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**MEMORANDUM**

To: City of Seguin Mayor and Council  
From: Andy Quittner, City Attorney *AQ*  
Date: June 21, 2019  
Re: Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement with BlueDag

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Beginning in the early 1990's all cities have been required to examine their facilities, programs and services to determine whether or not each facility, service and program met the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (the "ADA"). The transition plan would also discuss what needs to be done to bring each non-compliant item into compliance, the approximate cost of doing so, and a timeline for bringing every facility, program and service into compliance.

A transition plan was not meant to be a static document, but one that was reviewed periodically in order to see how a city was progressing in making all of its facilities, services and programs accessible to persons with disabilities.

The initial focus, for most cities, was on transportation, particularly accessible routes and sidewalks. Building curb ramps and renovating sidewalks to meet the requirements (which have changed over the last 20 years) was an expensive and time-consuming task.

The City of Seguin changed policies and has made sure that new street and sidewalk projects meet the ADA required specifications. Likewise, attention has been paid to City programs and services to see that they meet ADA requirements. A good example is Park West and the new equipment that was purchased for Starcke Park. Most city services meet ADA requirements.

The City has not, however, formally adopted a transition plan. After reviewing a couple of vendors to determine cost, informational requirements, and time considerations, staff is recommending an agreement with BlueDag, LLC. BlueDag is internet based with laptop and I-Pad compatible tools that make data entry much easier. This system, for example, automatically maps streets, buildings and other physical places using GPS technology that is captured along with photographing the area. The information is collated as it is entered thereby decreasing the time and effort needed to produce the transition plan document. The program is devised so that use of interns for data input would be feasible.

The cost for using the BlueDag program is \$48,000.00 per year, fixed for a five year period. The City has budgeted \$125,000.00 for the initial development of a transition plan. The amount covered will pay for two years of service, and some of the cost of interns needed for the work. After a year of data input, staff should have a better idea of what will be needed to complete the process.

City staff recommends entering into the agreement with BlueDag.