. This office will not only take care of tax office services but will offer additional county services," stated Cameron County Commissioner Precinct 1 Sofia C. Benavides.

"The construction of this long-awaited project facilitates our ultimate goal of serving the citizens of the Southmost area within Cameron County. After more than 3 years, the Southmost area will have access to our services closer to home. We are thrilled that our plans are finally materializing and will ease our overburdened main office in Downtown Brownsville" stated Cameron County Tax Assessor-Collector Antonio "Tony" Yzaguirre, Jr.

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