

Clerk File # 3562-19
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INGHAM COUNTY AUTHORIZATION
TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT UNDER \$5,000
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION # 09-095

Filed per Contract Policy on

FEB 19 2020



Department Name: Sheriff's Office

Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum

DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Contracting Parties: Ingham County Board of Commissioners and Securus Technologies, Inc
Type of Contract: New _____ Extension _____ Amending Resolution # Amendment No. 5 to Communications Service Agreement

Expense Contract: _____ Revenue Contract: X

Term of Contract: From 2/1/2009 To 1/31/2024 Amount of Contract: \$ \$2375.00 paid via commission deduction percentages established for various services with Securus or per stamp booklet in this specific amendment, see attached

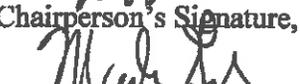
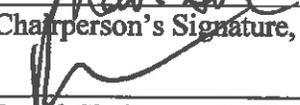
Reasoning for Contract must be fully explained with an attached cover sheet and all supporting documents including a previously approved resolution if applicable: "E-Messaging" is a new feature that we wish to enable to improve communication efficiencies for inmates, families and staff. There would be an anticipated increase in revenue for Securus and commission for Ingham County should inmates chose to subscribe.

Funds Available through Distribution Number: N/A

Requesting Department Head Signature: 

AUTHORIZATION

We, the undersigned, have reviewed the above described information and do hereby authorize entering into a contract as specified. To the best of our knowledge, after reasonable inquiry, no elected official, officer or employee of Ingham County has a relationship with this vendor which would create a conflict of interest. The Board Chairperson and County Clerk are authorized to execute the contract subject to approval as to form by the County Attorney.

	<u>10/25/19</u>
Purchasing Director's Signature	Date
	<u>10/30/19</u>
Controller Administrator's Signature	Date
	<u>11-5-19</u>
Chairperson's Signature, Liaison Committee	Date
	<u>11/5/2019</u>
Chairperson's Signature, Finance Committee	Date
	<u>10/31/19</u>
Board Chairperson's Signature	Date

Please forward completed form with all supporting documents to Corporate Counsel.

Authorization for Deployment of eMessaging

This Authorization for Deployment of eMessaging (hereinafter "Authorization") is provided by the party identified below as Customer ("Customer") and is subject to and governed by the current Master Services Agreement ("Agreement") between Customer and Securus Technologies, Inc. ("Provider"). Its terms are effective as of the date signed by Customer below (the "Effective Date") and this Authorization is coterminous with the Agreement. Provider will provide eMessaging as described herein.

DESCRIPTION: Securus' eMessaging Application ("eMessaging") allows for two-way electronic communication between friends and family and their incarcerated loved one. eMessaging works by allowing friends and family to purchase eMessaging "stamps," which they can use to fund the transmission of an electronic message to their incarcerated loved one. Each text message costs only a single stamp, while a text message with an attached picture costs only two stamps. If a friend or family member wishes, they can include an additional stamp that will allow their incarcerated loved one to send a single return message. Return messages are text only; no picture attachments are allowed. Inmates are not able to purchase their own stamps at this time. The facility is provided a web-based portal that enables the review of messaging with various options for review. The facility can approve and reject a message based on their policies and criteria. Friends and family must send and receive messages using either the Securus mobile app for android devices or access their inbox at www.securustech.net and must have a free Securus Online account to access. Approved messages and attachments are accessible by inmates on a ConnectUs-equipped unit or a Securus SecureView tablet.

COMPENSATION: Provider will provide eMessaging at no cost to Customer. Friends and family members can purchase a book of stamps in the following quantities:

Number of Stamps in Book	Stamp Book Price (Plus \$3.00 transaction fee and all applicable taxes)
5	\$2.50
10	\$5.00
20	\$10.00
50	\$25.00

Provider will pay Customer a commission of 20% on each redeemed stamp, based on the purchase price of the stamp, which may differ from facility to facility. A stamp is considered "redeemed" when it is used to send an original message to an inmate or when a single return message from the inmate is prepaid for by the inmate's friends and family. Provider will remit the payment for a calendar month to Customer on or before the 30th day after end of the calendar month in which the eMessaging stamps were redeemed (the "Payment Date"). All payments will be final and binding unless Provider receives written objection within 60 days after the Payment Date.

eMESSAGING TERMS OF USE - Customer's use of eMessaging is governed by the terms and conditions at <https://www.securustechnologies.com/emessaging-terms-and-conditions>, which are incorporated herein by reference.

The person signing this Authorization represents that he or she has the unrestricted right and requisite authority to enter into and execute this Authorization, to bind Customer named below and to authorize the installation of the eMessaging application.

CUSTOMER AUTHORIZATION:

Ingham County
Print Customer name as it appears in the Agreement

[Signature]
Authorized Signer's Signature

10-23-19
Date

Scott Wriggelsworth
Authorized Signer's Printed Name

Sheriff
Authorized Signer's Title

Southworth, Darin

From: Tim Perrone <tperrone@cstmlaw.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 9:28 AM
To: Southworth, Darin; Gwen Kamm
Subject: RE: Securus eMessaging addendum

Maj. Southworth:

The Addendum entitled Authorization for Deployment of eMessaging may be signed by the County Board Chair (not the Sheriff) after I endorse it with my approval as to form.

In order for me give my approval as to form, I will need a fully executed short-form authorization. The form you provided has only the Sheriff's signature, which is insufficient.

I recommend that you work with the Controller's Office to obtain a fully executed short-form authorization.

Once you have that, you may provide it to me and I will endorse the Addendum for the Board Chair's signature.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Timothy M. Perrone
Cohl, Stoker & Toskey, P.C.
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perrone@cstmlaw.com

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From: Southworth, Darin [mailto:DSouthworth@Ingham.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 4:23 PM
To: Gwen Kamm
Cc: Tim Perrone
Subject: RE: Securus eMessaging addendum

Here you go.

Darin J. Southworth, Major
Correctional Administrator
Ingham County Sheriff's Office
(517)676-8321

TO: Ms. Bonnie Toskey, Cohl, Stoker & Toskey, P.C.
FROM: Darin J. Southworth, Major – Sheriff's Office
DATE: October 18, 2019
SUBJECT: Securus eMessaging feature expansion to existing service agreement

BACKGROUND

Ingham County is in a contract period with Securus Technologies, Inc., through 1/31/2024, for inmate communication services. Securus has introduced an appealing feature called, "eMessaging" that would expand communication options between inmates and persons on the outside. Inmates/contacts purchase virtual "stamp books" in one of four quantities. A "stamp" is redeemed each time a message is sent.

There is no cost to the County for implementing this feature. Costs are passed onto the inmate/contacts with a commission of 20% for each redeemed stamp to recognize facilitation of this service.

IMPACT

Many other facilities are utilizing this service offered by Securus. Information that has come to me suggests this communication option is just as easy to manage as video visitation, more secure, and less work than handling regular U.S. Mail. ICSO Staff can monitor communications and intercept as needed. We have full control. Of course, we would offset costs through the commission program Securus has proposed which is consistent with their other services.

We would likely reduce the volume of paper/stamps coming in and out of the facility (contraband potential) and expand much needed communication ability between inmates and their family, friends, advisors.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the information presented, I respectfully recommend approval of the attached Authorizations (County and Securus Forms included).