



City of Muscatine



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

DATE: January 15, 2021

STAFF

Police Chief Brett Talkington

SUBJECT

We request the replacement and update of interrogation room cameras and audio recording equipment from analog to digital.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The replacement and update of interrogation room cameras and audio recording equipment from analog to digital will enhance our system with new technology.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends city council approval with the replacement of the outdated system currently in use.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

In November 2016 the Muscatine Police Department used forfeiture funds to replace an outdated and dysfunctional video recording system for our interview rooms at the police station. At the time, we were using a standalone video DVR that had no back up and was subject to failures.

The video system was based on a server system to record and back up videos of interviews and interactions with citizens at the Police Department. One issue we ran into at the time was we did not have enough funds to be able to convert from analog video cameras and audio devices to digital. There was a work around that was done to make the cameras and microphones work together. At the time, we knew we would have to replace the analog video cameras when funding came available.

As part of the FY 2020/2021 budget request we asked for these cameras to be replaced. City council approved the request during the final budget. The Police Department requests

replacement and update of interrogation room cameras and audio devices from analog to digital.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACT

FSS Inc. is the company that installed the server based system and software. They are also the company that maintains the system for us and IT. This replacement of the cameras and audio equipment is a sole source purchase. The cost is \$7,003.00. There is \$6000 budgeted for this purchase. The cost of the equipment that exceeds the budgeted amount can be absorbed in the current operating budget.

ATTACHMENTS
