OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-251
JUNE 17, 1996 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
VIDEO EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT HOLDING FACILITY AND POLK COUNTY JAIL	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	WILLIAM H. MOULDER POLICE CHIEF

SYNOPSIS —

The City of Des Moines, Polk County, and the Fifth Judicial District have been working in a collaborative effort to assess video equipment needs for the initial appearance of prisoners and have finalized an intergovernmental agreement outlining individual responsibilities and fiscal commitments associated with the use of this video equipment.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The total estimated cost for the video equipment is $115,049 which is initially to be purchased by the City. As indicated in the 28E Agreement, the federal reimbursement share will be $37,500, and the County of Polk and the Fifth Judicial District agree to reimburse the City $25,849.67 each within 30 days of the purchase. Seized funds will be used, and the funding for the City match has been identified in the Police Department's FY1996-97 budget.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of the agreement.

BACKGROUND —

On March 6, 1995, by Roll Call No. 95-881, the City Council approved a grant application to fund the purchase of video equipment to be used to connect the Des Moines Police Department's temporary holding facility and the Polk County Jail Courtroom for the initial appearance of prisoners.

The purchase of this video equipment would allow a judge to conduct an initial appearance of a City prisoner at the Police Department while the judge is at the County Jail. Such an arrangement would allow the redeployment of two police officers into the community to respond to law enforcement need requests on a full-time basis while providing Polk County and the courts with increased security and a lack of congestion.

The project was made available for funding under the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994.