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Date: March 7, 2011
To: Judge Self and Commissioner's Court
From: Jon Kleinheksel, Director of Public Works *J*
Re: Public Works RFP Release Authorization

For the past several years, Public Works has utilized an internally developed database application to log and record our Road & Bridge activity. This Microsoft Access application has significant limitations and Public Works has steadily outgrown the capacity of the program. To further confound our dilemma, the County has few support options for this program since the original programmer has left the County's employ. IT concurs that Public Works should pursue a path towards replacing this program.

A modern Public Works oriented software package would add specific functionality such as creating a "citizen request" portal on the internet, provide tools for managing sign inventory and new federal regulations, and integrate to our current GIS software. Also, this software would assist us with identifying trends, analyzing costs, and plan more efficiently. To that end, Public Works collaborated with appropriate County officials to develop a Request For Proposals to solicit solutions from vendors in the industry. Public Works requests Commissioners' Court consideration and approval to advertise the Public Works software RFP.

Should you require additional information, please contact me and I will respond accordingly.