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## SIXTH AMENDED JURY SELECTION PLAN

IT IS RECOMMENDED to the Commissioner's Court of Hunt County, Texas by the Honorable J. Andrew Bench, Judge, 196<sup>th</sup> District Court, and by the Honorable Keli Aiken, Judge, 354<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, that the following Sixth Amended Jury Plan, for the selection of persons for jury service, be adopted:

- A. The Texas Secretary of State compiles a list of all eligible jurors (the "SOS List") by combining a list of all current names furnished by the Department of Public safety composed of:
  - 1. All person in the county who hold a valid Texas driver's license or personal identification card; and
  - 2. All persons on the current voter registration list from all precincts in the county;
  - 3. Who are not disqualified from jury service under Section 62.102(1), (2), or (7).
- B. The Texas Secretary of State maintains responsibility to compare/combine the two lists hereinabove described in order to insure that no person's name is included in the SOS List more than once.
- C. This SOS List is made available on the website of the Texas Secretary of State, and can be downloaded and imported into the Odyssey Jury System currently when made available by the Secretary of State. The SOS List is imported without alteration or manipulation of any kind.
- D. The District Clerk of Hunt County, Texas is designated as the official to be in charge of the selection process, and is designated and assigned the duties hereinafter enumerated.
- E. At the time of the preparation of a potential jury list by the District Clerk of Hunt County,
  Texas, the Odyssey Jury application randomly selects individual names from the SOS List.

The Odyssey Jury application reviews existing information to determine if there is an existing juror record on the Odyssey Jury application, by comparing the full name of the potential juror and their date of birth. The Odyssey Jury application has an internal process to resolve conflicts of information relating to potential jurors to ensure the most recent and accurate information is returned for each juror.

- F. Once the Odyssey Jury application returns a name from the SOS List, the application attempts to locate an existing juror record from prior service. If an existing record is found, the application executes a check to ensure that the juror (1) does not have a permanent exemption on file and (2) has not served as a petit juror for 6 or more days in the past 6 months. If there is no existing record for the potential juror, the application creates one.
- G. Once a juror record is either located or created, as applicable, the juror is assigned a juror service number and a summons based upon the order in which the names were selected. The application continues to randomly select names from the SOS List until such time as the requested number of jurors have been added to the pool.
- H. The names of persons previously called for jury service and whose service has been deferred by the Court may be added to the list of persons to be called on a particular date.
- I. Once a prospective list has been prepared using the above-described process, and at the direction of a District Judge, a County Court at Law Judge, or a Justice of the Peace of Hunt County, Texas, the District Clerk of Hunt County, Texas shall mail out by First Class Mail such numbers of jurors to meet the demands of the court or courts using the service.
- J. On venire day, jurors assigned to the pool are checked in with the clerk of the respective court. Panels are then built from the pool of present jurors by random selection, but an individual juror may be assigned to a particular panel on an as-needed basis. As each juror

is assigned to a panel by random selection, they are assigned a seat number in the order of their selection to the panel. When empaneled, the prospective jurors constitute a general jury panel for service in all courts in Hunt County and may be used interchangeably in all courts.

K. Whenever a Judge of a District Court, a County Court at Law, or a Justice of the Peace determines that the number of jurors previously selected for any designated date is insufficient, he or she may direct the District Clerk to prepare a supplemental list containing a specified number of persons to be called to jury service in addition to those previously selected.

The above system is known as the "Jury Selection Program." Said program having been documented and tested is directed to be posted in the office of the District Clerk of Hunt County, Texas and this system is to be followed during jury selection. This plan may be amended by the Commissioners of Hunt County, Texas, upon the recommendation of the District Judges of Hunt County, Texas.

The District Clerk of the Clerk of any Court using this Selection Program shall cause the prospective jurors selected by the above program to be printed out on a list showing the names and addresses of persons to be summoned to begin jury service on a particular date. Additional lists may be produced to facilitate the handling of the necessary paperwork in processing said jury list.

All costs incident to this Plan shall be paid from the Jury Fund.

This plan shall become effective immediately upon its adoption, and shall take the place of all other, prior plans. However, jurors selected under any other, prior plan may be used until any lists that have been drawn have been exhausted.

We the undersigned, being the District Judges of Hunt County, Texas on this the \_\_\_\_\_



day of <u>fullway</u>, 2019 do hereby recommend this plan of selecting persons for jury service to the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Hunt County, Texas.

SIGNED on this the <u>u</u> day of <u>felmary</u>, 2019.

Hon. J. Andrew Bench 196<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Hunt County, Texas

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Hon. Keli M. Aiken 354<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Hunt County, Texas



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RE: SIXTH AMENDED JURY SELECTION PLAN

Due to the change from NetData to Tyler Technologies, it has been necessary to update the Jury Selection Plan for the courts of Hunt County. In that connection, I have attached the proposed Sixth Amended Jury Selection Plan approved by myself and the Hon. Keli Aiken, the District Judges hearing cases in Hunt County, Texas.

The Plan requires approval from the Commissioner's Court. I am therefore requesting that this matter be set on the next available Commissioner's Court docket for such approval.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.