

WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) REQUEST FORM

Date: 6-7-21

Weekly Agenda Date: 6-15-21

ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: Sheriff Chad Sheehan

WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Information and approval on a joint purchase of a new Record Management System (RMS) with the City of Sioux City and WCICC

ACTION REQUIRED:

Approve Ordinance

Approve Resolution

Approve Motion

Give Direction

Other: Informational

Attachments

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Comments:

The Woodbury County Sheriff's Office, the Sioux City Police Department and the Woodbury County Communications Center work within an AS/400 computer environment to database information. Each agency then utilizes a component of the HTE/Sungard product named, CRIMES, JALAN and CAD. The systems are separate but work together to provide dispatching services, law enforcement records management and the jail's arrest, booking and record keeping functions among many other things. The system(s) were purchased nearly twenty years ago and have greatly exceeded their useful life. While the systems serve to database our information, they do little else.

The iteration of product currently in use, is the oldest past offering of HTE/Sungard and has been replaced with entirely new systems many times since our original purchase. HTE/Sungard itself has undergone several different makeovers during this period and is now called Central Square. The products currently in use are still supported but are no longer being developed. Arguably, they were never developed beyond the originally purchased product, with the exception of patching to more current outside software packages.

BACKGROUND:

Technology has outpaced our current system. Information that takes many minutes to find currently, can be found in a fraction of the time. Moreover, information that we currently have, but are unable to draw connections between, becomes available due to the advancement in algorithms that compare data.

Digital information such as pictures cannot be transmitted or even stored in our current system. The communications center also lacks the ability to receive digital information from callers such as pictures and video. The currently available RMS Systems also provide additional features that would advance our efforts towards a seamless, paperless reporting system.

Each agency listed shares in the costs of the current system. A future purchase would require the participation of those agencies. Even before that, a commitment must be made to move forward in the process. To date, both the Sioux City Police Department and the Communications Center have expressed interest, after seeing the potential improvements. Conversations with SCPD have centered around a 50/50 cost sharing arrangement for purchase, licensing and support.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The overall cost of the project is \$1.5 million. The county's share of the cost is \$750,000.

IF THERE IS A CONTRACT INVOLVED IN THE AGENDA ITEM, HAS THE CONTRACT BEEN SUBMITTED AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR AND ANSWERED WITH A REVIEW BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE?

Yes No

RECOMMENDATION:

Discussion and action to use the proposed CIP request to fund this project.

ACTION REQUIRED / PROPOSED MOTION:

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