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TO: Board of Supervisors
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Corrections
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SUBJECT: Amendment to Securus Professional Services Agreement No. 8054

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Corrections requests approval of and authorization for the Chairman to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 8054 with Securus Technologies, Inc. as a provision to provide video visitation between inmates incarcerated at the Napa County Jail and their minor children in the care of Child Welfare Services.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Director of Corrections requests approval of an amendment to an existing professional services agreement between Napa County and Securus Technologies, Inc., waiving the commission revenue remitted to the Department of Corrections on visitation sessions conducted between inmates in custody at the Napa County Jail and their minor children in the care of Napa County Child Welfare Services (CWS).

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	Napa County Child Welfare Services' budget will cover the cost of video visitation services based on actual usage.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Video visitation provides "face to face" communication between inmates and their minor children. Routine visits and communication between inmates and

their children are an essential part of maintaining family support systems for both inmates and their minor children. Napa County Child Welfare Services and the Napa County Department of Corrections support familial bonds between inmates in custody at the jail and their minor children.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: The Corrections Department's Inmate Welfare Fund typically receives revenue from inmate telephone calling and video visitation commissions. The sum of commissions based on video visitation between inmates and their minor children in the care of Child Welfare Services will be eliminated from the Inmate Welfare Fund's revenue. Child Welfare Services will be responsible for payment of video visitation usage on a monthly basis between inmates and their minor children at a reduced cost as no commissions will be applied to these visits.

Consequences if not approved: If the requested action is not approved, communications between inmates and their minor children will be limited to phone calls and U.S. Postal mail. Video visitation enables inmates and their minor children to see one another via video terminals as part of their visitation in a fashion similar to popular internet applications such as Skype or FaceTime. The ability for inmates and their children to see each other while conversing is an essential part of maintaining familial bonds.

Additional Information:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Napa County and Securus Technologies, Inc. are currently contracted by Professional Services Agreement No. 8054, effective January 7, 2014, in which Securus provides video visitation services for inmates incarcerated at the Napa County Jail. The proposed first amendment to this contract allows video visitation between inmates in custody at the Napa County Jail and their minor children in the care of Child Welfare Services (CWS) at a reduced cost per session. To make the services more cost effective to CWS, the Corrections Department is waiving commissions on video visitation fees which would otherwise be deposited in the Inmate Welfare Fund. The elimination of commissions on these specific video visits enables the vendor to provide CWS a lower cost of service and direct access to the system. Video visitation provides this "face to face" communication between inmates and their minor children. Routine visits and communication between inmates and their children are an essential part of maintaining family support systems for both inmates and their minor children.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Liz Habkirk