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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE: November 10, 2020**

**DATE:** October 7, 2020

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to reject bids for the Washoe County Sheriff Office  
Visitation Room Conversion Project pursuant to NRS 338.1385(6)(d).  
(Commission District 3.)

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### SUMMARY

The Washoe County Sheriff Office Visitation Room Conversion project generally consists of the remodel of visitation areas associated with Control Area 3 located within the Washoe County Sheriff Office detention facility at 911 Parr Boulevard. The planned remodel consists of the removal of dividers, including counters, glass and seats; replacing with individual private meeting rooms along with associated ventilation, electric and flooring needs.

Sealed bids for the Washoe County Sheriff Office Visitation Rooms Conversion Project were opened on September 25, 2020. The list of bids received for the project is as follows:

WCSO - Visitation Room Conversion	
Bidder	Base Bid
Walker River Construction Inc	\$431,978.41
Group West Construction, Inc	\$387,223.00
Bruce Purves Construction, Inc.	\$353,649.00
<b>Engineers Estimate</b>	<b>\$202,937.50</b>

The specific determination for this bid rejection per NRS Chapter 338.1385 (6) is:

(d) The public interest would be served by such a rejection.

The submitted bids far exceeds the engineer's estimate. Staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners reject the submitted bids pursuant to NRS 338.1385(6), which allows for rejection if the public interest would be served. Staff intends to make acceptable modifications to the project design to bring it within the project budget and then rebid the project.

**AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_**

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, secure and healthy communities.

**PREVIOUS ACTION**

There has been no previous action regarding this item.

**BACKGROUND**

The Washoe County Sheriff Office (WCSO) detention facility is located at 911 Parr Blvd. The existing phone style visitation areas between inmates and visitors creates unneeded risk and extra duties for the WCSO staff. Replacing the current phone style with video conferencing and updated technology will allow for a similar experience for inmates and visitors, while at the same time providing a more secure environment and reduced workload for WCSO staff. The conversion of the visitation area into meeting rooms allows for medical professionals, attorneys, and other visiting professionals to have safe and secure conversations with inmates. The meeting rooms will also allow for multiple meetings with professionals and inmates to occur simultaneously.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact with the rejection of bids.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject bids for the Washoe County Sheriff Office Visitation Room Conversion Project pursuant to NRS 338.1385(6)(d).

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to reject the bids for for the Washoe County Sheriff Office Visitation Room Conversion Project pursuant to NRS 338.1385(6)(d)."