RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2016-475

MEETING: September 13, 2016

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Doug Binnewies, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

RE: Legacy Inmate Telephone Service Agreement

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve a five-year Inmate Telephone Service Agreement with Legacy Inmate Communications to install and maintain an Inmate Communication Operating System (iCON); and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the Agreement.

On August 4, 2016 the Federal Communications Commission mandated new regulations for local and long distance inmate calling. Upon implementation of the new mandates and rates, the Sheriff’s Office decided to advertise via RFP to see how the inmate telephone industry was responding.

In addition to being interested in pursuing a financially successful partnership, the Sheriff’s Office has been interested in pursuing digital visitation to enhance the existing in-person visitation. Digital inmate visitation has been trending in the industry and has obvious benefits to the inmate population, their families as well as government.

A Request For Proposal (RFP) was advertised, which produced five proposals. One submitted proposal, presented by Legacy Inmate Communications, was chosen. Legacy Inmate Communications’ iCON’s proposal provided what appears to be better service, more options and a higher revenue commission. This iCON package is a complete turnkey inmate call management system.

Per California Penal Code section 4015 the revenue generated by the Inmate Telephone System is used to support Inmate Services and will be deposited into the Mariposa County Inmate Welfare Fund (361).

Penal Code Section 4025 (d) directs where the money, refund, rebates, or commission received from a telephone company or pay telephone provider will be deposited when the commission is attributable to the use of a pay telephones which are primarily used by inmate while incarcerated.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board of Supervisors typically supports the Sheriff’s Office direction specific to identifying successful providers of services to Jail functions.
ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Mariposa County could elect to stay with the current vendor reducing the level of service being provided for the inmates.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
No negative financial impact; Agreement generates revenue for Inmate Welfare Fund 361, which by statute is controlled by the Sheriff.

ATTACHMENTS:
Legacy Inmate Telephone Service Agreement (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson, CAO 9/6/2016

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier