

STAFF REPORT

<b>BOARD MEETING DATE:</b>	October 17, 2023
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**CATEGORY:** Consent Calendar 18

**SUBJECT:** Approve an agreement with Ardent Security for off-site inmate security services at locations other than the Shasta County Jail.

**DEPARTMENT:** Sheriff-Jail

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #:** All

**DEPARTMENT CONTACT:** Dale Marlar, Lieutenant, (530) 245-6134

**STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY:** Michael L. Johnson, Sheriff

<b><u>Vote Required?</u></b>	<b><u>General Fund Impact?</u></b>
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Simple Majority Vote

No Additional General Fund Impact

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve an agreement with Ardent Security to provide inmate security services at locations outside of the Shasta County Jail in an amount not to exceed \$330,000.00 for the period of two years effective date of signing.

**DISCUSSION**

To reduce impacts to jail staff and overtime expenses, the use of contracted security services can be beneficial at times while an inmate is outside the jail; a qualified professional must be present to guard the inmate and protect the public. Depending on the severity of an inmate's condition, the hospital stay may range from several hours to several weeks.

The Sheriff's Office had previously used another local vendor to provide these services, but the vendor became increasingly unable to provide staff leaving the Jail no alternative than to assign jail staff to cover this shortage.

**ALTERNATIVES**

The Board may choose to not approve the recommendation, request additional information from staff, or defer this matter to another date. Approving this agreement will reduce the need to have Sheriff's Deputies guard inmates while outside the Jail facility.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

The recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office. County Counsel and Risk Management has reviewed and approved the agreement as to form.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

For this Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Sheriff's Jail budget has \$60,000 appropriations for these services, which is anticipated to cover routine security expenses for the remainder of this fiscal year. While there is a possibility that unanticipated long term out-of-custody stays may require additional appropriation authority, the Sheriff has control over whether to utilize these services or utilize Sheriff Correctional Deputy staff instead as it has been doing over the past few years. Due to having a limited number of inmates housed at another contracted facility the balance of these appropriated funds can be used to cover any overage. Historical expenses for previous fiscal years for these services had been: \$32,580 in FY 2018-19, \$41,524 in 2019-20, and \$29,807 in FY 2020-21.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1: PSA Ardent Security