



County of Milwaukee
Office of the Sheriff

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Sheriff

Date: April 22, 2013

To: Supervisor Mark Borkowski, Chairman, Committee on Judiciary, Safety and General Services

From: Richard Schmidt, Inspector, Office of the Sheriff, Milwaukee County

Subject: **Notification of execution of a Contract with Government Payment Services, Inc. for the use of credit and debit cards for payment of bail and citations by citizens to the Office of the Sheriff (for information only)**

Background

The Office of the Sheriff submitted County Board File No. 11-473 for review by the Committee on Judiciary, Safety and General Services at its December 1, 2011 meeting. The Sheriff was requesting authority to execute a contract with Government Payment Services, Inc. for the use of credit and debit cards for payment of bail and citations by citizens.

Subsequent to that meeting, the Sheriff contacted Corporation Counsel regarding the need for a Request for Proposal for this contract since there are no payments made by the County nor any revenue collected by the County. Corporation Counsel indicated that an RFP was not required for this contract. In addition, Corp Counsel indicated this contract does not fall under the provision of 56.30 and since there is no exchange of county funds, County Board approval is not required. Therefore, the Sheriff has entered into a new contract with Government Payment Services, Inc. for the use of credit and debit cards for payment of bail and citations by citizens.

During 2012, The Office of the Sheriff did release two separate Requests for Proposals to solicit potential vendors and in response to both RFPs, Government Payment Services, Inc. was the only respondent.

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Contract Details

The Office of the Sheriff originally entered into a contract with Government Payment Services, Inc. in 2003 for the ability to accept credit and debit cards for bail payments. Possessing the ability to accept debit and credit cards allows people to bail out of custody faster. The contract has expired and the Sheriff wanted to enter into a new agreement with the company. The new contract term is for a one year period starting April 2, 2013 and ending April 1, 2014 with four one year automatic renewals unless terminated earlier.

Fee Schedule

The following table shows the proposed fees by Government Payment Services, Inc. The proposed fee for bail payments is 6%. The fee in the prior agreement for bail payments averaged 8.35%.

Type of Payment	Transaction Range	Via Web/GovSwipe	Via Call Center/Live Agent
Bail payments		6.0%	6.0%
Bail-Related Payments		3.5% Minimum = \$3.50	5.0% Minimum = \$5.00
Citations	\$0.01-\$50.00	\$1.50	\$5.50
Citations	\$50.01-\$75.00	\$1.75	\$5.75
Citations	\$75.01-\$100.00	\$3.00	\$7.00
Citations	\$100.01-\$150.00	\$4.00	\$8.00
Citations	\$150.01-\$200.00	\$5.00	\$9.00
Citations	\$200.01 & up	\$1.40 for \$50.00	\$1.40 for \$50.00



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