



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 03/22/2022

SUBJECT: **HART INTERCIVIC, INC. - THERMAL BALLOT PAPER FOR
HART INTERCIVIC'S VERITY VOTING SYSTEM - ELECTIONS
ADMINISTRATION**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve Hart InterCivic, Inc. as sole source for the thermal ballot paper for Hart InterCivic's Verity Voting System, for Elections Administration.

BACKGROUND

Hart InterCivic, Inc. provided the Purchasing Agent documentation to substantiate the fact that Hart InterCivic, Inc. is the sole source for the thermal ballot paper for Hart InterCivic's Verity Voting System. The documentation states that the thermal ballot stock is specifically manufactured for use in conjunction with Hart's Verity Voting Duo (hybrid) system for thermally produced paper ballots and the rounded corner, printed arrow, and solid bars included on the thermal paper provides clarity and consistent system operation that cannot be duplicated by any other method. The letter further states that to prevent unauthorized ballot replication, the paper is sold only to Hart customers, and is currently not available from any other source.

Under the County Purchasing Act exemptions to the competitive bidding requirements are allowed for certain types of purchases. The statutes require that the Purchasing Agent advise the Commissioners Court of the existence of only one (1) source, with such notice to be entered into the minutes of the Court.

Accordingly, the above item has been determined to be sole source under the County Purchasing Act 262.024(a)(7) as follows:

- “(7) an item can be obtained from only one (1) source, including:
(A) items for which competition is precluded because of the existence
of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or monopolies;

FISCAL IMPACT

Expenses for last year were approximately \$273,250.00. There is no immediate fiscal impact associated with this item.

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