
MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Tracy O'Malley, Chief of Police
Through: Jack Savo Jr., City Manager
Date: November 6, 2025
Re: Resolution No. 2025-45 Dillingham Regional and Community Jail Contract-FY26

SUMMARY: The Dillingham Regional and Community jail contract is renewed annually. It is included in the revised FY26 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.

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 \$584,764.29 to the jail per the City contract with them. All attempts at negotiation have taken place. The state budget has been reduced and thus the DOC distributed funds have been reduced from the amount that was distributed in FY2025. The City did receive in FY2025 additional funding of \$195,000 from DOC towards the end of FY2025 for a total of \$809,890.85 proving that DOC is willing to distribute additional funds when they are available. The cost to the City is included in the current budget proposal for FY26 and shown in the fiscal note.

LEGAL: No legal support needed at this time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 2025-45.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move to adopt Resolution 2025-45 Dillingham Regional and Community Jail Contract-FY26.

ATTACHMENTS: Attached Fiscal Note and Jail Contract