

AGENDA ITEM:

BUDGET AMENDMENT TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF TO PRETRIAL SERVICES PROGRAM FOR ELECTRONIC MONITORING SERVICES

CURRENT STATUS:

Pretrial Services has been offering electronic monitoring in criminal cases since January of 2012. The Sheriff's Office is willing to provide the funding to continue electronic monitoring services in FY2013. This service is provided cooperatively by Pretrial Services Staff and the Communications and Patrol Divisions of the Sheriff's Office.

BACKGROUND SUMMARY:

Pretrial Services in cooperation with the Sheriff's Office began offering electronic monitoring services in criminal cases in January of 2012. Pretrial Services Staff provides case management and daily monitoring of defendants release from custody on electronic monitoring. The Sheriff's Office provides 24/7 communications and response for violations. From January until June 21 criminal defendants and 2 child support defendants have utilized the service. During that time period we saved 1076 jail days. Additionally, some of those released had medical conditions.

COMMUNITY IMPACT/INQUIRIES:

This service allows defendants to remain in the community while waiting for the case to be heard. Benefits include:

Reduced detention costs

Reduced medical expenses in the detention center.

Individuals are better able to participate in the preparation of their case.

Defendants can maintain employment.

Defendants can maintain family and community ties.

Defendants can seek assistance from community resources specific to their needs--

Mental health treatment, Substance Abuse Treatment, Medical Care,

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve budget amendment allowing transfer of funds from the Sheriff's Office to Pretrial Services. These funds will be utilized to pay for leased electronic monitoring equipment.

REVIEWED BY: FINANCE ___ LEGAL X PLANNING X MANAGER ___

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