



Agenda Item Summary

File #: 23-00098

Agenda Date: 5/23/2023

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Jail Inmate Telephone System Scope of Services

Presenter:

Carl Smart, Deputy County Manager, 352-374-5204

Description:

Jail Inmate Telephone System Scope of Services

Recommended Action:

Approve the Scope of Services for the Jail Inmate Telephone System

Prior Board Motions:

April 6, 2023 - Inmate Telephone System

1. To eliminate the subsidy of the County portion of the phone calls immediately/as soon as possible. (This will result in the cost per call being reduced by 9 cents cheaper.)
2. Work with the Sheriff to negotiate a plan to implement free phone calls by October 1, 2023. (A no cost option. This means without enhancing the infrastructure for the system.)
3. Exercise the option to terminate the contract with Securus and work with the Sheriff to write a Request for Proposals (RFP) as soon as possible for phones to be free at the Jail.
4. Staff to make necessary amendments with Securus to implement this plan. The funding source will be the Sheriff Carry Forward Funds or vacancy funds.

April 25, 2023 – Inmate Telephone System

Direct that staff bring the Request for Proposals (RFP) with the Sheriff's input to the Board by May 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. or as soon as possible

Fiscal Note:

No fiscal Impact at this time

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Background:

At the October 11, 2022, Regular Board Meeting of the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, while discussing the jail inmate telephone charges, Commissioners were also interested in discussing how to reduce other inmate costs.

On April 6, 2023, Staff returned with presentations on both inmate medical Fee and the Jail Inmate Telephone System.

Since that date, the Board approved Amendment 7 of the Securus Technology agreement reducing inmate medical calls to 0.12 cents per minute with the goal of free phone calls on October 1, 2023. The Board approved the elimination of the 0.09 cents County subsidy from the original 0.21 cents per minute call. County and Sheriff/Jail staff have met to review and agree upon the Scope of Services for the Jail Inmate Telephone Services Request for Proposal.