
MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Tracy O'Malley, Chief of Police
Through: Jack Savo Jr., City Manager
Date: August 21, 2026
Re: Resolution No. 2026-30 Dillingham Regional and Community Jail Contract-FY27

SUMMARY: The Dillingham Regional and Community jail contract is renewed annually. It is included in the revised FY27 budget.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: The contract is included in the packet. The Council has voted to continue the contract in previous years.

BACKGROUND: The Dillingham Jail has been open for many years. If the jail were to close, our police agency and AST would not be able to house prisoners creating a major public safety issue.

For FY 2012-2022 the jail contract has been, on average, \$546,062. Lowest at \$480,417 and highest at \$658,564. In 2023, reduced staffing, resulted in a contract reduction to \$385,371. In 2024 the reduced contract continued with a contract of \$271,828.34. FY25 contract was for \$584,764.29 with an additional payment of \$195,000 towards the end of the year. FY26 Contract continued at \$584,764.29.

DISCUSSION: The DPD correctional facility is a temporary holding facility for prisoners. Prisoners can be held for up to 20 days and then they must be transported to the Anchorage jail. AST provides transport for prisoners to Anchorage. The recommendation is to continue the City contract with DOC. If the City does not continue the contract with DOC the Dillingham Correctional Facility will close leaving no place to house prisoners for AST and the Dillingham Police Department.

ALTERNATIVES: Funding the jail completely through City funds. Closing the jail.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The State Department of Corrections is contributing \$737,200 to the jail per the City contract with them. All attempts at negotiation have taken place.

LEGAL: No legal support needed at this time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 2026-30.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move to adopt Resolution 2026-30 Dillingham Regional and Community Jail Contract-FY27.

ATTACHMENTS: Attached Fiscal Note and Jail Contract