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January 15, 2019

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Replace Obsolete Supervisory Tour and Recording System at the Correctional Facility

Honorable Members:

Attached, please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum from the Erie County Sheriff's Office seeking authorization to enter into an agreement for a new security recording system for the Erie County Correctional Facility, authorization to transfer telephone revenue funds, and a waiver from Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code.

Representatives of the Sheriff's Office will be available to answer any questions.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

Attachments

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Erie County Sheriff's Jail Management Division
Re: Replace Obsolete Supervisory Tour and Recording System at the Correctional Facility
Date: January 15, 2019

Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution requests authorization for and the Erie County Sheriff's Office Jail Management Division transfer \$283,364.57 from the Telephone Revenue Account to the appropriate Erie County Sheriff's Office and County accounts to purchase a new system for security and supervisory tour recording for the Erie County Correctional Facility. This system overhaul would replace the current system which is 30-years old and can no longer be upgraded or maintained.

The new security and recording system is a Black Creek system which will integrate seamlessly with other facility security systems and is also an approved vendor for the New York State bid system. Therefore, this resolution also seeks authorization to waive Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code to secure the system and services.

Fiscal Implications of Proposal

None to the 2019 budget or to the taxpayers of Erie County because the \$283,364.57 needed for the system will be transferred from Telephone Revenue account which has a current balance of \$600,975.00.

Reasons for Recommendation

The current supervisory recording system at the Erie County Correctional Facility is over 30-years old and has recently experienced issues with the electronic system. Although the Erie County and the Sheriff's Office have maintained and upgraded the existing system, the manufacturer can no longer provide upgrades which will cause additional system failures.

The correctional facility and the holding center use security and electronic record systems by Black Creek, and the Sheriff's Office needs a system that can integrate seamlessly into existing security systems to maintain proper security standards.

Consequences of Negative Action

Without a new system, the Erie County Sheriff's Office could not record the watch tours electronically and would be out of Commission of Corrections' compliance.

Steps Following Approval of Measure

Certified copies of the approved resolution are sent to the County Executive, the County Attorney, the Division of Budget and Management, the Division of Purchasing, the Erie County Comptroller's Office, and the Chief of Administration of the Sheriff's Office for implementation.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
JAIL MANAGEMENT DIVISION**

Re: Replace Obsolete Supervisory Tour and Recording System at the Correctional Facility

WHEREAS, the supervisory tour and recording system at the Erie County Correctional Facility is over 30-years old and is obsolete; and

WHEREAS, recently, the system experiencing persistent and random malfunctions and is not recording important information; and

WHEREAS, in the past, the system could be maintained with electronic and mechanical upgrades, but due to the age of the system the manufacturer can no longer provide timely upgrades; and

WHEREAS, this system maintains and electronically records mandatory watch tours throughout the Alden facility; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Holding Center and Correctional Facility utilize Black Creek for security and record management systems; and

WHEREAS, the system the Sheriff's Office is seeking to install, is provided by Black Creek which both facilities use and will bring continuity between the facilities; and

WHEREAS, using a supervisory and recording system manufactured by Black Creek would allow for quick and seamless system integration for the correctional facility; and

WHEREAS, the Black Creek and the Tour Application and Management System is an approved New York State Office of General Services – Procurement Services vendor and system is currently on the NYS bid list; and

WHEREAS, since the Black Creek system is an approved New York State vendor the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the Division of Purchasing are seeking a waiver of Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office would utilize Telephone Revenue funds to purchase the security and recording system which will eliminate any burden to the taxpayer or affect the 2019 Erie County Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby authorize the County Executive and the Erie County Sheriff's Office to enter into an agreement with Black Creek to

purchase a watch tour management system for the New York State bid price of \$283,364.51; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby waives the procedures, as impractical, provided for in Section 19.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code for the purposes of securing the needed security recording system for the Erie County Correctional Facility; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Erie County Sheriff's Office and Division of Budget and Management to transfer \$283,364.51 from the Telephone Revenue account to account #561410 (Lab & Tech Equipment); and be it further

RESOLVED, the Division of Budget and Management is authorized to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this transfer should there be any unforeseen issues; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Erie County Comptroller's Office is hereby authorized to release the designated funds and make payments as necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of the approved resolution are sent to the County Executive, the County Attorney, the Division of Purchasing, the Division of Budget and Management, the Erie County Comptroller's Office, and the Chief of Administration of the Sheriff Office for implementation.