

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF HENDERSON §

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Henderson County I.T. Committee met in **SPECIAL SESSION** on April 20th, 2017 @ 1:00 P.M. in the Commissioner's Court Room in Athens, Texas, with the following members present, to-wit:

ANN MARIE LEE	COUNTY AUDITOR
CLINT DAVIS	COUNTY ATTORNEY
BOTIE HILLHOUSE	SHERIFF
WADE MCKINNEY	COMM. PCT. #2, CHAIRMAN
MARK HALL	DISTRICT ATTORNEY
MICHAEL BYNUM	COUNTY TREASURER, absent
MARY MARGARET WRIGHT	COUNTY CLERK
KEVIN POLLOCK	J.P. PCT. #2, absent
BETTY HERRIAGE	DISTRICT CLERK
PEGGY GOODALL	TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR

And guests, Judge Perryman, County Court @ Law 2, Julie DeMoss, Court Coordinator, County Court @ Law 2; Nicki Noteware, Indigent Defense; Jessica Brown, Auditor's Office; Charles Gray, Troy Picket and Ruth Ann Ford, TechShare.

Transacted the following business, to-wit:

Comm. McKinney called the Meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

1. Consider and Discuss a presentation from the Texas Conference of Urban Counties pertaining to TechShare Software for Indigent Defense.

Charles Gray, TechShare Program Director gave an overview of TechShare software. This is a non-profit association, called the Texas Conference of Urban Counties, they were formed about 40 years ago by the six (6) most populace counties in Texas. TAC is their sister organization, they work together on a lot of legislative issues. This company builds software for the counties and they work with the counties to make sure the software meets the county's needs. The program is completely funded by the projects that the company does. They are a non-profit software company that is totally owned by the customers, that is county government. There are four (4) different products now; indigent defense, prosecutor system, juvenile justice system and court system that is under development. This company has been in business since 2004.

Troy Picket with TechShare discussed the Indigent Defense program and gave a presentation of the software. There are 11 counties using the software at this time and 8 more counties are currently applying for grants to use the software. They built the functionality into two week instruments, every month they got indigent staff, judges, defense attorneys to see if what they were building worked for the counties. It is internet web based application and doesn't require a lot of heavy duty hard ware or software.

The defense attorneys are paid through vouchers. There are about 3,200 defense attorneys using the applications on a day to day basis.

The implementation cost is \$15,000.00 if awarded the state grant it would be \$7,500.00.

TechShare is not integrated with Odyssey. Kaufman County is assisting in the development of integration with TechShare.

Juvenile functionality will be available soon.

After the implementation cost, estimate yearly cost would be \$6,500.00.

The Indigent Defense Financial Questionnaire and information of defendants are kept for three (3) years for audit purposes.

TechShare software manages the Attorney Wheel and assigns the attorney to the case; it also allows overriding and picking the attorney.

Counties that are using TechShare Indigent Defense: if you have a defendant from a different county- you are able to notify the other county through the system.

TechShare has discussed integrating with 3rd party software.

TechShare automates the Indigent Defense process.

The software is a module attachment to a case management system that they offer.

The automation of a \$1.1 million Indigent Defense program is warranted.

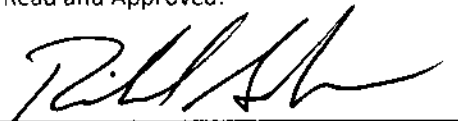
The I. T. Committee will begin to investigate the capabilities of Odyssey and other possible vendors as well.

2. Consider and Take Action concerning a recommendation of TechShare Software.

Motion made by Betty Herriage and seconded by Mark Hall to apply for the 50% grant for the TechShare software. Item passes.

3. Motion made by Clint Davis and seconded by Sheriff Hillhouse to adjourn the meeting @ 2:40 P.M. Voted unanimously by those present.

Read and Approved:



County Judge, Richard Sanders

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NOTE: Any actions taken by the Henderson County I.T. Committee at this Special Meeting shall be non-binding recommendations. Any such recommendations shall subsequently, be presented to the Henderson County Commissioners' Court for the Court to consider and take action on behalf of Henderson County.