



CITY OF ARANSAS PASS

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Item for the City Council Meeting of [5/21/2018]
Second Reading Item for the City Council Meeting of [N/A]

Date: Wednesday, May 09, 2018
To: Gary Edwards, City Manager
From: Chief Eric Blanchard
chief@ap-police.com

Agenda Item #:

Title: Agreement with ACS and the purchase of the i-INFO system.

CAPTION:

Consider and act on approving the police chief to enter into a purchasing agreement with Alliance for Community Solutions and purchase the i-INFO system for an amount not to exceed \$14,000.00 dollars from the federal drug seizure fund account.

PURPOSE:

This purchase will allow the PD & emergency operations division to create and print official government identification cards which will be verifiable online at any time.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Police department staff is mandated to possess official police department identification. Currently, the cards are purchased ever couple of years from an outside vendor. They cost around \$20.00 per card, per employee. The only verification method for the ID is by calling in to dispatch. The ID card is not based on any particular standard nor is it controlled in such a way to prevent fabrication or counterfeiting.

Going with ACS and purchasing the i-INFO system will allow for better controls over active ID cards. Further, the police department will create the card to suit the needs of not only the law enforcement employee requirement, but these ID cards will also follow

the emergency management standard used by emergency management agencies in the Coastal Bend.

All IDs will be electronically verifiable online by scanning a barcode. If the ID card is no longer valid, the electronic return will prominently inform the person performing the scan. Additionally, the PD will maintain control over the administrative panel for the ID card system.

ACS is a solutions design company for government. Their end goal is providing real-life, progressive solutions for government and non-profit entities at a fraction of the cost of most other professional organizations. The replication of many of their services would be far too costly if purchased outside of their business.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Within policy and state/federal law, council approval of this expenditure, which requires a service agreement, is required.

EMERGENCY/NON-EMERGENCY:

Necessary, but not an emergency.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Police Department – Managing department over funding source.

Finance Department – Actual department to transfer funds.

City Management – Oversight of request/expense activities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Aransas Pass PD Federal Equitable Sharing and Forfeiture Account

Current Fund Balance \$1,099,176.72

This Project Proposed Cost \$13,371.25 to be expended.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving this item.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Invoice

Card Example

Interlocal Agreement

Scanned Card Example