



CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

FISCAL NOTE

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

SPONSOR: Council President Hodge at the request of the County Executive

RESOLUTION NO. 47-2016 -- Supplemental Appropriation - Information Technology Internal Fund - Detention Center - Wifi

SYNOPSIS: A resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 in order to provide the Information Technology Internal Services Operating Expense Budget with \$115,000 of capital expenditure authority and \$5,750 of operating revenue and expense appropriation authority to install Wi-Fi at the Detention Center, which will result in the need to appropriate \$5,750 of General Fund balance to provide the departmental expenditure by the Detention Center for the depreciation of the asset in the first year.

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY: The direct net fiscal impact to the County is \$5,750, which is the half-year depreciation expense to be borne by the Detention Center, assuming a ten year useful life of the capital expenditure of the installation of the Wi-Fi.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The Jail Management System (JMS) was part of the County's \$2,000,000 Sungard Public Safety project to replace the CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) System in order for better communication and efficiencies between the Sheriff's Office and Emergency Services. As part of the system hand held scanners were issued to officers in order to track inmate movement. Currently, the information captured on the scanners is unreliable due to untimeliness of the information because the Officers have to return to an office which has a computer in order to download the information. All of this information will be captured in real time with a wireless connection. The ability for real time information creates a safer environment for our Officers.

The Medical Unit converted to a paperless system but has no access to information when an inmate is on medication pass. Wireless internet would allow them to look up inmate information during med-pass and would therefore cut down on the amount of sick calls needed on any given day.

The Assistant Commander of Operations is required to do CDC (Center Discipline Committee) hearings either in the library or visitation, taking notes and then later in the day, enter those notes into the JMS

system. With wireless internet, he could enter information into JMS in real time; therefore, would not have to perform all work twice. This applies to anyone doing CDC hearings in the absence of the Assistant Commander of Operations.

The same points articulated for the CDC hearings would also apply to the process that is required when supervisors conduct the investigation on Disciplinary Reports, i.e., work would not have to be duplicated by transferring notes onto a computer.

The Operations Commander and First Sergeant have offices in the back of the facility but they receive a large amount of their information through facility iPhone. Cell signal in the facility is spotty at best. Connecting those phones to a wireless internet connection would improve communication.

Wireless internet will allow the use of laptops which can be used for briefings or other meetings without having to group around a desktop computer.