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RE: Whether sales figures collected from private property owners and included in the appraisal of land designated for a county jail cause the appraisal to be exempted from the required disclosure requirements of § 552.021 Texas Government Code when said sales figures were collected by the appraiser with the understanding they would remain confidential.

Dear Sir:

This is a request for an Attorney General Opinion as to whether sales figures collected from private property owners in connection with the appraisal of land designated for a county jail are exempted from the required disclosure requirements of § 552.021 Texas Government Code when said sales figures were collected by the appraiser with the understanding they would remain confidential.

Recently, a private citizen made an open records request for a copy of the appraisal the county had commissioned on property that was purchased for expansion of the county jail. In response to the request, the cover sheet and summary page of the appraisal were provided. In sum, the person from whom the records were requested refused to provide the entire appraisals on the basis that they are excepted from disclosure by § 552, subchapter C, Texas Government Code. Although this request inquires as to the applicability of *any* of the exceptions found in Texas Government Code §552, subchapter C, we are specifically concerned about the

applicability of Texas Government Code § 551.101 (Exception: Confidential Information) and § 552.105 (Exception: Information Related to Location or Price of Property).

Please do not hesitate to call if you need any additional information to give an opinion on the above inquiry.

Very truly yours,


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