



Sheriff/Coroner
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: September 10, 2024

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	N/A

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SUBJECT: Accept a report on the Tulare County Sheriff's Inmate Welfare Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2023/24

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Accept a report on the Tulare County Sheriff's Inmate Welfare Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2023/24. The funds described in this report provide funding for programs for the benefit, education, and welfare of the inmates confined within the Tulare County adult detention facilities.

SUMMARY:

In August of 1959, The Tulare County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) established an Inmate Welfare Fund (IWF) for the purpose of providing services that directly benefit the welfare of all incarcerated individuals within TCSO detention facilities.

The IWF revenues come primarily from profits of items sold at the commissary in the Sheriff's detention facilities, as well as various inmate communication services such as telephone surcharges on calls made by inmates, video visitation, computer tablets, kiosks, electronic messaging, inmate media, entertainment, and education services.

In accordance with California Code, Penal Code - PEN § 4025, funds may be used to provide rehabilitative programs and services for the incarcerated. These programs and services include, but are not limited to, education, drug and alcohol treatment, welfare, law library, and accounting. Additionally, TCSO utilizes IWF funds to pay for the salary and benefits of sheriff personnel working in these programs and to augment those required county expenses (e.g. meals, clothing, housing) as determined by the Sheriff. All funds are expended by the Sheriff primarily for the benefit, education, and welfare of the inmates confined within Tulare County detention facilities.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

According to IWF Profit & Loss Statement for Fiscal Year 2023/24, the beginning balance as of July 2023 was \$2,134,680. Throughout the year, the fund received income in the amount of \$1,038,945 primarily from items sold at the commissary (\$575,779) and inmate communication services (\$308,525), and \$1,279,417 were expended for a total ending balance of \$1,894,208.

The IWF Committee administers oversight of the IWF. There is no net County cost associated with the IWF, and this fund does not have an impact on the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Safety and Security Initiative to provide facilities and resources for the training and rehabilitation of criminal offenders. This fund will help fulfill this initiative by providing programs and services for the benefit, education and welfare of inmates confined within Tulare County detention facilities.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/ Captain Buddy Hirayama

Mike Boudreaux
Sheriff-Coroner

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Profit & Loss Statement