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Legislative History

On February 3, 2015, City Council passed Resolution No. 15-15, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a similar Agreement with the City of Macedonia; however, due to unforeseen delays in its execution, the City is seeking the proposed Agreement with the City of Solon. City Council also passed Ordinance No. 15-16, to amend the 2015 Budget, making necessary appropriations for such an Agreement.

Purpose & Explanation

Judge Hoover, on behalf of the judges at the Stow Municipal Court, met with President of Council Hal DeSaussure, City Manager Jane Howington, City Solicitor R. Todd Hunt, and the Chief of Police David Robbins on January 14, 2015, and gave an impassioned plea for Hudson to create a budget line for outside jail usage to be utilized by the judges in the sentencing of convicted misdemeanants. He stated Hudson is unique among the cities using the court in not having such a line, which makes uniform and consistent sentencing difficult in open court, especially when individuals so convicted from other jurisdictions are given jail time, while he is unable to do the same for Hudson’s convicted misdemeanants.

The Hudson Police Department has only a temporary holding facility (no more than two hours); the department has been using the Portage County Jail for arrested subjects not making bond or otherwise unable to be released on an as-needed basis. This present budget line does not allow for post-conviction sentencing.

This agreement will allow Hudson Police to use Solon's jail for both purposes, reducing the travel time needed to drop-off and pick-up prisoners; further, Solon is linked to the Stow Municipal Court, allowing video arraignments further reducing, and in some cases eliminating, the time spent in the transport of prisoners. Being able to utilize the jail will also meet the requested needs of the judges and court.

Timing Considerations

Due to the immediate need for this jail usage, we are requesting this as an emergency resolution.

Fiscal Impact

XXX Currently Budgeted (with passage of Res. No. 15-16)
____ Supplemental Appropriation Required
____ Appropriation Not Required.

Suggested Action

Staff recommends the approval of this resolution.

Submitted by,

Jane Howington, City Manager

David Robbins, Chief of Police