



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Sheriff-Coroner
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: February 5, 2008
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5ths

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Bill Brown, Sheriff
Director(s) X4290
Contact Info: Cmdr. Jeff Meyer
X4328

SUBJECT: Approval of Agreement between the Superior Court of Santa Barbara and the County of Santa Barbara for Provision of Court Security for FY 2007-2008

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Superior Court

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions: Approve and execute an agreement with the Superior Court of Santa Barbara County for the Sheriff's Department to Provide Court Security Services at the County Court facilities for FY 2007-2008

Summary Text:

California Government Code sections 69920 through 69927 set forth requirements for court security and the authority for the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court to enter into an agreement with the Sheriff's Department for court security. The recommended actions approve the memorandum of understanding between the Superior Court and the Sheriff Department to provide court security for the FY2007-2008. The memorandum of understanding for the FY2007-08 includes an agreement to provide eight (8) Sheriff's Deputies to perform perimeter security services. One (1) of these positions will be assigned in the fourth quarter of FY2007-08, and the remaining Sheriff's Deputy positions will be added in FY2008-2009.

Background:

The Superior Court of Santa Barbara County (Superior Court) is an agency of the State of California, Administrative Office of the Courts. The Presiding Judge of the Court contracts with the Sheriff's Department to provide security to the courts pursuant to Government Code Sections 69920 through 69927. Pursuant to Government Code Section 69926 (b), the Superior Court and the Sheriff are required

to enter into an annual or multiyear memorandum of understanding specifying the agreed upon level of court security services, cost of services, and terms of payment. The execution of this agreement will bring the Superior Court and Sheriff in compliance with this requirement. The proposed agreement between the Superior Court and the Sheriff’s Department also includes additional staffing to implement perimeter weapons screening at designated courthouses within the County.

The Superior Court of Santa Barbara in the 15th largest court system in the State, and the largest court system in California without permanent weapons screening stations at any of its courthouses. In recognition of this safety issue, the State Administrative Office of the Courts has provided an additional \$1.8 million in funding for the Court to provide personnel for weapons screening. Additional funding has also been earmarked for the Superior Court to purchase required weapons screening equipment.

The Court, in conjunction with the Sheriff’s Department, has devised an implementation plan for weapons screening at the courthouses. The ultimate goal is to have permanent weapons screening stations at each court facility in the County, with the exception of the Solvang court, which is only used on a part-time basis. Each entrance screening station will be equipped with a magnetometer, and x-ray package screening equipment. Each station will be staffed by a Sheriff’s Deputy and two private security guards hired by the Court.

The implementation plan calls for the Lompoc courthouse as the first courthouse to receive the weapons screening equipment. The Lompoc court was chosen to be first for implementation because it will involve minimal remodeling to create a secure entrance. This position is scheduled to come on line in the fourth quarter of FY2007-08. The two Juvenile Halls in the county are scheduled to be implemented next, either in late FY2007-08, or in early FY2008-09. The remainder of the courthouses will come on line over the course of FY2008-09.

As the phased implementation process progresses, Sheriff’s deputies will be transferred to Court Services. The Superior Court will then reimburse the County for the costs of these deputies, as they do currently with the bailiff and court holding staffing, pursuant to the proposed memorandum of understanding. The Courts’ reimbursement rate covers most of the County’s direct expenditures for the services with a minimal cost to the County due to a cap imposed by the Courts on the actual hourly reimbursement rate.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 848,000.00	
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
<u>Fiscal Analysis:</u> Total	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 848,000.00	\$ -

Narrative:

The Sheriff Department's Budget for FY2007-08 anticipates \$4,804,295 in corresponding revenues and expenditures to provide bailiff services to the Courts. In addition, the Superior Court has also been allocated \$1.8 million for the implementation of entrance weapons screening in our courthouses. Of that amount, \$848,000 has been allocated for the cost of up to eight Sheriff's Deputies assigned to entrance screening, with the remainder going towards private security at each screening stations.

For FY2007-08, it is anticipated that two of the eight positions will be filled at some point in time during the final fiscal quarter in FY2007-08. This could cost the Sheriff up to \$61,000 during FY2007-08, which will be reimbursed by the Courts.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

N/A

N/A

Special Instructions: Send one copy of signed MOU and copies of minute orders to Sheriff's Department, c/o Cmdr. Jeff Meyer, and the Superior Court, c/o Court Administrator Gary Blair.

Attachments:

Memorandum of Understanding between the Superior Court of Santa Barbara County and the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department for FY 2007-08.

Authored by:

Cmdr. Jeff Meyer, Sheriff's Department

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