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**Sponsor:** Sheriff's Office

**Meeting Date:** 6/24/2025

**Title:** Agreement with Taher, Inc. for Micro Market Services

**File Number:** 2025-213

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**Background and Rationale:**

The Sheriff's Office operates the Adult Detention Center (ADC), commonly referred to as the Ramsey County jail. The ADC is a 500-bed pre-trial facility providing safe and secure detention services to individuals following their arrest until a court disposition is reached. There are over 150 detention, law enforcement, and medical staff that work in the ADC. Additionally, staff from the Sheriff's Office, Community Corrections, County Attorney's Office, Emergency Communications Center, Public Health, Social Services, Public Defender's Office, and State of Minnesota Courts work on the campus.

On March 12, 2025, the Sheriff's Office issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for micro market services. Micro market services are convenient and allows for staff, many who cannot leave the ADC during their shift, to purchase food and beverage products, such as fresh, healthy food, snacks, pop, treats, etc., from open rack displays, refrigerated coolers and freezers and then pay for products at a self-checkout kiosk that offers a variety of payment options.

Below is the competitive solicitation summary:

Request for Proposals (RFP Title):      Micro Market Services  
RFP Release Date:                      March 12, 2025  
RFP Response Date:                      April 17, 2025  
Number of Contractors Notified:      969  
Respondents:                              Taher, Inc.

Proposal Evaluation Committee:      Correctional Officer, Sheriff's Office  
    Lieutenant, Sheriff's Office  
    Planning Manager, Sheriff's Office  
    Manager, Emergency Communications

RFP Evaluation Criteria:              Workplan  
    Qualifications and Experience  
    Cost  
    Technical Support and Customer Service

Contractor Recommended:              Taher, Inc.

The evaluation team evaluated the proposals based on the criteria identified in the solicitation and is recommending Taher, Inc., as the contractor to provide micro market services.

The costs associated with providing micro market services are covered by the prices charged. The county will receive no revenue associated with the agreement.

The full term of the agreement is June 24, 2025 through June 23, 2027 with the option to be

renewed for three additional one-year periods for a total of five (5) years.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the selection of and the agreement with Taher, Inc., 5570 Smetana Drive, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343 for micro market services for the period of June 24, 2025 through June 23, 2027 with the option to be renewed for three additional one-year periods for a total of five years, in accordance with the rates established in the agreement.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the agreement in accordance with the County's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner McMurtrey, seconded by Commissioner Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Jason Yang, Interim Chief Clerk - County Board