

RESOLUTION NO. 61-1987

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE POSITION OF THE COUNTY OF SCURRY TO LOCATE A STATE DETENTION FACILITY NEAR SNYDER IN SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene is a West Texas Community of 108,157 persons; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, is responsible for the adoption of resolutions deemed to be in the best interests of the City of Abilene and its surrounding Big Country Area; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Texas does not have a Texas Department of Corrections detention facility in West Texas to serve the criminal justice system; and,

WHEREAS, Scurry County is centrally located in West Texas and is thus well suited to provide Regional access to all of the West Texas and Big Country area; and,

WHEREAS, the economy of West Texas and the Big Country Area of Texas has been largely dependent on agriculture and oil related industries; and,

WHEREAS, with the downturn of agriculture and the oil related industries the unemployment rate of West Texas and the Big Country Area has increased by 100%; and,

WHEREAS, the diversification of business and industry in this area is vital to the survival of many West Texans; and,

WHEREAS, the location of a state detention facility in West Texas will provide diversification of business and industry and will provide economic benefits to all of West Texas and the Big Country area; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS, TO LOCATE A TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION DETENTION FACILITY IN SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS; AND,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE STATE OF TEXAS HAS IN THE PAST BEEN HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON THE TAXES GENERATED BY WEST TEXAS AND THE BIG COUNTRY AREA NEEDS OF THIS STATE AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; AND,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, WOULD NOW ENCOURAGE THE STATE OF TEXAS TO SERVE THIS AREA OF THE STATE BY LOCATION OF A TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS DETENTION CENTER IN SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS.

ADOPTED this 5 day of November, 1987, A. D.

ATTEST:

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CITY SECRETARY

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HONORABLE DALE E. FERGUSON
MAYOR, CITY OF ABILENE

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