

# District Attorney county of tulare agenda item

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

KUYLER CROCKER District One

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AGENDA DATE: February 26, 2019

Public Hearing Required Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk Published Notice Required Advertised Published Notice Meet & Confer Required Electronic file(s) has been sent Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached Personnel Resolution attached Agreements are attached and signature	Yes N/A X   Yes Yes Yes   Yes Yes   Yes Yes </th					
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CONTACT PERSON: Robert Dempsie PHONE: 636-5494						

SUBJECT: Approve a Capital Asset purchase.

# REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Approve the capital asset purchase of one storage server for digital forensic evidence in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.
- Approve the necessary budget adjustments per the attached AUD 308 (4/5ths vote required).

## SUMMARY:

The District Attorney's Digital Forensic Investigations Unit offers extensive expertise on the forensic examination of computers, tablets and cell phones; devices which often contain evidence that can be used in a criminal case. These devices are used in the commission of myriad crimes – from murder, to sex abuse, to white collar crime, to vehicular manslaughter.

The storage server will serve two important purposes: 1) The FIU is currently preparing to become an accredited digital forensic service provider, and storing all forensic evidence on a private, secure storage server is one of the required elements for accreditation. 2) Currently, this evidence is being stored on numerous external hard drives, which are susceptible to heat, dust, and other damaging effects. This can potentially destroy important evidence, compromising criminal cases.

The evidence server will be in what is known as a RAID format (redundant array of independent disks), which will ensure the integrity of the evidence, even if the hard drive of a device must be replaced. The server will allow the FIU to archive evidence

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from any forensic device within their network. It will also allow quicker access to evidence files for process and discovery.

The quote for the server is in the amount of \$10,721.13. The department is requesting the amount not exceed \$12,000, which allows for a contingency of \$1,278.87 for unforeseen modifications in the quote amount, shipping, or sales tax.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no additional Net County Cost associated with this request. The total cost of the storage server will not exceed \$12,000. Per the attached AUD 308, the department is requesting a budget adjustment to move appropriations from special departmental expenses to capital assets in its approved FY 2018/2019 budget.

## LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year Strategic Business Plan and Management System include Safety and Security initiatives to provide for the safety and security of the public. The purchase of this storage server will protect the integrity of digital forensic evidence used to prosecute criminals and help to fulfill this initiative.

# ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Robert Dempsie Assistant District Attorney

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) AUD 308

# BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE A CAPITAL ASSET PURCHASE

UPON MOTION OF SUI	PERVISOR	, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR				
, THE FOLLOWING	WAS ADOPTED BY	THE BOARD OF	SUPERVISORS,	AT AN		
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AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

ATTEST:	JASON T. BRITT
	COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
	CLERK BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY:

**Deputy Clerk** 

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- Approved the necessary budget adjustments per the attached AUD 308 (4/5ths vote required).

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