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## Office of the Sheriff

Jesse Jahner, Sheriff

Taylor Kaushagen – Commission Assistant Via email

Taylor,

Per my previous request for Commission Agenda on Monday August 5th...

Today was the closing date for proposals solicited for Inmate Communications at the Cass County Jail. We published an RFP in late June requesting, at minimum, proposals that would provide for inmate phone services, inmate video visiting, and then any other specific services, technology, or equipment offered by the vendor in relation to these services.

The RFP submission deadline was July 31, 2024. We received a total of eight (8) qualified proposals from various vendors. I have previously requested time on the agenda for Monday August 19<sup>th</sup> for commission action on these proposals.

For the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, I am requesting time for "information only" so I can provide the commission with a summary of the evaluation and recommendation process that we will undergo over the next two weeks, and to present a hard copy of each proposal that will be available for commissioners to review independently.

Per our existing contract, there is an automatic 1-year renewal if we do not otherwise notify the current vendor of non-renewal by August 30<sup>th</sup>, so the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be the last opportunity before that deadline for any action. I understand that the Commission must vote to approve a new contract, or to take no action, so my intent on August 5<sup>th</sup> is to provide information about process and options, and to inform regarding recommendations that we will present on August 19<sup>th</sup> after an opportunity to review the security, costs, equipment, and features of each proposal.

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