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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Britt Ferguson for Watt, Nancy - County Executive Officer
County Executive Office
REPORT BY: Molly Rattigan, Management Analyst, 253-4112
SUBJECT: Agreement with John Pearson

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with John Pearson for the term September 4, 2007 through June 30, 2008 for a maximum of \$50,000 for the provision of consulting services to the Director of Corrections and the Adult Criminal Justice Planning Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

John Pearson has served as the Interim Director of Corrections for the past year. On August 7, 2007, the Board of Supervisors appointed Julie Hutchens to serve as the Director of Corrections effective September 4, 2007. John Pearson has agreed to continue to serve the County in a consultant capacity in order to assist with the Director of Corrections transition and the continual work on the Adult Corrections System Master Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT

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| Is there a Fiscal Impact? | Yes |
| Is it currently budgeted? | Yes |
| Where is it budgeted? | Central Services |
| Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? | Discretionary |
| Discretionary Justification: | This item is discretionary in that there is no mandate for the provision of these services. However, John Pearson is an expert in the criminal justices system in Napa County and has devoted many hours to the Adult Corrections System Master Plan which is still in the process of being completed. Additionally, the incoming Director of Corrections will not have an Assistant Director to assist with her transition. Having served as the Interim Director of Corrections, Mr. |

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| | Pearson will be instrumental in this transition. |
| Is the general fund affected? | Yes |
| Future fiscal impact: | This contract expires on June 30, 2008. If needed, appropriations will be budgeted accordingly in future fiscal years. |
| Consequences if not approved: | If this agreement is not approved, the County will not be able to utilize John Pearson as a resource as it completes work on the Adult Corrections System Master Plan. Mr. Pearson would also not be available to assist with the Director of Corrections transition. |
| Additional Information: | None. |

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

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Based on the Grand Jury Report for Fiscal Year 2003-04 and continued monitoring of the current jail population, the Board directed staff to develop an Adult Corrections System Master Plan. The Plan will include among other things:

- | An analysis of historical trends in the adult corrections system, including an evaluation of what has driven population growth;
- | A profile of the current population in the system by such things as gender, pre-sentence vs post-sentence, most serious offense, risk category, and so forth;
- | An assessment of what the community wants in terms of the adult corrections system, including any policy and process changes that could be made;
- | A projection of future demand for corrections services over the next 20 years, categorized by type of service;
- | Recommendations concerning types and size of new programs; and
- | Capital and operating cost estimates for any recommended new programs.

Mr. Pearson's unique background and continued involvement with the criminal justice system will enhance the development of the Corrections Master Plan. As the County's previous Director of Corrections and prior to that the Criminal Justice Planner, Mr. Pearson is intimately familiar with the criminal justice system and corrections issues. Mr. Pearson has worked with County staff on a number of major projects including the development of a needs assessment for the new Juvenile Justice Center which resulted in the County being awarded a \$5 million grant from the Board of Corrections. Mr. Pearson will be paid \$70 per hour for a maximum of \$50,000.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan