



# Monterey County

Item No.

## Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
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Adopt a Resolution to:

Approve and authorize the Auditor-Controller to amend the FY 2020-21 Sheriff-Coroner's Adopted Budget by increasing appropriations and estimated revenue by \$392,350, Fund 001, Appropriation Unit SHE003, financed by an operating transfer from 2011 Public Safety Realignment, Fund 022, Appropriation Unit PRO002 for the purchase of jail equipment. (4/5 vote required)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

On November 19, 2020, the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) approved the recommendation that additional funding in the amount of \$392,350, from the AB109 - 2011 Public Safety Realignment account be provided to the Sheriff's Office for reimbursement for the payment of jail safety equipment. Specifically, a mail screening system and a technology system that automates processes and documents correctional workflows.

Original budget of these equipment was approved in FY 2019-2020 and the Sheriff's Office started the procurement process during that year. However, receipt of these equipment was delayed, and this amount was not utilized in FY2019-2020. CCP approved the Sheriff's Office's request to augment the FY2020-2021 AB109 budget to cover payment of these equipment

Chemimage is a mail screening system costing \$160,370. As a result of the longer sentences from AB109, inmates have more time to coordinate the introduction of contraband into the facility through the U.S. Mail. Over the past several years, investigations have led to the discovery of methamphetamine-soaked paper. We have also experienced drug overdoses from Fentanyl that went undetected. To combat this increase, the jail is researching mail scanning devices that can detect drugs and other contraband. The jail would use this technology during the screening of mail before the mail is distributed to the inmates. This technology will help detect contraband and reduce the risk to mail screening personnel. This mail screener will increase facility security by empowering officers with technology that will help them identify illegal drugs hidden in the mail. The Chemimage system is currently used by the Mariposa County Jail, Lake County Jail, Santa Ana Police Department, Polk

County Jail in Oregon and several other public safety units.

The Guardian RFID system is a radio frequency identification technology costing \$231,980. This system is composed of a platform that uses radio-frequency identification technology to automate a wide range of correctional workflows and processes including documentation of welfare checks, inmate movement, program accountability, etc. Under the Hernandez v Monterey County settlement agreement, the Sheriff's Office is required to meticulously document many processes in the jail. Through the Guardian system, the Sheriff's Office will have the ability to document many of these requirements in real-time.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The County Administrative Office has reviewed this Report and the Budget Committee approved this request on December 16, 2020.

FINANCING:

The Sheriff's Office is asking support from the Board of Supervisors to approve the request in increase in appropriations by \$392,350 in Sheriff-Coroner's the FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget financed by an operational transfer from the AB109 - 2011 Public Safety Realignment account. There is no impact to the General Fund contribution.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

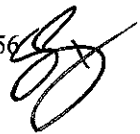
Promote an organization that practices efficient and effective resource management and is recognized for responsiveness, strong customer orientation, accountability, and transparency.

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health & Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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