

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

(1) DEPARTMENT Sheriff - Coroner	(2) MEETING DATE 11/26/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Sheriff-Coroner / Ian Parkinson 781-4540	
(4) SUBJECT Request approval to increase the Segura Security Services Contract from \$50,000 to an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for FY 2013-14.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Board approve an increase to the contract with Segura Security Services from the original amount of \$50,000 to an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for FY 2013-14.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) AB109/General Fund	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT Up to \$350,000	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT TBD	(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) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input 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 Geoff 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: 11/26/2013

SUBJECT: Request approval to increase the Segura Security Services Contract from \$50,000 to an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for FY 2013-14.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that your Board approve an increase to the contract with Segura Security Services from the original amount of \$50,000 to an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for FY 2013-14.

## **DISCUSSION**

The County Jail's daily population has seen a steady increase in the average daily population (ADP). Due to the increase in inmate population, the demand for medical and mental health services has increased along with inmates being admitted to the hospital and County Mental Health. Due to the nature of the treatments not currently available at the jail, some of these hospitalizations have been for weeks at a time. The growth in ADP from approximately 550 to 700 amounts to a 27% increase. Of this population, approximately 30% are sentenced under AB109. The inmates sentenced under AB 109 are a contributing factor, but not the only cause of this increase which is inherent with the care and housing of any inmate.

Although Law Enforcement Medical Care (LEMC) provides health care coverage at the County Jail sometimes an inmate's medical or mental health condition necessitates hospitalization or transfer to County Mental Health. When an inmate is transported from the County Jail to the hospital the Sheriff's Office has an obligation to maintain public safety and ensure that the inmate does not escape. Depending on the inmate's risk to the public, the inmate is guarded by correctional deputies, private security or released from custody. The county incurs less overall costs by utilizing private security when the assessment of the inmate allows for this.

County Jail staff assesses each inmate requiring hospitalization for risk to public safety. This assessment includes reviewing the possibility of releasing the inmate utilizing GPS or working through a Court process when appropriate. For most inmates the assessment of the inmate's charges or criminal history reveals that the inmate is too high of a risk to public safety and they cannot be released. This requires either correctional deputies or private security to guard them while receiving the necessary care.

It is difficult to predict how many inmates will be hospitalized and how many will require a security detail. The inmate may require hospitalization from less than one (1) day to multiple weeks, twenty-four (24) hours a day. For FY 2013-14 through October, over \$128,000 dollars was spent providing contracted private security services for the inmates at the hospital. This far exceeds the yearly budgeted amount of \$65,000. Due to the unanticipated number of long term hospitalizations for the month of October, the billing for the month alone was \$45,000. One of the inmates who required long term hospitalization is an AB109 inmate that has incurred costs during FY 2013-14 to date of more than \$24,000. The cost of using security services, when appropriate, is less than the cost of correctional deputies. We will continue to evaluate the use of security services throughout the year and evaluate whether the past few months should be considered

an anomaly, or the new standard for the required services.

The table below shows the expenditures for the previous five years and also the costs to date with a projection if costs continue at the current rate.

<b>Contract Security Expenditures</b>							
	FY 2008-09	FY 2009-10	FY 2010-11	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14 Actual Costs	FY 2013-14 Projected Costs
General Fund	27,657	37,251	33,322	91,108	47,462	103,876	245,000
AB 109	-	-	-	8,947	10,994	24,751	105,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,657</b>	<b>37,251</b>	<b>33,322</b>	<b>100,055</b>	<b>58,456</b>	<b>128,628</b>	<b>350,000</b>

The existing contract with Segura Security Services was created through the RFP process in 2011 and the contract is eligible for extensions through June 2015. An original purchase order in the amount of \$50,000 was executed, which has already been exceeded. This request is to increase the contract / purchase order to an amount not to exceed \$350,000. Funding for this is from budgeted general funds (\$65,000), additional Community Corrections Partnership funds (\$105,000) and the balance will be funded from salary savings at year end. The need for funding security services at this level will be reevaluated as the year progresses to determine if we should continue with utilizing purchase order, or a contract for services next year.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

The Community Corrections Partnership, which recommends allocation of AB 109 Public Safety Realignment revenue, County Counsel and the Auditor-Controller were consulted on this item.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Funding for security services was originally budgeted at \$65,000 for FY 2013-14 and has already been exceeded. The Community Corrections Partnership has provided an additional \$105,000 in funding this year and the balance of this contract, if utilized, will be funded through savings in other accounts within the department's existing budget. If savings proves insufficient to offset the additional cost, the department may request a budget adjustment as part of the third quarter report, when such adjustments are typically brought to the Board.

**RESULTS**

Authorizing this contract amount increase will enable the Sheriff's Office to utilize Segura Security Services rather than correctional deputies for guarding inmates at local medical facilities. This meets the county's communitywide goal of a safe community.