



Cumberland County

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Position Paper

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Agenda Item Request:

Authorize the County Manager to provide notice to amend the U.S. Marshals Prison Operations contract to reflect the exclusion of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention and furthermore; relinquish financial reimbursement from the holding of Immigration detainees.

Background and Purpose of Request:

For a number of months, the County Commissioners have received requests from interested parties to remove the County out of the federal contract for the holding of ICE inmates at the County Jail. The Commissioners have had a series of meetings to hear concerns of such an arrangement. In September, the Commissioners held a listen and learn workshop providing for more information to be shared and a series of questions to be asked. Commissioners have also explored the legality of the holding of all public safety inmates at the county jail as it applies to State Statute and MDOC Mandates. The Commissioners have instructed staff to place the Marshals contract on the October 20th meeting for Commissioner consideration.

Financial: Reduction of Federal Revenue upwards of 2.5 million annually.

Effective: Provide a 30-day notice of amendment of contract