



Commission Meeting

September 19, 2023

Motion to approve VitalCore Health Strategies, LLC for Richmond County Sheriff's Office
Inmate Medical Contract – RFP 23-200

Department:	Richmond County Sheriff's Office
Presenter:	Colonel Calvin Chew and Major Charles Mitchell
Caption:	Motion to approve VitalCore Health Strategies, LLC for the Richmond County Sheriff's Office Inmate Medical Contract pending execution of contract by the Mayor. The requested motion will be for a three (3) year contract with an option to extend for two (2) additional one (1) year terms. (Approved by Public Safety Committee September 12, 2023)
Background:	Since pre-consolidation, the Richmond County Jail has provided a medical contract for inmates. In December 2010, the Richmond County Sheriff's Office entered into a contract agreement with Correct Care Solutions now known as Wellpath. The current contract which services both The Richmond Count Jail and RCCI will expire on December 31, 2023. The Richmond County Sheriff's submitted an RFP for the inmate medical contract provider.
Analysis:	Six vendors responded to the RFP. On August 18, 2023, the evaluation team rated the qualified vendors that submitted a proposal. The discussions included: inmate medical cost per day, staffing and benefits, and litigation. In conclusion, VitalCore Health Strategies was ranked as the most qualified vendor. Augusta entered into contract negotiations with the recommended vendor and has reached agreeable terms for the pending award. The Sheriff's Office is requesting the approval to enter into a contract agreement with VitalCore for the medical services for the Sheriff's Office and RCCI..
Financial Impact:	<p>The annual operating budget for the Richmond County Sheriff's Office includes funding for the inmate medical contract each year. The contract is currently under review.</p> <p>The proposed contract amount for year one is \$6,673,470.96.</p>
Alternatives:	None

Recommendation: The Richmond County Sheriff's Office recommends VitalCore Health Strategies for the new inmate medical contract vendor for a three (3) year contract with the option to extend for two (2) additional years.

Funds are available in the following accounts: Funding is available in account 273032511-5317711 for the 2024 budget

REVIEWED AND
APPROVED BY: N/A