

Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Joint resolution to enter into a contract with Global Tel*Link (GTL), Falls Church, Virginia to provide phone, video visitation, tablets for the inmates and kiosks for the payment of bond for the Lake County Jail.

- The current contract is expiring after the initial two-year term and the Sheriff's Office is requesting to enter into a new contract to provide inmate phones, video visitation, inmate tablets and kiosks for the payment of bond for inmates.
- Inmate phone services are provided by the Lake County Jail through a contract that provides revenue for inmate welfare through a commission rate based on gross revenue for telephone calls, video visitation and premium content ordered on tablets.
- The Sheriff's Office issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to identify a qualified firm to provide an inmate phone, video visitation, inmate tablets and kiosks for payment of bond for inmates and the RFP was extended to 22 vendors and proposals were received from six vendors.
- Inmates will be charged \$.07 per minute for phone calls, a 53 percent decrease from current rates and will receive one free five-minute phone call per week. Video visitation will cost \$.25 per minute, a slight increase, but will not be sold in block times and inmates will be charged a flat \$.05 per minute of premium content on the tablets. There are no funding fees for these three services.
- In accordance with the evaluation criteria established in the RFP, the selection review team
 consisting of the Sheriff's Office, Facilities, Finance and the Circuit Clerk reviewed and
 determined that the proposal submitted by Global Tel*Link of Falls Church, Virginia, is the
 most qualified and favorable proposal for Lake County.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, inmate phone services are provided by the Lake County Jail through a contract that provides revenue for inmate welfare through a commission rate based on gross revenue for telephone calls, video visitation, and premium content ordered for movies; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to identify a qualified firm to provide an inmate phone, video visitation, inmate tablets and kiosks for payment of bond for inmates and the RFP was extended to 22 vendors and proposals were received from six vendors; and

WHEREAS, Inmates will be charged \$.07 per minute for phone calls, a 53 percent decrease from current rates and will receive one free five-minute phone call per week. Video visitation will cost \$.25 per minute, a slight increase, but will not be sold in block times and inmates will be charged a flat \$.05 per minute of premium content on the tablets. There are no funding fees for these three services; and

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WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5-102 of the Lake County Purchasing Ordinance, proposals were called for by publication for inmate phone, video visitation, inmate tablets and kiosks for the payment of bond; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the evaluation criteria established in the RFP, the selection review team consisting of the Sheriff's Office, Facilities, Finance and the Circuit Clerk reviewed and determined that the proposal submitted by Global Tel*Link of Falls Church, Virginia, is the most qualified and favorable proposal for Lake County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that Purchasing Agent is authorized to enter into a contract with Global Tel*Link (GTL), of Falls Church, Virginia, to provide inmate phone, video visitation, inmate tablets and kiosks for the payment of bond for inmates for the Lake County Jail.

DATED at Waukegan, Illinois, on this April 13, 2021.