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County to migrate e-mail to external host

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Email and TEQSYS were again the main focus of the Gonzales County Commissioner's special meeting held May 1.

Keri Ramirez, TEQSYS Account Manager, said "We've put together a couple different options. Number one is an exchange-based, on-premise solution, completely housed here. You would own the system completely, be responsible for purchase of equipment and software.

"The cost is for migration of service and is a one-time fee of \$32,500, plus \$10,080 per year for email boxes. This is based on \$12 per month for seventy email boxes.

"Option number two has no upfront hardware or software costs, and the system is housed by TEQSYS.", said Ramirez.

There is a one-time up-front fee of \$16,000, Ramirez continued, "plus \$12 per month for seventy email boxes. This could be up and running in a couple weeks."

After a series of questions and concerns were expressed, Judge Bird briefly tabled the agenda item's discussion until the cost for email services from current website host Cira could be determined.

Once the matter returned to the floor, Judge Bird said "I prefer the hosted exchange, and to be done with it."

The commissioners unanimously voted in favor of option two, the system hosted by TEQSYS.

The City asked if the County would lend further monetary assistance to Jim Price Cleanup as it was more successful than anticipated, particularly in relation to tires. The County supplied two tire trailers for the event, but many more tires were received than could be contained in the trailers.

The commissioners voted to rent an additional tire trailer to assist with the cleanup.

The commissioners also approved the following agenda items:

- Authorized the County Judge and Sheriff as signatory authority on the contract between Gonzales County and Clayton Trammell regarding estray livestock storage.
- The interlocal tax collection contract between Gonzales County and Gonzales County Emergency Services Fire District #1 at 1.5%, the amount they are currently paying.
- Authorized Judge Bird enter into a contract with an insurance proposal reviewer to compare insurance policies and coverage.
- Menn & Associates as real estate appraisal company for the properties: Precinct #2 equipment yard in Waelder, and Gonzales County Tax Office Building.