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DATE: February 7, 2024
TO: Williamson County Commissioners Court
FROM: Joy Simonton, Purchasing Agent
RE: Discretionary Purchasing Exemption Recommendation - Utilities

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Section 262.024 of the Texas Local Government Code provides for the following purchasing exemption for the purchase of utility services.

Sec. 262.024. DISCRETIONARY EXEMPTIONS. (a) A contract for the purchase of any of the following items is exempt from the requirement established by Section 262.023 if the commissioners court by order grants the exemption:

(7) an item that can be obtained from only one source, including:

(C) electric power, gas, water, and other utility services;

Utility services for the purpose of this exemption shall mean and apply to the following categories and shall apply to expenditures for this fiscal year:

- Water
- Electricity
- Gas
- Internet
- Phone
- Waste Management, as contracted by municipalities
- Cable

The Purchasing Department seeks an annual exemption of these services as allowable per the code. Approving this exemption brings the county compliant with the approval requirement of the commissioners court for said exemption.

