

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: July 11, 2006

Date Submitted: June 28, 2006

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Marlon Brown, County Manager
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Subject: Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Contract for Continuing Telephone Services with TDS Telecom

Statement of Issue:

This item seeks Board approval for staff to negotiate final terms of continuing telephone services with TDS Telecom and to authorize the Chairman to execute the final contract.

Background:

The Board's current telephone service contract with TDS expired as of June 30, 2006.

Analysis:

TDS and staff have worked on new contractual terms to continue the Board's current telephone services for a 24 month period. The County Attorney has reviewed the contractual language and finds it in good standing. Terms left to negotiate are related to basic customer service and billing issues.

Fiscal Impact:

The new 24 month contract will cost the County approximately \$3,556 per month versus the previous contract which cost the County approximately \$4,734 per month. This equates to a savings of over \$14,000 on an annual basis.

Options:

1. Authorize County staff to conclude negotiations and the Chairman to execute the final agreement with TDS Telecom for continuing telephone services.

2. Board Direction

Recommendation:

Option 1.