ORDER EXEMPTING PURCHASE OF IBM AS400 UPGRADE TO THE COUNTY MAINFRAME COMPUTER SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY PURCHASING ACT

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas desires to purchase an upgrade to the County's existing (IBM) AS400 mainframe computer system through and in authorizing this purchase the Polk County Commissioners Court desires to grant an exemption for this purchase from the requirements of the County Purchasing Act in accordance with Texas Local Government Code Section 262.024(a)(7)(A) as an item that can be obtained from only one source.

WHEREAS, based on a signed statement as to the existence of only one source for said purchase as presented by the County's Network Administrator as required by Texas Local Government Code Section 262.024(c), the Commissioners Court of Polk County finds that this purchase qualifies for a discretionary exemption under the provisions of Section 262.024(a)(7)(A) of the Texas Local Government Code and that granting an exemption to the purchasing requirements of the County Purchasing Act is warranted in this case.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas hereby ORDERS that the purchase of the IBM AS400 upgrade to the county mainframe computer system is exempt from the purchasing requirements of the County Purchasing Act because the upgrade can only be obtained from one source.

Approved by the Polk County Commissioners Court on this 12th day of November, 2014.

John P. Thompson, County Judge

Polk County, Texas

ATTEST:

Schelana (Walker) Hock

County Clerk

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Honorable Judge John Thompson Polk County Commissioners 101 W. Church St. Livingston, TX 77351

RE: AS400 Purchase

Regarding previously approved Capital Purchase of IBM AS400 Server replacement. This purchase will be considered "sole source vendor purchase" to upgradæxisting AS400 since it is only available from IBM.

If you should have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Steven Hullihen

Network Administrator