



# OFFICE OF THE COMMISSION AUDITOR

## COMMISSION AUDITOR'S INFORMATIONAL RESEARCH

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**March 19, 2024**

**9:30 A.M.**

**Commission Chambers**

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**Resolution Codesignating that Portion of NW 65th Street from NW 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue to NW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue as “Tree Of Knowledge Street”**

**Prime Sponsor:** Commissioner Keon Hardemon, District 3

**Requester:** None

**Committee Action Date:** None

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**RESEARCH FINDINGS**

OCA completed the required background research on “Tree of Knowledge” and noted no adverse findings. OCA has determined no prior Board of County Commissioners (BCC) codesignations for “Tree of Knowledge”. OCA is providing this report as a Supplement to BCC Agenda File Item No. 240387.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. Bulleted below is the relevant legislation relating to the background research process:
  - [Section 2-1](#) Rule 9.02(f) of the Code requires OCA to conduct background research on any person, organization, place, or thing that is the subject of a naming, renaming or codesignation item or an item approving the codesignation of state or municipal roads, and prepare a report detailing the findings of said research prior to the Commission meeting during which the item is scheduled to be considered.

**Resolution Renaming a Portion of County-owned and Operated Beach Currently Known as Hobie Beach “Castaways Against Cancer Beach”**

**Prime Sponsor:** Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado, District 7

**Requester:** None

**Committee Action Date:** None

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**RESEARCH FINDINGS**

OCA completed the required background research on “Castaways Against Cancer Beach” and noted no adverse findings. OCA has determined no prior Board of County Commissioners (BCC) codesignations for “Castaways Against Cancer Beach”. OCA is providing this report as a Supplement to BCC Agenda File Item No. 240378.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. Bulleted below is the relevant legislation relating to the background research process:
  - [Section 2-1](#) Rule 9.02(f) of the Code requires OCA to conduct background research on any person, organization, place, or thing that is the subject of a naming, renaming or codesignation item or an item approving the codesignation of state or municipal roads, and prepare a report detailing the findings of said research prior to the Commission meeting during which the item is scheduled to be considered.

Resolution approving award of Contract No. RFP-02194 to Securus Technologies, LLC for the purchase of a detainee electronic communication and media solution for the Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department in a total amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 for the initial five-year term and one, five-year option to renew, should the County elect to purchase optional services; and authorizing the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute same for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, and to exercise all provisions of the contract, including any renewal, cancellation, or extensions, pursuant to Section 2-8.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida and Implementing Order 3-38

**Prime Sponsor:** Commissioner Kionne L. McGhee, District 9

**Requester:** Strategic Procurement

**Committee Action Date:** 1/9/2024

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### **RESEARCH FINDINGS**

OCA performed an analysis of the six-year history of revenues associated with the existing Payphone and Payphone Services Contract under RFP847. **Table 1** below provides a summary of the revenues from Fiscal Year 2017 from the Commission Schedule provided by Global Tel\*Link Corporation (GTL) to Miami-Dade County.

The estimated **\$3,443,000** annual impact (**\$1,000,000** in additional expense and **\$2,443,000** in lost revenue) of the proposed agreement in RFP-02194 to Securus Technologies, LLC is based on the following assumptions:

- I. \$400,000 - Guarded Exchange Monitoring Services (Telephone)
- II. \$400,000 - Guarded Exchange Monitoring Services (Video Visitation)
- III. \$150,000 - Word Alert and iPRO
- IV. \$50,000 - Behavioral Reward Program

The optional services totaling \$1,000,000 (I – IV) will be required for the seamless and efficient monitoring and management of the benefits for the "rule abiding detainees" and overall services to the jail population under this contract. The OCA's assumption is that the County will incur this expense annually during the terms of the new contract RFP-02194.

- V. \$2,443,000 - Average Annual Revenue collected by the County from FY 2017 to FY 2021 that will no longer be available under the proposed contract for the paid services to the detainees.

**Table 1: Telephone Commission Revenues - Previous GTL Contract**

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>Telephone Commission Revenues per Vendor Schedule</b>
2017	2,305,076
2018	2,322,903
2019	2,312,374
2020	2,276,978
2021	2,998,933
2022*	258,555
2023*	-
2024*	-
<b>Average FY 2017 to FY 2021</b>	<b>2,443,000</b>

\*Miami-Dade County elected to stop collecting Telephone Commission Revenue from GTL contract in FY 2022

OCA reviewed the scope of Contract No. RFP-02194 and concluded the award affects two existing contracts. In July 2014, under Resolution No. [R-598-14](#), the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) awarded Contract No. RFP847 to Global Tel\*Link Corporation (GTL) for the acquisition of pay phones, pay phone services, pay phone subscription services, inmate telephone services, and an integrated Jail Management System. In May 2019, the County Mayor approved the award of RFP-00329 Inmate Video Visitation to Telmate, LLC (acquired by GTL in 2017) for the purchase of an inmate video visitation system.

**Table 2** provides a summary of the awarded terms of each agreement and the projected commission to the County at the time of award.

**Table 2: Contract Background Information**

<b>Contract No. and Description</b>	<b>RFP-02194 – Detainee Electronic Communication and Media Solution (Proposed Contract)</b>	<b>RFP847 - Payphone, Payphone Services and Jail Management System</b>	<b>RFP-00329 - Inmate Video Visitation</b>
<b>Vendor</b>	Securus Technologies, LLC	Global Tel*Link Corporation d/b/a ViaPath Technologies, Inc.	Telmate, LLC (Acquired by Global Tel*Link in 2017)
<b>Current Expiration Date</b>	2034 (estimated if approved at BCC on February 6, 2024)	July 31, 2024	June 30, 2024
<b>Awarded Term or Anticipated</b>	5-year term with one 5-year OTR	5-year term with three 1-year OTRs	5-year term with two 5-year OTRs
<b>Cumulative Projected Revenue</b>	None	\$25,640,000	\$765,000

**Appointment of Mr. Rafael Robayna, P.E. to the Environmental Quality Control Board (EQCB)**

**Prime Sponsor:** None

**Requester:** Clerk of the Board

**Committee Action Date:** None

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**RESEARCH FINDINGS**

OCA completed the required background research regarding the appointment of Mr. Rafael Robayna, P.E., to the Environmental Quality Control Board (EQCB). OCA's background research yielded no additional findings for the appointees. This report is being provided as a supplement to BCC File Item Number 240401.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. Bulleted below is the relevant legislation relating to the background research process:
  - [Resolution No. R-636-14](#), adopted on July 1, 2014, requires the Office of the Commission Auditor (OCA) to complete background research on applicants being considered to serve on County Boards and Trusts that require nominations or appointments by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).

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These research notes, prepared in collaboration with the Miami-Dade County departments as subject matter experts, are substantially less detailed in scope than an audit in accordance with the Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS). The OCA plans and performs the review to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for its findings and conclusions based on its objectives; accordingly, the OCA does not express an opinion on the data gathered by the subject matter expert(s).