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BOONE COUNTY ORDINANCE No. 2020- 18
(4)

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOONE, STATE OF ARKANSAS,
AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW PURCHASING SERVICES FROM AN EMPLOYEE OF BOONE COUNTY
THAT MAINTAINS A PRIVATE BUSINESS. THAT BUSINESS BEING J&B COMMUNICATIONS
PROVIDING THAT IT WOULD BENEFIT BOONE COUNTY BY SAVING THE COUNTY FUNDS OR BY
PROVIDING A SERVICE NOT OFFERED IN BOONE COUNTY BY OTHER SUPPLIERS.**

Section 1. It comes before this Court that there is an immediate need to obtain services from local Boone County companies that are owned by employees of Boone County. Although the County prohibits purchasing from employees of Boone County in general, Exceptions can be made if the following conditions exist:

The service provided is a service not available by local companies or the service provided is substantially less expensive than other companies providing the same services.

Specifically, J&B Communications P.O. Box 951 Harrison, Arkansas 72601 is a Harrison company owned by Boone County employee Jason Brisco. J&B Communications conducts installation of radio communications, radio services and sales, antenna equipment and minor tower work. J&B Communications charges Boone County an hourly rate with no service call. J&B Communications is familiar with all Boone County radio communications equipment and has worked on Boone County communications equipment prior to becoming a Boone County Employee. Communication equipment could fail at any time and it is imperative for the safety of Boone County citizens to have a communication company that may respond immediately to those needs.

The closest communication company is located in Fayetteville, Arkansas and charges a service call plus a higher rate per hour to come to Boone County. Another communication company in Russellville, Arkansas charges a service call fee and a higher rate per hour.

This Court recognizes the need for Communications Equipment to be serviced during times when it would not be cost efficient or could endanger the lives of our citizens to have to wait for out of town companies to respond. This Court recognizes the cost savings and the benefits of having a local company available. This does not provide an exclusive right for services to be conducted only by J & B Communications, but the Court does authorize the County to purchase services from J & B Communications when the Boone County Judge deems it appropriate and all other proper procedures are followed.

Section 2. If any Provision or section of this Ordinance is held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions and sections of this Ordinance, and to such end the provisions and sections of this Ordinance and declared to be severable.

Section 3. Emergency Clause. It is found by this Court that since there are several communication issues waiting to be addressed in the Sheriff's Office as well as other County offices, an emergency currently exists. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the date of passage and approval.

DATE PASSED: 5-12-2020 SUBMITTED BY: JUSTICE JIM HARP

DATE APPROVED: 5-12-2020 APPROVED: [Signature]
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: [Signature]
COUNTY CLERK

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