



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 14, 2025

DATE: December 10, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to retroactively approve the Detention Services Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Washoe and the United States Marshals Service to house Federal Prisoners at the Washoe County Detention Facility, [to increase per diem rate from \$109 to \$160 and guard/transportation hourly rate from \$34 to \$82.92; estimated \$1,622,424 in fiscal year 2025 and \$1,769,917 per year thereafter in additional revenues for Washoe County, based on an estimated daily population of 95 U.S. Marshal's Service, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Bureau of Indian Affairs inmates; and if approved, authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The purpose of this agreement is to increase the per diem rate from \$109 to \$160 and guard/transportation hourly rate from \$34 to \$82.92 to house U.S. Marshal's Service, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Bureau of Indian Affairs inmates at the Washoe County Detention Facility. Due to staffing changes and the increased complexity of rate negotiation with the U.S Marshal's Office, the rates have not been updated since 2008. Rates will be updated every 36 months going forward.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability

PREVIOUS ACTION

On December 16, 2008 the Board approved agenda item #23, to increase per diem rate from \$83.51 to \$109.

On January 18, 2005 the Board approved agenda item #5-52 to increase per diem rate from \$70.00 to \$83.51.

On October 10, 2000 the Board approved agenda item #00-978 to increase per diem rate from \$64.46 to \$70.00.

On February 18, 1997 the Board approved agenda item #97-159 to approve a per diem rate of \$64.46.

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Sheriffs Office accepts and houses prisoners from the U.S. Marshal's Service, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Federal Government currently reimburses Washoe County at the rate of \$109 per inmate per day to house their inmates at our facility and a guard/transportation hourly rate of \$34. These rates have been in effect since 2008. Since that time the cost of maintaining inmates in the Washoe County Detention Facility has risen. The Washoe County Sheriff's Office has negotiated a change in the per diem rate we have with the U.S. Marshal's Office. The purpose of this negotiated change was to increase the amount of compensation paid for housing inmates in our facility.

FISCAL IMPACT

The implementation of this modification will result in an estimated \$1,144,639 in fiscal year 2025 and \$1,248,697 per year thereafter in additional revenues for Washoe County, based on an estimated daily population of 67 U.S. Marshal's Service inmates. Revenue received from federal incarceration per diem is reflected in 150900-431500 (Federal Incarceration) and guard/transportation hourly rate in 150900-485100 (Reimbursements).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners retroactively approve the Detention Services Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Washoe and the United States Marshals Service to house Federal Prisoners at the Washoe County Detention Facility, [to increase per diem rate from \$109 to \$160 and guard/transportation hourly rate from \$34 to \$82.92; estimated \$1,622,424 in fiscal year 2025 and \$1,769,917 per year thereafter in additional revenues for Washoe County, based on an estimated daily population of 95 U.S. Marshal's Service, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Bureau of Indian Affairs inmates; and if approved, authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Retroactively approve the Detention Services Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Washoe and the United States Marshals Service to house Federal Prisoners at the Washoe County Detention Facility, [to increase per diem rate from \$109 to \$160 and guard/transportation hourly rate from \$34 to \$82.92; estimated \$1,622,424 in fiscal year 2025 and \$1,769,917 per year thereafter in additional revenues for Washoe County, based on an estimated daily population of 95 U.S. Marshal's Service, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Bureau of Indian Affairs inmates; and if approved, authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement.]"