

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

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| (1) DEPARTMENT Sheriff - Coroner | (2) MEETING DATE 2/26/2013 | (3) CONTACT/PHONE Ian Parkinson, 781-4540 | |
| (4) SUBJECT Submittal of Inmate Welfare Fund Statement of Operations for Fiscal Year 2011-12. | | | |
| (5) RECOMMENDED ACTION The Sheriff - Coroner requests the Board of Supervisors receive and file the attached "Statement of Operations" for the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund. | | | |
| (6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A | (7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00 | (8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00 | (9) BUDGETED? Yes |
| (10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____) | | | |
| (11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | | | |
| (12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) NA | | (13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A | |
| (14) LOCATION MAP N/A | (15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No | (16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date _____ | |
| (17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoffrey O'Quest, Administrative Analyst | | | |
| (18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts - | | | |

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sheriff - Coroner / Ian Parkinson
781-4540

DATE: 2/26/2013

SUBJECT: Submittal of Inmate Welfare Fund Statement of Operations for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

RECOMMENDATION

The Sheriff - Coroner requests the Board of Supervisors receive and file the attached "Statement of Operations" for the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund.

DISCUSSION

Per California Penal Code Section 4025 an Inmate Welfare Fund (IWF) is mandated to provide services essential to the benefit, welfare and educational needs of the inmates confined in the County Jail. Penal Code Section 4025(a) authorizes the Sheriff of each county to establish, maintain and operate a commissary in connection with the county jail and supply food, snacks, postage, writing materials, and toiletries items to sell for cash to inmates in the jail. Penal Code Section 4025 (e) requires the Sheriff to submit annually an itemized report of expenditures to the Board of Supervisors.

The inmate commissary is one of two primary sources of revenue for the IWF. In addition, telephone commissions are collected from collect calls made by inmates from the jail. These revenues are placed in an "Inmate Welfare Trust Fund" with authority for expenditures from this fund restricted to the Sheriff primarily for the benefit, education, and welfare of the inmates confined within the jail.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Services provided to the inmates are paid from the Inmate Welfare Fund at no cost to the County. The fund balance carried forward from FY 2010-11 in the amount of \$175,748 combined with \$357,158 in net FY 2011-12 revenues resulted in \$532,906 in fund balance available for the year. Total FY 2011-12 operating expenditures were \$269,165 plus \$4,448 in accounts payable clearing accounts for a total of \$273,613, resulting in an FY 2011-12 ending fund balance available of \$259,293. This reflected an increase in fund balance available for FY 2012-13 in the amount of \$83,545. See attached Inmate Welfare "Statement of Operations" detailing how the funds were spent in FY 2011-12.

RESULTS

During the FY 2011-2012, the Inmate Welfare Fund continued to promote behavioral and medical health services. Exit medication in the amount of \$24,366, reflecting ten months of payments, was provided to 126 inmates for 250 medication scripts. Community Health Centers (CHC) provides a ten day supply of psychotropic medication to mentally ill jail inmates who are released into the community. The continuance of psychotropic medication should allow for a stabilizing effect until the offender/patient is admitted to a community program. This practice assists the individual in resuming a normal life and ultimately reduces the burden of mentally ill patients on the criminal justice system.

Salaries and benefits in the amount of \$60,112 were paid from the Inmate Welfare Fund. This was for Storekeepers who operate the inmate commissary.

Inmate Welfare Funds allowed for the following purchases, reducing health and safety issues for the inmates and liability to the county:

1. Cost free transportation was provided to 2,204 inmates (this includes bus, and taxi transportation) being released from the county jail. It is the policy to provide transportation to indigent inmates released from the county jail.
2. Approximately \$40,041 was spent to procure legal reference material for inmates, providing inmates with required access to current and updated legal resources.
3. Funds in the amount of \$51,553 allowed 783 inmates to receive educational and vocational training for a total of 4,222 student hours. San Luis Coastal provides General Educational Development testing to inmates. While Cuesta College provides classes to the inmates in Adult Basic Education, English as a Second Language, Life Skills, Work Place Readiness Skills, and Vocational Computer Training.

During the past fiscal year the average daily jail population was 679 and 12,966 people were booked into the county jail.

ATTACHMENTS

1. FY 11-12 Statement of Operations
2. FY 11-12 Operating Statement