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WHEREAS, B.L. Clarke Appraisal Firm in Livingston, Texas has shown an interest in providing appraisal services and has been recommended by Jake Lyon as qualified and willing to perform appraisal services in Eminent Domain condemnation cases.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the hiring of the B.L. Clarke Appraisal Firm to provide appraisal services for the Eminent Domain proceedings is hereby approved.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 13th day of May, 2008.

County Judge, Polk County, Texas

John P. Thompson

ATTEST:

County Clerk, Polk County Texas

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**RESOLVED** that the County purchase of Tract 2, an 0.786 acre of land in the M.L. Choate League from Richard C. Jones, Gregerio Pecero and Maria Pecero for \$30,000.00 on April 29, 2008, to be used for the expansion, additions and improvements to the County Law Enforcement Center located on North Washington Street, in Livingston, Polk County, Texas, is hereby acknowledge, ratified and approved in all aspects.

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED and DECREED that the County Judge, Jake Lyon and Ernest L. McClendon, Jr., Attorney, PLLC are hereby authorized and directed to perform any and all necessary acts toward the final acquisition of the Tract Six together with improvements, if any, and to acquire the tract referred as tract #6 a .56 acre tract owned by Jo Ann Starghill and Jessie Lee White Frazier in accordance with the counter offer.

Further resolved that all actions heretofore taken by the County Judge, Jake Lyon and Ernest L. McClendon Jr., Attorney, PLLC, are hereby ratified and approved, including but not limited to the following:

The negotiation, offer to purchase, acceptance of counter offer and closing of the transition to purchase tract six a .56 acre tract depicted on Exhibit A.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 13th day of May 2008.

County Judge, Polk County, Texas

John P. Thompson

ATTEST:

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