Adopting the Contract for Professional Judicial Services.

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Summary

- Question
 - Adopt the Contract for Professional Judicial Services of Presiding Judge Lawrence G. Morales and Judge Leslie C. Kassahn.
- Options
 - Recommended:
 - 1. Adopt resolution as presented.
 - Denial
 - Other
- Declaration
 - The City adopt the contract to adhere to the City Charter as required.



Background

- According to the Home Rule Charter Chapter 7, Sec. 7.01.003 subsection c Compensation. The city municipal court holds a regular court docket on the first four Thursdays of each month except for holidays. Compensation shall be as established by contract as amended by the city council from time to time.
- The City of Leon Valley has never had a contract with the municipal court Judges.
- This came to light as we discovered the reappointment of Judges did not happen.



Purpose

- To implement the provisions of City Ordinance Section 7.01.003 (C).
- The Judges' suggested compensations are red-lined within the contracts.
 - The Judges' request for an increase in compensation is <u>not</u> budgeted for FY 2025.



Fiscal Impact

Service	Current	Proposed
Docket	\$600	\$800
Special Meetings	\$150 per hour	\$150 per hour
Non Jury and Jury Docket	\$0	\$150 per hour min two hours

- \$37,510.00 budgeted for judicial services in the FY2025.
- The difference of the Judges' unbudgeted requested compensation is an increase of est. \$9,600.00.



Recommendation

• City Council's Discretion.

