



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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**SUBJECT: ECOURTDATE, INC. - DEFENDANT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM -
CRIMINAL COURTS ADMINISTRATION, JUVENILE SERVICES,
AND COUNTY CLERK**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve renewal of eCourtDate, Inc. as sole source for the purchase of Defendant Notification System, for Criminal Courts Administration, Juvenile Services, and County Clerk.

BACKGROUND

On March 8, 2022, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #137666, approved eCourtDate, Inc. as the sole source for Defendant Notification System.

eCourtDate, Inc. is the current provider of the Defendant Notification System. It provides a notification system to inform defendants of upcoming hearings to help improve the court appearance rates, thereby reducing the community and court costs associated with missed hearings. The solution is cloud-based with a subscription cost model.

eCourtDate, Inc. provided the Purchasing Agent documentation to substantiate that their sole source status has not changed and their product is manufactured, sold and distributed exclusively by eCourtDate, Inc. There are no agents or dealers authorized to represent this product.

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.”

SUBMITTED BY:	Purchasing	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Wanyu Chen Chris Lax, CPSM, CPSD, CPCP
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FISCAL IMPACT

Juvenile Services and County Clerk have not implemented the Defendant Notification System yet. Expenses for last year were approximately \$76,000.00 for Criminal Courts Administration. Funding in the amount of \$6,333.33 is available in account 578025/10000-2023/4125500000. \$69,666.67 will be requested in FY24 budget.