ORDER EXEMPTING COUNTY NETWORK CABLING/HARDWARE PROJECT FROM REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY PURCHASING ACT

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas finds that the cumulative effect of recent technology upgrades by the County's internet service provider/s; increased network usage through jail video conferencing, increased trial activity, the addition of e-filing availability; and recent water infiltration within network equipment storage areas have resulted in acute issues within the County's network infrastructure that have negatively impacted the operations of critical departments and that the absence of appropriate documentation of network infrastructure effects ability to troubleshoot and resolve network; and

WHEREAS, the Court finds that, if not immediately corrected, the issues present within the County's network infrastructure will; 1) further reduce the effectiveness of county operations, 2) negatively impact services to citizens, and 3) result in damage to county property (equipment); and desires to accept the proposal submitted by CMS IP Technologies to identify and correct the County's network configuration and cabling connectivity, improve network stability, and document network infrastructure 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)(1)(2)(3) as; an item that must be purchased in a case of public calamity if it is necessary to make the purchase promptly to relieve the necessity of the citizens or to preserve the property of the county; an item necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the residents of the county; and an item necessary because of unforeseen damage to public property.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Polk County finds that this purchase qualifies for a discretionary exemption under the provisions of Section 262.024(a)(1)(2)(3) of the Texas Local Government Code, that granting an exemption to the purchasing requirements of the County Purchasing Act is warranted in this case and hereby ORDERS that the purchase of work to be performed by CMS IP Technologies as described within the Proposal attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is exempt from the purchasing requirements of the County Purchasing Act pursuant to the reasons stated herein.

Approved by the Polk County Commissioners Court on this 28th day of February, 2017.

Sydney Murphy, County Judge Polk County, Texas

ATTEST:

Schelana Hock County Clerk