



Department Source: Law

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 16, 2020

Re: Approval of Contract for Law Department Prosecution Division Case Management Software

Executive Summary

The resolution would authorize the purchase of the Prosecutor by Karpel case management software program for the price of \$41,700, including first year support.

Discussion

The City Prosecutor's Office currently relies on the JustWare Prosecutor case management software program for its case management needs. The Municipal Court also utilizes a JustWare system for their case management. The parent company for the JustWare system, Journal Technologies, has announced an End of Life (EOL) for all JustWare systems scheduled for June 30, 2021. The EOL would mean that JustWare would no longer support the current systems after that date, leaving the Prosecutor's Office in need of a new case management system.

In 2021, the Municipal Court will be transitioning its software from JustWare to Show Me Courts (SMC). SMC is a software system that has been developed and maintained by the Missouri Office of State Courts Administrator (OSCA). The SMC system will require the Prosecutor's Office to electronically file new cases with the SMC system. Per OSCA, there are only two vendors of case management software systems that do not require an application programming interface (API) in order to communicate with SMC, and of those two, SMC will only communicate back "court response" to the software program known as Prosecutor by Karpel. This "court response" will assist in eliminating the duplication of data entry between the Prosecutor's Office and the Municipal Court.

On the receiving end of data transmission, the bulk of information that is processed by the Prosecutor's Office comes from law enforcement including both the Columbia Police Department and the University of Missouri Police Department. Both these departments utilize Central Square as a records management system. An API is being developed to transfer information from Central Square to the Karpel system. The Boone County Prosecutor's Office also utilizes Karpel, so there will be continuity within the systems utilized. The end result will be to receive charging information electronically from law enforcement agencies and, once a charging decision is made, transfer the charging information to the court electronically. This will eliminate the duplication of data entry and increase accuracy and timeliness.



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Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The cost of the contract is \$41,700.

Long-Term Impact: The annual maintenance is projected to be \$8,400

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Operational Excellence, Tertiary Impact: Public Safety

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Mobility, Connectivity, and Accessibility, Tertiary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation

Legislative History

Date	Action
09/02/2014	R154-14 – Authorized an agreement with New Dawn Technologies, Inc. for the JustWare case management software.

Suggested Council Action

Adoption of the resolution.