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Slot #2780

In 2012-2013 Budget, slot #2780 was created and titled Deputy Constable, at an hourly rate of \$19.90 and annual salary of \$41,399.00

In January 31, 2013, during the Webb County Civil Service Commission meeting, slot #2780 title was changed from Deputy Constable, to Public Relations Officer. Keeping the same hourly and annual rate.

In 2013-2014 Budget, slot #2780 now appeared as Public Relations Officer, and continued listed as such, presently.

In 2013 the title was changed due to the need of a Public Relations Officer for the Webb County Constable Pct. 1 Office. The Constable at the time was in need of an individual who would serve as the central source of information from our office, to the news media, the Commissioner's Court and the community. This individual was also able to assist with community outreach, scheduling of events, and organization of the Constable's daily itinerary, also able to represent him at community events in his absence. Our office had a public relations officer since January 31, 2013, until the recent resignation by our former Public Relations Officer, Albert Torres.

During Commissioner's Court meeting on August 10, 2020, the Constable asked to fill slot #2780. We were asked by Commissioner Jesse Gonzalez to wait until September 2020, since he also had a vacancy open and would be waiting until the new fiscal year to fill said slot.

During the budgetary hearings for the current fiscal year in September 2020, we were told that the position of public relations officer in our office was creating animosity with the other constable offices that wanted a public relations officer of their own. In response to the growing tension caused by the Public Relations Officer slot #2780, the Constable responded by asking for the slot to be repurposed to a Deputy Constable Slot. Hence, slot #2780 Public Relations Officer was only funded \$100 for the current fiscal year in hopes of bringing this item back to Commissioner's Court in April of 2021 for funding and approval of repurposing and filling the slot, for Deputy Constable.

Which brings us to Commissioner's Court meeting of August 9, 2021, where Constable Rodolfo Rodriguez Jr. is asking the court to change the title of slot #2780 from Public Relations Officer back to Deputy Constable and find funding for said slot.