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(ITEM) From the Office of the Sheriff, requesting authorization to execute a Professional Services Contract with CenturyLink Public Communications, Inc., to provide a video visitation system for the Milwaukee County Jail at zero cost to Milwaukee County for a period of two years with two one-year renewal options, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 56, Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, the Sheriff is requesting authorization to execute an inmate video visitation system contract at the Milwaukee County Jail; and

WHEREAS, no vendor is currently under contract to provide an inmate video visitation system at the Milwaukee County Jail; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals was published on March 18, 2014, the site visit occurred on April 1, 2014, responses were received by April 28, 2014, an evaluation committee of four members reviewed and scored the four proposals, and CenturyLink Public Communications, Inc., ("CenturyLink") was scored the highest; and

WHEREAS, CenturyLink will provide a video visitation system to inmates incarcerated in the Milwaukee County Jail at zero cost to Milwaukee County and will maintain and support this system throughout the term of the contract agreement; and

WHEREAS, CenturyLink will not charge for video visitation at 11 designated public stations located at the Milwaukee County Jail; and

WHEREAS, the contract with CenturyLink will be for 24 months commencing on the date of activation of the video visitation system with two one-year renewal options for an additional third and fourth year; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, at its meeting of September 11, 2014, recommended adoption of the Office's request (vote 7-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of September 18, 2014, also recommended adoption of the Office's request (vote 9-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Office of the Sheriff is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with CenturyLink Public Communications, Inc., for the provision of an inmate video visitation system at the Milwaukee County Jail.

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