February 18, 2021

To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Amending Resolution 270 of 2019 as Amended by Resolution 31 of 2020 Authorizing Contract with Securus Technologies, Inc. to Provide Telephone Calls at No Cost to Inmates of the Monroe County Jail, and the Andrew P. Meloni S.T.A.R. Academy, formerly known as the Monroe Correctional Facility

Honorable Legislators:

This matter is being referred to Your Honorable Body at the request of Sheriff Todd K. Baxter.

I recommend that Your Honorable Body amend Resolution 270 of 2019, as amended by Resolution 31 of 2020, to modify the contract with Securus Technologies, Inc. to provide for a limited number of telephone calls at no cost to inmates of the Monroe County Jail, and the Andrew P. Meloni S.T.A.R. Academy, formerly known as the Monroe Correctional Facility. Under Securus’s current contract with the County, inmates pay for personal phone calls at the rate of $0.10 per minute and the County receives commissions from Securus based on 78.5% of the total gross billed inmate telephone call revenues which are then deposited in Trust Fund 9620, T99 Jail Commissary-Phone.

Under this proposal, the County will bear the cost of a limited number of telephone calls for inmates. The cost of such telephone calls will be offset against commissions owed to the County under its contract with Securus Technologies, Inc., and if necessary, paid out of Trust Fund 9620, T99 Jail Commissary-Phone.

Securus Technologies, Inc. will continue to provide all necessary wiring and equipment, equipment maintenance, and a full-time on-site system administrator to provide collect telephone service for the inmates.

Due to the time required to install and implement Securus’s telephone and related systems in the County Jail last year, services under the five year contract did not begin until May of 2020. As such, the County desires to update the authorized term from March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2025, with the option to renew for five (5) additional one-year periods, to May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2025, with the option to renew for five (5) additional one-year periods.
The specific legislative action required is to amend Resolution 270 of 2019 as amended by Resolution 31 of 2020 to:

1. Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract amendment with Securus Technologies, Inc., 4000 International Parkway, Carrollton, Texas 75007, effective January 1, 2021, to provide a limited number of telephone calls at no cost to inmates incarcerated at the Monroe County Jail, and the Andrew P. Meloni S.T.A.R. Academy, formerly known as the Monroe Correctional Facility.

2. Authorize the County to bear the cost of such telephone calls to be offset against commissions owed to the County under the contract and, if necessary, paid out of Trust Fund 9620, T99 Jail Commissary-Phone.

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This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(26) (“routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment”) and is not subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

This contract amendment will be paid out of commissions owed to Monroe County and Trust Fund 9620, T99 Jail Commissary-Phone. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The records in the office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that neither Securus Technologies, Inc., nor its Chief Executive Officer, Robert E. Pickens, owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

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Sincerely,

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