



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: October 03, 2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Sheriff's Office Bill Brown (Ext. 4290)
Contact Info: Lieutenant Tim McWilliams (Ext. 4047)
SUBJECT: Praeses Contract

County Counsel Concurrence

Yes

Other Concurrence:

Risk Management

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a.) Approve, authorize, and ratify the Chair to execute the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Praeses, LLC (not a local vendor) to provide inmate telephone management services for the period effective July 01, 2017 to June 30, 2018
- b.) Find that the proposed actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(5), in that they are government administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office has utilized the services of Praeses, LLC for the management of our inmate telephone system. This service contract verifies that all billing, goods, services and contractual agreements are met in full.

Background:

On August 15, 2009, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office entered into a service contract with Praeses, LLC for the management of our inmate telephone contract.

The Sheriff's Office originally contracted with Praeses due to irregularities discovered with a previous inmate telephone vendor. The service provided by Praeses uncovered irregular billing practices and other practices that were outside of the contract. As a result, with the help of Praeses, the Sheriff's Office submitted a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an inmate telephone system.

At each step of the RFP process, Praeses provided solid guidance to ensure that the Sheriff's Office provided a fair and impartial review of all submitted proposals. In late 2015, Praeses LLC provided their unbiased guidance on an additional inmate telephone RFP selection process.

Praeses keeps the Sheriff's Office up to date on all ruling by the Federal Communications Commission and has helped the Sheriff's Office obtain an inmate telephone contract that provides the lowest cost of telephone usage for inmates and families while yielding revenue for the Inmate Welfare Fund.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes – Inmate Welfare Fund

Fiscal Analysis:

This contract is paid out of the Inmate Welfare Fund and does not affect the General Fund.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board, Please send an official Minute Order to the Sheriff's Office, Attention Cathy Dorsey.

Attachments:

Contract with Exhibits A, B, C, D between County of Santa Barbara (Sheriff) and Praeses

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