



Lawrence County  
**PURCHASING COMMITTEE**

**Date:** Tuesday, August 5, 2025 | **Time:** 4:37-5:14 p.m.

**PRESENT: County Executive** David Morgan. **Commissioners:** Dave Ray, Phillip Heatherly, Barry Luffman, Chris Sutherland, Steve Hagan, and Travis Cauwels. **County Purchasing Agent** Kelly Odom, **Sheriff** John Myers, **Chief Deputy** George Barturen, **Jail Administrator** Susan Taylor, **Lieutenant** Jason Runnels, Anthony Washburn, Michael Wheeler, and **CPC Representative** Joe Steelman.

**ROLL CALL:** Chairman David Morgan, Vice-chair Travis Cauwels, Phillip Heatherly, and Dave Ray.

**ABSENT:** Will Burnett.

**Executive Morgan** called the meeting to order.

**Odom** explained they have received two bids for the Correctional Video Visitation system. She continued by opening both bids.

**BID ONE:** NCIC Correctional Services.

- The committee discussed the bid.
- The Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, and Jail Administrator shared their concerns with the current company, NCIC Correctional Services. They also expressed concerns about what inmates can access through the tablets provided, citing ongoing security issues.
- **Sheriff Myers** shared his frustrations with the current company, stating that the ongoing issues with the body scanner have been a deal breaker.
- He further explained that the body scanner is included in the bid contract.
- **Taylor** added that the company currently provides phone services, tablets, and video visitations. She clarified that the tablets are used for video calls, text messaging, and educational classes.

**BID TWO:** CPC Combined Public Communications.

- The committee acknowledged that the body scanner is also included in this company's proposal.

- **Barturen** discussed a company called UTurn Service, highlighting their strong connection with CPC and the services they would provide to the jail.
- **Steelman** expressed his desire to support the county through the services offered by CPC. He mentioned that the tablets they would install are Apple Minis, noting that Apple products are generally more secure.
- He added that CPC would cover the cost of the body scanner and provide direct support for it. Lastly, the investigative software would help streamline Jail Administrator Taylor's responsibilities.
- **Odom** clarified that the monthly cost is the same for both companies.
- **Sheriff Myers** recommended switching to CPC.
- **Commissioner Heatherly** noted that this change would address three current issues: acquiring the body scanner, improving investigative capabilities through better software, enhancing security with Apple products, and the fact that a CPC representative attended the meeting, demonstrating the company's commitment.

**Motion to Recommend CPC, Combined Public Communications Bid for Correctional Video Visitation Services to the Board of Commission.**

**Motion:** Cauwels. **Second:** Ray.

**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously 4/0.

- **Odom** explained that the contract will need to be approved by the Board of Commission. NCIC's contract will be terminated on September 1st. We will need to call a Special Session in August.
- **Executive Morgan** and the Committee agreed to have a Special Session on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM.
- **Executive Morgan** updated the committee by saying the School System has offered 2 acres behind Summertown High School for a north end Solid Waste Convenience Center. The School Board is behind it. The Ambulance Service station is still being considered on the land Anthony Washburn is willing to donate.

**Adjournment.**

**Motion:** Ray. **Second:** Cauwels.

**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously 4/0.

**Minutes Submitted By:** Christian Tyree