



On July 20, 2020, prompted in part by the COVID-19 pandemic, FCC Chairman Ajit Pai sent a letter to the President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) “imploing NARUC and state regulatory commissions to take action on intrastate inmate calling services rates to enable more affordable communications for the incarcerated and their families.” NARUC-of which this Commission is a member-responded three days later, asking state utility commissions to review the rates and terms under which telecommunications services are provided to incarcerated people “and act, where appropriate.”

This amendment incorporates changes enacted by the CPUC and FCC. The CPUC and FCC reduced the cost that an inmate could be charged for a telephone call and associated fees.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The County Administrative Office, County Counsel and Auditor-Controller have reviewed. The Probation Department supports this amendment.

FINANCING:

MCSO places all funds generated by this contract into the Inmate Welfare Fund (IWF), where they are used for inmate welfare programs. Probation places all funds generated by this contract into the Juvenile Ward Trust Fund to be used solely for the benefit of the youth in custody at the Juvenile Hall and Youth Center, as per Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code 873, Section (d)These revenues are not used for general operational expenses. There is no cost to the County General fund associated with this recommendation.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

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

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Attachments:

- Board Report
- Attachment A - Telmate Agreement
- Attachment B - Amendment 1
- Attachment C - Amendment 2
- Attachment D - Amendment 3