



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Council Session

Item G-24

#2014-281 - Approving Addendum to SCALES Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Law Enforcement Services

Staff Contact: Steven Lamken

Council Agenda Memo

From: Steven Lamken, Police Chief

Meeting: September 9, 2014

Subject: Approval of Addendum to SCALES Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Law Enforcement Services

Item #'s: G-24

Presenter(s): Steven Lamken, Police Chief

Background

The Police Department has been a charter member of the South Central Area Law Enforcement Service, SCALES, since the inception of the organization. Different agencies have joined the SCALES association since the inception of the association. The Merrick County Sheriff's Office has been approved for membership and we are requesting approval of the addendum for their membership.

Discussion

The Police Department has been a member of SCALES since 2006. SCALES agencies support one another during special events and or criminal investigations. Grand Island has received the support of SCALES in investigating cases such as officer involved in custody deaths and when President Bush came to Grand Island. In turn, our department has supported other SCALES agencies in criminal investigations and special events.

SCALES agencies also pool funding to bring specialized training schools to the area. SCLAES has hosted several specialized courses in the area that multiple officers from the GIPD have been able to attend. Such training would be cost prohibitive for any one agency to provide.

SCALES membership includes the Grand Island Police Department and the Police Departments from Hastings, Kearney, Lexington, Aurora, Holdrege and Cozad. It also includes the Hall, Adams, Buffalo, Dawson, and Phelps County Sheriff's Offices. The Merrick County Sheriff's Office has requested and been accepted for membership into SCALES. We are requesting approval of the addendum to provide for the Merrick County Sheriff's Office to become a member agency of SCALES.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the Addendum to SCALES Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Law Enforcement Services to provide for the Merrick County Sheriff's Office to become a member of SCALES.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the Addendum to SCALES Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Law Enforcement Services to provide for the Merrick County Sheriff's Office to become a member of SCALES.

***ADDENDUM TO SCALES INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATIVE
LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES.***

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Counties of Adams, Buffalo, Hall, Dawson and Phelps and the Nebraska Cities of Hastings, Kearney, Grand Island, Holdrege, Aurora, Lexington and Cozad have entered into an interlocal agreement dated August 1st, 2006, for cooperative law enforcement services hereinafter referred to as “SCALES” a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the terms of SCALES provide that additional cities or counties may become parties to said agreement upon acceptance and execution of the agreement and upon the approval by the governing bodies of the parties already party to said agreement; and

WHEREAS the County of Merrick desires to become a party to SCALES under the same terms and conditions contained in the existing agreement dated August 1st, 2006 and hereby signifies acceptance of the same; and

WHEREAS in consideration of the County of Merrick’s agreement to initially contribute to the cooperative undertaking provided for in SCALES, and agreed sum not to exceed \$4,500.00 for initial payment, then annual dues as set by the governing board, currently \$1,000.00 thereafter, Adams, Buffalo, Hall, Dawson and Phelps Counties and the cities of Hastings Kearney, Grand Island, Holdrege, Aurora, Lexington and Cozad approve of the County of Merrick’s request to become a party to SCALES as signified by their respective signatures appearing below.

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed that effective upon complete execution of this addendum by all necessary entities, and the payment the County of Merrick monetary contributions as stated above, the County of Merrick in the State of Nebraska shall hereinafter be deemed a party to SCALES and shall thereafter accrue all the same entitlement and obligations as the original parties to said agreement, with the exception of previously purchased equipment by the original agencies. In the event of liquidation of assets purchased before the date of this addendum, assets shall be sold and sums distributed equally amongst only the parties who originally paid for said assets. The County of Merrick shall be entitled to full usage rights of all tangible property jointed owned by SCALES. Items purchased jointly after the date of execution date of this addendum, ownership shall be shared equally amongst all monetary contributing members of the SCALES organization.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 2014.

County of Merrick

By. _____
Board Chair
County of Merrick

_____ Merrick County Sheriff

(Attest)

_____ Merrick County Clerk

RESOLUTION 2014-281

WHEREAS, The Grand Island Police Department has been a member of the South Central Area Law Enforcement Services, SCALES, interlocal since inception; and

WHEREAS, SCALES has been a benefit to the Grand Island Police Department and the City of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, The Merrick County Sheriff's Office has requested and been approved to become a member agency of the SCALES interlocal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, to approve the Addendum to SCALES Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Law Enforcement Services to provide for the Merrick County Sheriff's Office to become a member of SCALES.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, September 9, 2014.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
September 5, 2014	☐ City Attorney