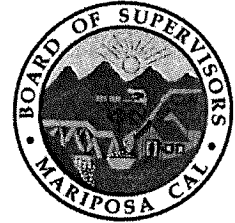




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## RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-47

MEETING: January 27, 2015  
TO: The Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Rick Peresan, Technical Services Director  
RE: Video Arraignment

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### RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the purchase and installation of a new video arraignment solution for Mariposa County at the Jail and the Mariposa County Courthouse. The Department is requesting that the Board approve the purchase/installation of the video arraignment hardware and software from the same vendor that provided the sound system for the Board of Supervisors chambers. The Board of Supervisors has the authority to require a department to obtain three bids if they deem it in the public's interest.

Please see the attached memorandums for additional information regarding this request.

### BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has in the past not required three bids and specifically with this vendor for the implementation of the Board Chamber audio system.

### ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The project will be delayed until bids can be obtained from additional, unknown vendors.

### ATTACHMENTS:

Video Arraignment (PDF)  
150112 HSRPC Review-Video Conferencing in Courthouse signed (PDF)

### CAO RECOMMENDATION

Requested Action Recommended

*Mary Hodson*  
Mary Hodson, Interim CAO 1/21/2015

**RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

**SECONDER:** Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

**AYES:** Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier



## **MARIPOSA COUNTY TECHNICAL SERVICES**

To: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

From: Rick Peresan, Technical Services Director

Date: January 13, 2015

RE: Video Arraignment

The Community Corrections Program (CCP) Board, the Mariposa County Superior Court and the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office want to improve the video arraignment system. The current closed circuit system is cumbersome and requires technical knowledge to set up and operate. As such, it is rarely used.

Using a modern video arraignment system can save the County labor in transporting accused to and from the adult detention facility as well as avoiding potential officer and court safety situations.

Mariposa County Technical Services in conjunction with a local vendor ComTech presented a web based solution to the CCP Board. The Board has agreed to use Community Correction Program Funds in the amount of \$27,645.59 to implement the system.

On Monday January 12, 2015 I met with the Historic Sites and Records Preservation Commission to explain equipment installation at the Mariposa Courthouse for the video arraignment project. The commission unanimously approved the equipment placement as no structural or permanent changes are necessary.

The CCP Board has wide discretion in use of the funds. However, I ask the Board to waive the County policy of obtaining three bids for amounts in excess of \$3,000. I prefer to use the local vendor ComTech because:

- In previous projects with ComTech they have provided exemplary service at reasonable cost.
- They can provide support in the event of technical problems to alleviate further burden on staff.
- My experience with audio and visual professionals leads me to believe it is very unlikely we will find similar products and services at less cost.



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## MEMORANDUM

Date: January 16, 2015

To: Rick Peresan

From: Susan Hunter, Secretary 

Topic: Historic Sites and Records Preservation Commission Action on AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: Update on Courthouse Project from Technical Services

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At the January 12, 2015 Historic Sites and Records Preservation Commission meeting, the commissioners acted to recommend approval of your proposal to put video conferencing equipment in the courtrooms. As you described to the Commission, the visual impact of the new equipment will be minimal, as follows:

- The laptop will be placed on the Court Reporter's desk.
- The screen will be placed in the third row of the jury box behind the bench, and will only be seen while court is in session.
- The projector will be placed in the second or first row of the jury box behind the bench.

Please let me know if you need any additional information regarding the Commission's action on January 12, 2015.

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