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Board Summary Report

File #: 24-121

Agenda Date: 3/4/2024

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To: Board of County Commissioners

Through: Tyler S. Brown, Sheriff

Prepared By:

Ken McKlem, Public Safety Bureau Chief

Presenter: Tyler S. Brown, Sheriff; Ken McKlem, Public Safety Bureau Chief

Subject:

1:30 PM *IGA with Town of Bennett for Law Enforcement Services

Purpose and Request:

Request the Board of County Commissioners to authorize the Arapahoe County Sheriff, pursuant to Reso. No. 23-038, to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with the Town of Bennett, CO.

Background and Discussion: Historically, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office has provided law enforcement services within the boundaries of the portion of the Town of Bennett located in Arapahoe County. The Town now seeks to have the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office provide law enforcement services for the entire Town. In the course of providing law enforcement services to the citizens of the Town of Bennett, a working relationship has been established between the Sheriff's Office and the citizens of the Town of Bennett. The Sheriff's Office has developed a close working relationship with the Town, and the Town believes centralizing its law enforcement services with the Sheriff's Office will benefit its citizens. The type of law enforcement services provided by the Sheriff Office within the boundaries of the Town will be similar to the law enforcement services provided in unincorporated areas of the County of Arapahoe, except that the Sheriff's Office will be authorized to enforce the Town's municipal ordinances and will include law enforcement communication center services.

Fiscal Impact: This Agreement for Service will generate \$502,129 (approximately) in annualized revenue to the Arapahoe Law Enforcement Authority, as opposed to the \$44,919.88 in annualized revenue generated under

the existing Agreement with the Town of Bennett.

Alternatives: If the Board declines this agreement, the Town of Bennett would have to initiate a search for another law enforcement agency to provide these services within their boundaries or form its own law enforcement agency. The Town is seeking to end its existing contract with the Adams County Sheriff's Office and is currently operating on a month-to-month basis. If the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office does not provide these services, the Town will likely have a difficult time finding another law enforcement agency to perform these services and it is not currently in a position to set up its law enforcement agency.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- Be fiscally sustainable
- Provide essential and mandated service
- Be community focused

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners authorize the Arapahoe County Sheriff to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with the Town of Bennett, CO.

Concurrence: The Sheriff's Administration and Public Safety Bureau concur with this decision.