



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: 7/7/2009
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: Sam Gross, Commander (805) 681 4286

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: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors approve 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, 2009, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 annually.

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 County of Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department 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 Department at a rate that our own transportation unit cannot duplicate. Without this contract, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department will stop transporting prisoners for the County of Santa Barbara thereby causing the County of Santa Barbara, Sheriff's Department 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 and then again in 2004. The relationship between the County of Santa Barbara, Sheriff's Department and the County of Los Angeles, Sheriff's Department goes back informally to the 1970s. During that time, prisoner transportation from other counties to the County of Santa Barbara by the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department when deputies of the County of Santa Barbara could not pick up prisoners within the statutory time limits in other parts of the state. 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 County of Santa Barbara, Sheriff's Department 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 annual cost for this service has been about \$19,157. Over the last 4 1/2 years, the Sheriff's Department has paid LASO a total of \$86,211. 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 \$0.55 to \$0.61. The cost for prisoner meals remained the same at \$6.17. The slight increase in cost per mileage is due to fuel increases and personnel costs. The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department cannot match these low costs.

This cost for this service is budgeted in Line Item 7730 in the Sheriff's Department budget and is anticipated at \$39,000.

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 to Sam Gross, Commander – Sheriff's Department. These agreements will be sent back to Los Angeles County for their Board approval. After approval by the County of Los Angeles, a certified original document will be returned to the County of Santa Barbara.

Please also send a copy of the Board Minute Order to Sam Gross, Commander – Sheriff's Department.

Attachments:

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

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