



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: October 14, 2008
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5ths

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director Sheriff Bill Brown
Contact Info: Doug Martin, ext. 4293
SUBJECT: **Contract with Satellite Tracking of People (STOP) for electronic monitoring services.**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors

- A. Approve the contract between the County and STOP (not a local vendor) for electronic monitoring services for the Sheriff's Department for the period of one (1) year commencing from the date of approval with automatic renewal for three (3) one year terms.
- B. Approve Budget Revision 2007536 shifting \$90,000 in Extra Help and Overtime expense to Special Departmental expense to cover the cost of the contract for the remainder of FY2008-09.

Summary Text: The Sheriff's Department runs an Alternative Sentencing Unit (ASU) to provide sentencing options in lieu of physical incarceration. Alternative sentencing assists in reducing the overcrowding in the jail by placing qualified candidates in monitored care outside of the jail facility. Qualified offenders are placed on Electronic Monitoring (EM) and pay a fee for participation. The ASU has utilized G4S as the electronic monitoring service vendor for several years. G4S provides radio frequency (RF) monitoring services so that the department knows when the EM client is at his/her primary residence. An increase in client workload and the availability of more sophisticated technology incited the Sheriff's Department to explore a different type of monitoring service. Several vendors of GPS technology were tested for accuracy, ease of implementation and monitoring services. Satellite Tracking of People (STOP) proved to be the superior service on all counts and was the cheapest service quoted.

Background:

The current system of electronic monitoring of inmates uses radio frequency technology. This system has limitations on details of where the individual is located and their movements. The RF technology relies on the use of a land-line telephone to transmit location data to the monitoring center. The proposed system from STOP utilizes GPS technology to monitor the location of EM clients on a 24/7 basis. In addition, exclusion zones can be programmed into the monitoring software to alert the department when an EM client enters an area precluded by court order.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: The ASU total budget for operations of the SWAP and EM programs is about \$1.2 million. Revenues from the fees collected from participants total \$675,000. The balance of the expenditures are covered from other revenues and about \$465,000 in General Fund Contribution. The budget for the current monitoring vendor G4S is \$85,000 in FY2008-09. Tracking services will transition from G4S to STOP through the remainder of the calendar year. It is anticipated that the Sheriff will spend about \$8,500 with G4S for tracking services and \$166,500 with STOP for the remainder of FY2008-09. These costs equate to an increase of \$90,000 over the adopted budget. While the cost is higher, STOP provides tracking services with advanced GPS tracking, reducing the need for Extra Help staff to monitor clients. In addition, the STOP service provides detailed reports on overnight movement, reducing overtime costs of staff to work off-shift. It is recommended that the increased cost of the STOP contract will be funded by a transfer of \$65,000 from the Extra Help line item 6200 and \$25,000 from the Overtime line item 6300. There is no additional cost to the General Fund.

Special Instructions:

Please send two copies of the fully executed contract and a minute order to Doug Martin, Sheriff Admin.

Attachments:

Three (3) original copies of the contract between the County and Satellite Tracking of People (STOP).

Authored by:

Douglas Martin, Chief Financial Officer, Sheriff's Office 681-4293

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