



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Sheriff's Office
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: March 20, 2012
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 15 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Sheriff Bill Brown
Director
Contact Info: Douglas A. Martin, CFO ext. 4293

SUBJECT: Approve Sole Source Purchase of Prescription Medication

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Purchasing

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors approves the Sole Source request for the Sheriff's Office to purchase medication for an inmate who has a life threatening condition from DRG Pharmacy located in Oxnard, California.

Summary Text:

The Sheriff's Office is mandated to provide emergency and basic health care services to all inmates incarcerated in their facilities. The costs for these services are projected and integrated into the Sheriff's annual budget.

Earlier this year, a Santa Barbara county resident was arrested and charged with several felonies. At this time he is unable to post bail. Due to the severity of his alleged crimes, it is likely he will remain in custody for an extended period of time.

This inmate has a life threatening condition which requires that he receive a dose of a very costly medication three times a week. The cost of each dose of medication is \$2,760. On occasion, the individual has complications with his condition and additional doses of medication are required to treat the complications. It is estimated that the yearly cost of the medication (including regular and additional doses) will be approximately \$510,048.

DRG Pharmacy specializes in assisting individuals who have the same life threatening condition as the inmate that is currently in our custody. DRG Pharmacy is able to provide the necessary medication at a

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

lower cost than our current contract pharmacy or any other local pharmacy. It is recommended that the bidding procedures be waived and that the purchase of drug from DRG Pharmacy be approved.

Background:

The Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with Corizon Health Services and County Purchasing, have contacted Medi-cal, County Public Health, GHPP (the inmate's prior medication funding source), and Baxter Pharmaceuticals, the manufacture of the medication, in an attempt to obtain assistance in funding this very costly medication. All attempts have been unsuccessful.

Baxter Pharmaceuticals suggested that we contact DRG Pharmacy. This Pharmacy is located in Oxnard, California and specializes in assisting individuals who have the same life threatening condition as the inmate that is currently in our custody.

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative:

The Sheriff's Office budgets \$450,000 a year for the purchase of prescription medication provided to inmates. Since it is estimated that the yearly cost of the medication (including regular and additional doses) will be approximately \$510,048, the budget for this expense will quickly become overwhelmed.

The Sheriff's Office will work with the CEO to mitigate the cost of this drug on the department's financial condition. However, it is possible that the Sheriff may return to the Board with a request for additional funds to cover this extraordinary cost.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

N/A

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Please send a copy of the minute order to Gloria Ness, Purchasing, General Services, Lt Lisa Bondiotti, Sheriff's Office, and to Douglas Martin, CFO, Sheriff's Office.

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