



**Probation Department
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: August 25, 2020

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Steven Horton PHONE: (559) 735-1554				

SUBJECT: Approve an agreement with BI Incorporated.

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with BI Incorporated in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, to provide electronic monitoring equipment to adult and juvenile offenders. This agreement is retroactive due to prolonged negotiations and inadvertent delays in processing, preparing and submitting this agenda item;
2. Find that the Board had the authority to enter the proposed agreement as of July 1, 2020 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date; and
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the agreement.

SUMMARY:

Since 2000, BI, Incorporated has provided electronic monitoring equipment and services to a population of non-violent, low-to-medium risk offenders. The electronic monitoring program through BI, Incorporated, allows qualified offenders to live with and care for their families, remain in school and/or maintain employment while serving custody time independent of a jail facility. Defendants sentenced by the Court voluntarily apply through the Probation Department to be granted the opportunity to participate. Participants must voluntarily agree to wear an electronic monitoring device and abide by the terms and conditions of the program. Electronic monitoring options include Global Positioning (GPS) and Transdermal Alcohol

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Device monitoring. The fees for voluntary electronic monitoring services are paid by the offender. During FY 2019-2020, 647 offenders were placed on the electronic monitoring program.

In addition to the services above, clients that are participating in a jail program may be qualified to be released early on electronic monitoring for their remaining custody time. Likewise, clients who are released from prison and are supervised under Post-Released Community Supervision are also placed on electronic monitoring for 30 days after release. Cost associated with this are paid using AB 109 funding.

In the same manner, clients that are released by the Court pending court proceedings are placed on electronic monitoring, which is paid for by funding from the Pretrial Pilot Program.

Moreover, BI Incorporated has been providing juvenile electronic monitoring equipment and services for juvenile offenders released from the Tulare County Juvenile Detention Facility by the Court that are pending further hearing and/or following Court disposition since July 2013.

Electronic monitoring has proven to be a valuable resource in helping to facilitate successful transition from confinement to the community. Supervision services are provided for juvenile offenders released on probation requiring electronic monitoring. The majority of these juveniles are subject to terms and conditions of probation that include: gang terms, search/test clauses, counseling requirements, the payment of victim restitution, and restitution fines. During Fiscal Year 2019-20, 348 juvenile offenders were placed in the electronic monitoring program.

The Tulare County Superior Court has recognized the value of the advanced electronic monitoring equipment, which includes an increased capacity to monitor the activities of juvenile offenders, to promote personal responsibility and leading to an expected reduction in recidivism. Accordingly, the Court has directed the Probation Department to implement, to the highest degree possible, the use of the advanced monitoring equipment for monitoring juvenile offenders.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The Agreement with BI Incorporated for adult and juvenile electronic monitoring equipment from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 is estimated to cost \$250,000 for FY 2020-21. Adult electronic monitoring equipment expenses will be paid by AB 109 funding and Pretrial Pilot Program funding with the remaining services expenses paid for by the offenders. Costs associated with juvenile electronic monitoring equipment are offset by revenue received under the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act. Both are included in the Probation Department's requested operational budget for FY 2020-21. There will be no additional net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:


The County's five-year strategic business plan includes the Safety and Security

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initiative. The Public Safety Realignment Act and the electronic monitoring program support the goal of promoting personal responsibility and public safety.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Michelle Bonwell

Chief Probation Officer

CC: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) BI Incorporated Agreement (3)

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN)
AGREEMENT WITH BI INCORPORATED.) Resolution No. _____
) Agreement No. _____
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UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

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

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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