

## **Staff Report**

**Subject:** Ratification of Approval of Amendment to the Capacity Agreement between Effingham County and the Georgia Department of Corrections

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**Meeting Date:** May 16, 2023

**Item Description:** Ratification of Approval of Amendment to the Capacity Agreement between Effingham County and the Georgia Department of Corrections

**Summary Recommendation:** Staff recommends the ratification of approval of Amendment to the Capacity Agreement between Effingham County and the Georgia Department of Corrections.

### **Executive Summary/Background:**

- This amendment adds the following provision to the Capacity Agreement:
  - Paragraph 17: The Department shall, at its sole cost, secure the computer equipment for use by offender's in the County's custody to participate in virtual court, virtual depositions, virtual attorney visits and other activities coordinated by the Department's Office of Court Services. The Department or its vendor shall install the hardware on the County's premises on a date, time and location agreed to by the Parties. The County shall provide electrical power and internet service accessible to the Equipment. Offenders shall not be allowed any other access to the Equipment, and firewall and other security efforts shall be put in place by the Parties to prevent misuse of the Equipment.
- The 'Department' is the Georgia Department of Corrections.

### **Alternatives for Commission to Consider**

1. Ratification of Approval of Amendment to the Capacity Agreement between Effingham County and the Georgia Department of Corrections
2. Deny the Amendment
3. Take no action.

**Recommended Alternative:** 1

**Other Alternatives:** 2, 3

**Department Review:** Prison, Purchasing

**Funding Source:**

**Attachments:**

1. Capacity Agreement with Georgia Department of Corrections
2. Amendment to the Agreement