



BURNET COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Calvin Boyd
SHERIFF

P.O. BOX 1249 Burnet, Texas 78611 **** Phone: (512) 756-8080 Fax: (512) 756-4064

COMMAND STAFF

Chief Deputy
A. Trevino

Patrol Captain
S. Clark

Admin. Captain
M. Sorenson

CID/SOU Captain
T. Dillard

Jail Captain
M. Kimbler

To: County Auditor
From: Sheriff / Jail Administrator
Date: 4-15-26

Subject: Commissary Fund Expenditure Justification – Guardian RFID Inmate Tracking System and Annual Service Agreement

Summary Statement

It is the opinion of the submitting authority that the purchase and continued maintenance of the Guardian RFID inmate tracking and welfare check system, including its annual service agreement, constitute permissible expenditures of commissary funds under Texas Local Government Code §351.0415(c)(5) because the system directly supports the health, safety, security, and well-being of inmates confined in the county jail. The system materially enhances inmate supervision by ensuring the timely and verifiable completion of welfare checks, improving compliance with minimum jail standards established by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, and providing real-time accountability and risk mitigation that exceeds baseline regulatory requirements. Accordingly, the expenditure is properly classified as an operational inmate safety enhancement rather than a general administrative or recordkeeping function.

Statutory Authority

Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §351.0415(c)(5), commissary proceeds may be used to fund activities that provide for the well-being, health, safety, and security of inmates confined in the jail.

Applicable Minimum Jail Standards

The Guardian RFID system supports compliance with Texas Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS) minimum requirements, including Rule §275.1 (regular observation by jailers), Rule §265.3 (observation of inmates in holding/detox cells), and Rule §275.5 (inmate counts). These standards establish minimum compliance requirements and allow manual documentation systems.

Enhancement Beyond Minimum Standards

The Guardian RFID system exceeds these requirements by providing real-time, time-stamped, location-verified welfare check documentation; immediate alerts for missed or late rounds; continuous supervisory oversight; enhanced monitoring of high-risk inmates; and a permanent electronic audit trail that reduces human error and improves inmate safety.

Inmate Safety and Statutory Qualification

The system directly improves inmate supervision, suicide prevention, medical monitoring, and emergency response. Because it enhances inmate health, safety, and well-being beyond minimum standards, it qualifies under Texas Local Government Code §351.0415(c)(5).

Annual Service Agreement

The annual service agreement provides software maintenance, updates, and technical support necessary to maintain system functionality and inmate safety operations. It is an integral component of the system and qualifies under the same statutory authority.

Administrative Expense Rebuttal

The system is not merely administrative. It enforces real-time physical welfare checks, prevents missed or falsified rounds, provides immediate alerts for non-compliance, and directly reduces risk of inmate harm. Its primary function is operational inmate safety, not clerical recordkeeping.

Conclusion

The Guardian RFID system and its annual service agreement exceed TCJS minimum jail standards and materially enhance inmate safety and supervision. Therefore, both are allowable expenditures under Texas Local Government Code §351.0415(c)(5).

APPROVALS

Sheriff or Designee: _____

Jail Administrator: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

4/23/26

4-23-26