August 19, 2014

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 329
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: New Memorandum of Understanding between the Marin County Sheriff's Office and the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office to temporarily house up to fifteen (15) Sonoma County inmates in the Marin County Jail.

Dear Board Members,

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Marin County Sheriff’s Office to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sonoma County Sheriff’s Office to temporarily house up to fifteen (15) Sonoma County Inmates in the Marin County jail for a fee of $100.00 per inmate, per day, potentially generating annual revenue for the County of $547,500 per year.

SUMMARY:

The Sonoma County Sheriff’s Office is currently challenged by the ability to recruit and retain qualified Correctional Officers to staff their County Detention Facilities. This shortage of personnel has forced the Sonoma County Sheriff’s Office to close down housing units because they no longer have adequate staffing to properly care for the inmates who would normally have been housed there. For the past several months, the Sonoma County Sheriff’s Office has entered into agreements with neighboring counties to house inmates on a temporary basis in order to avoid the need for early prisoner releases that would otherwise be required because of the limited bed space now available at the Sonoma County Jail.

The Marin County Jail has a rated capacity of 376 inmates. The average daily population in our jail for the past four months has been 287 inmates. Because of this current availability of bed space, the Marin County Sheriff’s Office has agreed to house a maximum of fifteen (15) inmates per day for the Sonoma County Sheriff’s Office. Only inmates convicted of low level crimes,
who pose a low level of risk, and who have no known medical or psychological issues, will be housed under this agreement. Should the Marin County Sheriff’s Office have need for additional bed space during the term of this agreement, the Sonoma County Sheriff’s Office agrees to reduce their inmate population, as needed.

**FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT:**

The Sonoma County Sheriff’s Office agrees to pay the County of Marin the rate of $100.00 per day, per inmate. This rate is consistent with what is being paid to neighboring Bay Area agencies for housing other Sonoma County inmates and is far in excess of the nominal cost of housing inmates in the Marin County Jail.

This agreement terminates on June 30, 2019. The County has the ability to cancel the contract with a 30-day notice should our housing needs change. The Marin County Sheriff’s Office will work with the County Administrators Office to adjust our FY 14-15 budget to recognize this unanticipated revenue. The Marin County Sheriff’s Office will use existing staff to house the inmates under this contract.

**REVIEWED BY:**
[X] County Administrator [ ] N/A
[X] County Counsel [ ] N/A
[ ] Department of Finance [X] N/A
[ ] Human Resources [X] N/A

**SIGNATURE:**

Robert T. Doyle
Sheriff-Coroner