

**Performance Evaluation of**

**Law Library Director**

**Yolanda Carrillo**

Ms. Carrillo oversees the Law Library which I have classified under our **County Legal Services Department** and serves to provide access to legal information for the citizens and legal community of Webb County. The library assists and directs patrons to the appropriate resources, reference materials and forms associated with their legal questions and research.

Members of the public and the legal community can utilize the services to study legal issues through law books or online research through computer equipment.

The director and staff are aware that they cannot provide legal advice only guidance to available reference material to be utilized by the patron.

Ms. Carrillo worked on containing unnecessary costs associated with books and subscriptions. Obsolete books and other outdated research materials have been removed from the office in an effort to condense the space.

Additionally there has been discussion about the possibility of utilizing the office space for a legal resource center that will house an attorney to assist qualified indigent clients with civil form required to be prepared in anticipation of their court hearing. This would help expedite cost and time with processing these cases through the civil court system.

It is important to note that a county is not required to have a law library and through budgetary research it needs to be determined whether the costs associated with having a library are justified when compared to the revenues being generated.

Ms. Carrillo and her part time staff accomplish the necessary goals of providing a legal research tool for the public citizens and legal community.