

City of McCleary
STAFF REPORT



To:	City Council
From:	Chief Ryan Miskell
Date:	March 2025
Department:	Police Department

Department Report:

Contracts:

- **Connections Contract:** Connections conducts our child forensic interviews when needed for criminal cases. Our agency has been paying Connections a flat fee of \$5,000 per year for their services. However, after reviewing our usage for 2024 where we only utilized their services twice, I was able to negotiate an hourly rate that will be more cost effective for our city. I reached out to Wendy at Connections to discuss this, and after our conversation we agreed to switch to an hourly rate for 2025. We have negotiated a rate of \$60 per hour, which should be more appropriate given our limited use of the service. This new arrangement will allow us to pay only for the services we use, potentially resulting in significant cost savings. I believe this change will better reflect the scale of our needs while still ensuring that we have access to the valuable resources Connections provides when required. This contract should be finalized prior to the end of the month.
- **Join Contract:**
The jail contract with Chehalis Tribal has been renewed.
- **Animal Contract:**
The city of McCleary does not currently have a contract with an animal shelter for stray and dangerous dogs. The contract that McCleary, Elma, and Montesano had was discontinued by the previous animal shelter. Along with updating our city codes so that we are not required to pick up every stray dog, I am in negotiations with Aberdeen Police Department to house our dangerous dogs at their shelter.

Reserve Update:

- We are in the final stages of getting our first reserve of the year on board. The process should be completed in the next week or two. We are looking forward to building our reserve program to focus more attention on community events and outreach.

Equipment Management:

- As discussed at our most recent council meeting, our vehicle surplus project is still moving forward. There will be updates at the next council meeting.

Community Events:

- We have registered for this year's National Night Out and are at the beginning of our planning stage.

Respectfully,

Chief Ryan Miskell