



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: 9/16/2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Sheriff Bill Brown
Director:
Contact Info: Chief Financial Officer Douglas Martin, Ext. 4293

SUBJECT: Renewal of contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for the transportation of prisoners within California to the Santa Barbara County Jail

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the renewal of a five-year contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, for the transportation of prisoners from other jails in California to the Santa Barbara County Jail, effective July 1, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 annually.
- b) Find that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to 14 CCR 15378 (b)(5), in that it is a government administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

Subject are frequently arrested or detained in jurisdictions throughout the State of California on the authority of warrants issued from the County of Santa Barbara. The Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office is responsible for the transportation of said prisoners from the location where they are in custody to the County of Santa Barbara. This process involves considerable cost.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department operates a statewide prisoner transportation system with scheduled weekly trips throughout the State of California. Through this contract, we grant the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department the authority to transport these prisoners on our behalf. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Transportation Bureau provides prisoner transportation within the State of California for the Sheriff's Office at a rate that our own transportation unit cannot duplicate.

Without this contract, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department will stop transporting prisoners to the County of Santa Barbara thereby causing the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office to transport prisoners from other California counties at greater expense.

Background:

This agreement with the County of Los Angeles, Sheriff's Department was originally executed by Board resolution in 1999, renewed in 2004 and 2009. The relationship between the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office and the County of Los Angeles, Sheriff's Department goes back informally to the 1970s. Due to the nature and schedule of the County of Los Angeles, Sheriff's Department, statewide prisoner transportation system, they were able to pick up prisoners for the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office that was not possible due to timeliness, personnel scheduling or distance. A contract of this kind is authorized by Section 26775 of the California Government Code, Title 3, Division 2, Part 3, Chapter 2, Article 8.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Narrative:

The average annual cost for this service has been about \$20,045 for the last five years. Annual costs can vary widely depending on the needs of the Custody staff to have inmates transported. The contract renewal shows an increase per prisoner mile from \$0.61 to \$0.71. The cost for prisoner meals remained the same at \$6.17. The increase in cost per mileage is due to fuel price increases and personnel costs. The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office cannot match these low costs.

This cost for this service is budgeted in Line Item 7460 in the Sheriff's Office budget and is anticipated at \$36,000 for FY2014-15.

Special Instructions:

Please return three (3) "Agreement by and between County of Los Angeles and County of Santa Barbara for Intrastate Transportation of Prisoners" with original signatures and one copy of the Minute Order to Douglas Martin – Sheriff's Office.

Attachments:

4 original copies of the contract between the County of Los Angeles and the County of Santa Barbara.

Authored by:

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