CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
COVER SHEET FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION

TITLE OF ISSUE: Lincoln County Sheriff's Office contract offer for FY2026

FOR MEETING DATE: April 10th, 2025

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

Last year, the city adopted a model for 1.5 FTE cover with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. It is time for renewal. The Lincoln County Sheriff's office has proposed a $286,461 contract for the one and a half deputies in fiscal year 2026. In FY25 the cost was $274,706. This represents a 4.3% increase from the last year, due mainly to a '3.5% COLA' received by the Lincoln County Deputies Association.

Patrol services represents 6.3% of the county general fund. If we apply that percentage to the Waldport contribution, that suggests that the citizens of Waldport are already paying roughly $52,000 towards patrol services. Based on the LCSO projections, this represents about 1/4 of a deputy. (interestingly, the number for the City of Yachats are very similar).

Last year, in calculating the time in service of a deputy, using numbers provided by the LCSO in terms of outside service calls, fueling/meeting travel to Newport, vacations, and training, for every eight hours of period service, the city receives between 5.5 and 6 hours of actual service. (This is between 68% to 75%). This year, with this contract's emphasis on specific city support, that number is closer to 90%. Based on the number of calls, *each logged LCSO interaction costs the city $320.*

Last year there was discussion of a regional levy. That is still under discussion but has not moved forward. There was also a proposal for a regionally shared proposal originally given to the county commissioners which would have created an increase in deputies. They had rejected that proposal, and the city manager of Yachats expressed that they were happy with the 'status quo' this year.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION or ACTION REQUESTED:

A motion stating the council's will is appropriate.

Option 1: Terminate the Contract — Cost to the city: $0

Option 2: Reduce the contract to ONE Deputy — Cost to the City: $190,974
**Note: This option would force Yachats to make a decision on funding a full deputy or terminating.*

Option 3: Accept the contract — Cost to the city: $286,461

Option 4: Offer the 3-deputy regional contract to the county. — Cost to the city: $300,000
**Note: Yachats is NOT interested in this. But options 2 or 1 could force this discussion.*