

# COUNCIL DECISION REQUEST

SUBJECT: Star Valley Intergovernmental Agreement for Law Enforcement Services

MEETING DATE: 4/19/07

PAYSON GOAL: NEW:            EXISTING:

ITEM NO.:

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

SUBMITTED BY: Don Engler

AMOUNT BUDGETED: N/A

SUBMITTAL TO AGENDA  
APPROVED BY TOWN MANAGER

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: N/A

CONT. FUNDING REQUIRED: N/A

EXHIBITS (If Applicable, To Be Attached):

Memorandum dated January 16, 2007  
Memorandum dated March 8, 2007

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## POSSIBLE MOTION

I move to direct the legal staff of the Town of Payson to draft an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Payson and the Town of Star Valley regarding law enforcement services for that community, selecting option number (selected during meeting), which is described below. I further authorize legal counsel to prepare the agreement for a total of 3-5 years, (selected during meeting.)

## SUMMARY OF THE BASIS FOR POSSIBLE MOTION:

The Payson Police Department was approached by the Town of Star Valley and requested to present a proposal for an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Payson and the Town of Star Valley to provide law enforcement services to that community. To further facilitate a decision in this matter, after the presentation at the April 5, 2007 Council Meeting, I have decided to provide four separate options for action in this matter, thus allowing the Council to review in its entirety any possible proposal regarding this agreement.

**OPTION #1: To NOT provide law enforcement services to the Town of Star Valley. There is no legal or statutory requirement indicating that the Payson Police Department is required to provide this service to the Town of Star Valley, and this is a clear option to not provide that service at all.**

## #1 PROS:

- The Town of Payson would not be required to provide any law enforcement service to the Town of Star Valley.

## #1 CONS:

- If another entity was to obtain a contract agreement with the Town of Star Valley for law enforcement services, it is likely that the Payson Police Department will work in the Star Valley area to assist in law enforcement services in an agency assist capacity without receiving any financial support for those efforts.

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**OPTION #2: This proposal is directly tied to the original law enforcement proposal directed to the Town of Star Valley on January 16, 2007. This is a proposal to provide law enforcement services to the Town of Star Valley in exchange for a reimbursement of \$564,716.00 the first year with a yearly increase equal to the yearly percentage increase in the Town of Payson Police Department operating budget. This option most clearly reflects the true cost of providing law enforcement services to the Town of Star Valley as it is based on a per capita cost and compares the per capita costs of law enforcement service per Payson resident to the per capita population of Star Valley. This proposal includes the hiring of four full time police officers and would actually make the Town of Star Valley a patrol beat for coverage. In this proposal, reimbursement would be considered from a per capita view, and the exact same cost for police services would be applied to the population of the Town of Star Valley as is the Town of Payson.**

## **#2 PROS:**

- This truly reflects the cost of law enforcement services for providing this service to the Town of Star Valley.
- Four officers are hired by the Payson Police Department to support our efforts in the Town of Star Valley.
- Four police vehicles are purchased to support our efforts in the Town of Star Valley. This cost is shared between the two communities.
- A portion of this funding could be directed towards added staffing in the Records Department of the Payson Police Department.
- The Town of Star Valley has designated patrol services.

## **#2 CONS:**

- The Town of Star Valley has indicated that they cannot afford this level of law enforcement service.

**OPTION #3: This is an option to hire three police officers and purchase three vehicles, along with a 23% addition to provide support in the form of dispatching services, records management and supervision. The total dollar amount for this proposal the first year is \$387,450.00, which is subject to an increase to remain at 10.7% in relation to the yearly operating budget of the Payson Police Department. During negotiations the Town of Star Valley also recommended and agreed to a protection clause for the Town of Payson, which indicates that if a single call generated more than 100 man-hours of work that they would pay an additional \$45.00 per hour fee for each additional man-hour.**

## **#3 PROS:**

- If the Town of Star Valley cannot afford option #2, then this is an alternative that brings the two communities closer together in providing law enforcement support to the Town of Star Valley.
- Three police officers would be hired to work in both communities to share the workload.

## **#3 CONS:**

- This proposal is still one officer less than what is recommended and in place per capita in the Town of Payson.
- Even with the excess clause in effect, the Town of Payson is \$4500.00 into a major call prior to receiving any additional funding.

**OPTION #4: This is the proposal that was presented on April 5, 2007 to the Payson Town Council. This is also outlined in a memorandum dated March 8, 2007. This proposal was arrived at after meeting with Star**

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**Valley officials, who indicated they could not afford the higher level of service. They had requested that the Town of Payson just look at the dollar figure for police service of two police officers working in their community as need dictated. That proposal was for \$210,000.00, which included two police officers and two vehicles for service to that community. After the April 5, 2007 meeting, it was apparent that the Payson Town Council wanted to view another option, and the addition to this option is a 23% support services expenditure, which would include the cost of dispatching services, records keeping services and police supervision. Therefore, the total amount of Option #4 for the first year is \$258,300.00 and would be increased yearly based on a percentage relationship of 7.1% of the operating expense budget of the Town of Payson Police Department. This proposed agreement would also have the clause to provide overage protection for the Town of Payson and any single call that generates more than 100 man-hours would be charged at a rate of \$45.00 per hour.**

### **#4 PROS:**

- The Town of Star Valley receives a basic police service for an amount of money that is affordable to their community.

### **#4 CONS:**

- The Payson Police Department is required to provide law enforcement services by only having two additional police officers assigned to the Payson Police Department.
- Even with the excess clause in effect, the Town of Payson is \$4500.00 into a major call prior to receiving any additional funding.

### **PUBLIC INPUT (if any):**

### **BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS (if any) (give dates and attach minutes):**