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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Keri Klein, Public Defender**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of an Contract with Viatron Systems, Inc. to scan archived files in the total maximum amount of \$112,480 for the term of December 15, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The contract will be funded through the Public Defender Pilot Project Grant. The expense is included in the FY 2022-2023 budget. No General Fund dollars are needed.

BACKGROUND: The state has provided funding to counties in order to address unfunded legislative mandates related to Penal Code Sections 1170(d)(1), 1170.95, 1473.7 and 3051. The provisions allow already sentenced people to request that the public defender petition the court for post-conviction relief. Penal Code 1473.7 empowers certain people to object to and potentially overturn prior charges, convictions, or punishment as well as fight current cases, if they can demonstrate specific or general bias. Representing clients in these proceedings is mandated by the State of California. While we have electronic records and client information on new cases, these new State mandates apply to archival cases prior to our electronic case management system, where records currently only exist in physical files. To successfully fulfill our obligations under the Penal Code, the Public Defender's office will create a database of its clients and their prior charges, convictions and punishments coupled with client demographics. This proposed contract with Viatron will scan archival files, a necessary first step to creating a database of files that can be analyzed and utilized in litigation of 1473.7 cases.

Item initiated by and Approved by: Keri Klein, Public Defender