

BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS NOVEMBER 21, 2017

**ITEM REQUIRING BOCC APPROVAL
(1 ITEM)**

1. CHECK COLLECTION SERVICES -- TREASURER'S OFFICE

FUNDING -- TREASURER'S OFFICE

(Request sent to 34 vendors)

RFP #17-0081 Contract

	Account Recovery Specialists, Inc. (ARSI)	Complete Professional Recovery, LLC	Envision Payment Solutions	Financial Asset Management Systems, Inc.	Recheck, Inc.	Universal Collection Systems, Inc.
1. Amount of Non-Sufficient Funds check returned to County	100%	Face Value of Check	100% face value of check	Based on \$100.00 NSF check, FAMS will return \$111.40 on non-litigated accounts	100% face value of the check plus \$10 of the \$30 NSF Fee	78% face value of check
2. Vendor Collection Fee (Non-Litigation)	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	18.6% face value of check	\$20.00	22% face value of check
3. Vendor Collection Fee (Litigation)	\$45.00, 50% Treble Damages, Attorney Fees	50% of award face value of check	Does not provide this service	24.5% face value of check	\$20 of the \$30 NSF Fee and 50% of awarded judgement	40% face value of check
No Bid	Berlin-Wheeler, Inc.			Point & Pay		

On the recommendation of Kristen McGovern, on behalf of the Treasurer's Office, Richard Powell moved to **accept the proposal from Recheck, Inc. and establish contract pricing as listed above for two (2) years with two (2) one (1) year options to renew.** Ellen House seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 to 1 with Linda Kizzire recusing herself from the vote due to being on the evaluation committee.

This contract will be used at the sole discretion of the individual departments for the purpose of recovering checks drawn from accounts with insufficient funds. This contract will include typical debt collection activities including telephone calls, letters and legal action.

A review committee consisting of Linda Kizzire, Randy Bargdill, Debora Rogers - Treasurer's Office, Donna Howerton - Accounting and Kristen McGovern - Purchasing reviewed and scored the responses based on the criteria set forth in the RFP. The committee unanimously decided to recommend Recheck, Inc. for award. The \$20.00 fee proposed by Recheck, Inc. will allow the County to receive a \$10.00 rebate in addition to the face value of each check collected. Recheck, Inc. has also proposed rates to include all court related costs associated with litigated cases.

Note: KSA 60-2610 allows users to collect up to \$30.00 in returned check fees from customers.

Questions and Answers

Linda Kizzire: Mr. Chair, for the record, I have to abstain from voting in this matter because I served on the committee that reviewed.

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Richard Powell: Mr. Chair, on behalf of my working with the Sheriff's office, I feel it's best I also recuse myself from this. Believe it or not, on occasion, someone will write a bad check to the Sheriff's office and once in awhile they do turn them over for collection and we would be a user of these services.

Talaya Schwartz: Comcare has the same thing.

Linda Kizzire: Ellen is going to have the same thing.

Ellen House: I don't feel I need to recuse myself.

Joe Thomas: I would say Linda would be the one recusing herself. Colonel Powell has done it by choice but didn't have to, I would think.

Tom Stolz: I agree. I think we are all in the same situation. Counsel?

Michael Fessinger: I would think only Ms. Kizzire would need to recuse herself. Otherwise I think it would be fine for the other members of the board to vote.

Tom Stolz: Any questions on this proposed service?

Talaya Schwartz: Who is the current vendor and how does this compare?

Kristen McGovern: The current vendor is Recheck, Inc. and the rates are the same.

Tom Stolz: This is the same vendor and same rates?

Kristen McGovern: Correct.