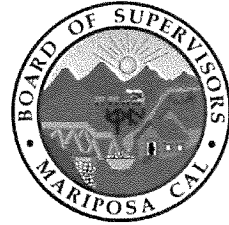


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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-95

MEETING: February 19, 2019

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Doug Binnewies, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

RE: Approve Fixed Asset Purchase for the Adult Detention Facility

Budget Action

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve the Purchase of One (1) ChemImage VeroVision Mail Screener for the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office Adult Detention Facility; Approve a Budget Action Transferring Funds Within the Probation and Sheriff's Budget to Cover the Cost (\$138,841.26 total cost S&H and CA Tax).

This item is being submitted to the Board of Supervisors to authorize the purchase of a specialized mail screener for the detection of illicit substances in the Adult Detention Facility. The funding for this mail screener is provided through the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) and will have no impact to the current FY General Fund.

The VeroVision Mail Screener is a state of the art innovative sensor system that can quickly, easily and objectively detect drugs concealed in inmate mail. Unlike other contraband detection methods, VeroVision Mail Screener takes the guesswork out of mail screening. If an illicit material is detected, the identity function can give the user a Presumptive Identification of the questionable material in a couple minutes.

One of the many inmate services provided by the Sheriff's Office Adult Detention Facility is the handling, screening and delivery of inmate mail. The Adult Detention Facility handles many pieces of inmate mail each year. Written letters can be an important and inexpensive way to maintain a close relationship with someone who is incarcerated. All mail entering and leaving the jail facility is searched for contraband and the writing is scanned for security issues. In the case of "legal mail" between an inmate and the inmate's attorney, professional staff checks the correspondence for contraband but does not read or scan with the human eye. The mail screener does not violate the provisions of legal mail and only detects for illegal/illicit controlled substances.

Inmate mail is a primary method of transferring drugs and other illicit/illegal controlled substances into secure detention facilities. Addiction in the detention population nationally is at a high level and the interception of controlled substances through mail scanning is critically important to maintaining the safety and security of our detention facilities. Drugs entering correctional facilities are a known problem within the correctional community. Visual inspection of the mail can reveal a suspicious looking powder or a letter adhesive that looks like water has been applied to it. These findings are obvious red flags to most inspectors, but visual cues are not fail-proof and traditional testing of the mail is time-consuming.

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The VeroVision Mail Screener by ChemImage Sensor Systems is currently the only technology on the market designed to quickly test mail using light (spectral imaging) to detect illicit/illegal drugs. Using the VeroVision Mail Screener, staff will be able to detect the not-so-obvious presence of an illegal/illicit controlled substance such as methamphetamine, heroin, PCP or cocaine. The mail screener will detect both visible and non-visible drugs that may have been folded or concealed within the paper.

The use of the VeroVision Mail Screener features a simple, one-click detection interface that allows the operator to quickly scan mail and clearly confirm the existence of an illicit/illegal controlled substance. The mail screener uses near-infrared light to reveal what cannot be seen with the human eye. This light penetrates stamps, paper, crayons and other substances used to hide contraband in the mail and identifies the compounds present. The screener detects illegal drugs and common cutting agents by using high-resolution spectral data and makes a presumptive identification of the substance detected. Once detected, and the substance identified, that mail can be restricted and possibly result in further investigation and arrest of the sender. The use of this technology will significantly improve the health and safety inside of our public safety facilities by eliminating drugs and other smuggled contraband from the inmate mail system.

The VeroVision Mail Screener is a sole source product, manufactured, sold and distributed exclusively by ChemImage Corporation. No division of ChemImage, nor any other company, makes a similar or competing product. This product must be purchased directly from ChemImage. The VeroVision Mail Screener is being purchased from the sole vendor which also handles and warranties installment, training and product warranty in addition to ongoing software upgrades to keep up with the every changing world of illicit drugs, synthetics and dangerous substances. The Mail Screener has an estimated productive ten year life span.

A one year comprehensive service agreement for unlimited software updates, parts, labor and software drug library updates is supported by the initial purchase of the Mail Screener. After one year of install and operation, additional annual extended comprehensive service agreements are recommended which when/if we choose to participate will be available at a discounted rate. Currently the annual service agreement is \$11,900 per year. This includes the CSSA discount. I recommend this extended service agreement is pursued and if so we will be invoiced at a later time.

The Community Correction Partnership (CCP) has met supports this purchase with the annual extended comprehensive service agreements. The CCP has the funds identified in their FY18-19 Fixed Assets to support this purchase. The attached Budget Action Form identifies CCP budget lines for acquiring this item in full. This purchase will have no impact to the General Fund. The extended comprehensive service agreements can be discussed in the future budgeting FY when applicable.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has supported the CCP program and authorized major equipment purchases to enhance public safety in this venue.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

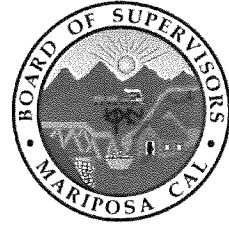
Not support this purchase and professional staff will continue to inspect inmate mail visually.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:



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No General Fund Impact; CCP will fund entire purchase and annual maintenance agreement.

10/09/12 001-0228-542-0440 · Equipment Maintenance \$0.00

ATTACHMENTS:

ChemImage Quote & Optional Extended Warranty for One Additional Year (PDF)

ChemImage Sole Source Justification(PDF)

Budget Action Form - Mail Screener Total (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey

BUDGET ACTION FORM

FUND	DEP/DIV	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT	INCREASE	DECREASE
001	0220	309.16.00	Other Financing Sources/Transfers In		(138,841)	
432	0272	613.07.87	CCP Transfer Out Line		138,841	
001	0220	531.06.47	Vero Vision Mail Screener		138,841	
432	0272	613.06.50	Jail Expansion			138,841
TOTALS					138,841	138,841

TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS					DEBIT	CREDIT
TOTALS					0	0

ACTION REQUESTED: (Check all that apply)

Budget appropriation by Board of Supervisors (4/5ths Vote Required): Amending the total amount available in the county budget, or in any one fund of the budget , or transferring appropriation from Contingencies

Transfer by Board of Supervisors (3/5ths Vote Required): Moving existing appropriations from one budget to another, or between categories within a budget unit;

DEPT HEAD SIGNATURE *Pete Judge* DATE 2/11/2019
 APPROVED BY RES NO. 19-95 CLERK *Luci LaRocca* DATE 2-19-19

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