

## Inmate Telephone System

April 6, 2023, motion was passed to:

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.

Update on the progress on the Inmate Telephone System.

At the April 25, 2023, Board meeting, the Board approved the 7<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Securus Technology Agreement.

- a. The Provider will reduce all calling rates to \$0.12 per minute.
- b. The County will transition to an “agency paid” model whereby the Provider will bill the County \$0.12 per minute for all calls made, on a monthly basis; and
- c. Calls will be free to incarcerated individuals.

On May 8, 2023, a meeting including County, Sheriff and Jail staff was held to review the Scope of Services to be submitted in the Request for Proposal (RFP).

On May 8, 2023, a sample RFP was provided to the Sheriff and Jail staff to review the scoring criteria. Awaiting input on RFP scoring criteria.

On May 11, 2023, Sheriff and Jail staff emailed changes to the Scope of Services. Changes were incorporated into the Scope of Services..

Once all information is received, Procurement will complete the RFP for distribution.

### RFP Timeline (Tentative)

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| • Board Approves Scope of Services       | May 23, 2023   |
| • OpenGov Release Project Date           | June 7, 2023   |
| • RFP Rankings back to the Board         | September 2023 |
| • Final Contract back for Board Approval | October 2023   |