



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: December 2, 2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

14-00888

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sheriff's Office Bill Brown (Ext. 4290) 
Contact Info: Lieutenant Tim McWilliams (Ext. 4047)

SUBJECT: Inmate Calling Solutions Contract Extension

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

1. That the Board of Supervisor's authorize the Sheriff to enter into a contract extension (the Third Amendment) on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara with Inmate Calling Solutions (ICSolutions) for the period from December 05, 2014 to June 5, 2015.
2. 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:

This is a revenue contract, whereby ICSolutions installs, maintains and collects revenue from the use of telephones in the Custody Facility. The Sheriff's Office receives a commission on the sales of telephone services, which is placed in the Inmate Welfare Fund (Fund 0075) for the benefit of the inmates. This amendment to the contract (the third amendment) extends the contract expiration date to June 5, 2015. All other terms and conditions of the existing contract plus the first two amendments remain in force.

Currently, there is concern that the ability to collect revenue related to the inmate phone system may change significantly due to the recent proposals by the FCC that would eliminate the ability of the Sheriff to receive revenues generated by the inmate phone system. For this reason, we have elected to extend the contract for six-months rather than one (1) year. We will continue to monitor the FCC rulings and prepare an RFP for future inmate telephone services.

Background:

The Sheriff's Office, Custody Division has maintained inmate telephone privileges for many years. Vendors contracted to provide telephone services for persons incarcerated in the County Jail, must provide all inside wiring for the inmate telephones, install the inmate telephones, and the related hardware and software/firmware to enable inmates to make auto-collect local and long distance, pre-paid local and long distance and/or debit local, long distance and international calls. The vendor collects the revenue from the sales of prepaid cards and the use of the telephone system installed. The Sheriff's Office receives a commission on the sales incurred, which is placed in the Inmate Welfare Fund (Fund 0075).

All revenues generated from the purchase of inmate telephone calls are deposited into the Inmate Welfare Fund. The money deposited in the Inmate Welfare Fund shall be expended by the Sheriff primarily for the benefit, education and welfare of the inmates confined within the jail. The Sheriff's Treatment Program, Inmate Education Program, Legal Research Program and others are funded through the Inmate Welfare Fund.

On December 6, 2010, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office entered into a contractual agreement with Inmate Calling Solutions through December 5, 2013 with two additional one (1) year terms. Upon exercising the extension option, all terms and conditions, requirements and specification of the Agreement are to remain the same and apply during the renewal terms.

On August 1, 2011 the Sheriff's Office developed the first amendment to the contract with ICSolutions redefining sections of the contract relating to the use of debit cards by inmates with the phone system.

On April 1, 2014 your Board executed a second amendment to the Contract with ICSolutions exercising the first option to extend the contract for an additional one (1) year term to December 5, 2014 plus other changes (#14-00261).

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

This is a revenue generating contract only. The Sheriff's Office Inmate Welfare Fund receives a portion of the revenue generated by the calls made by the inmates. Annual revenues to the Inmate Welfare Fund vary between \$500,000 and \$600,000 per year and are recognized in Fund 0075, line item 3402. This constitutes about 50% of the revenue for the Inmate Welfare Fund.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board, Please send an executed copy of the Third Amendment to the Sheriff's Office, Attention Cathy Dorsey.

Attachments:

Third Amendment of contract between Santa Barbara County and Inmate Calling Solutions, LLC Copy of Original contract.

Copy of First Amendment.

Copy of Second Amendment

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