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AUDITOR CITES CONTRACT OVERCHARGES

DuPage County Auditor Jim Rasins has identified over \$23,000 in overcharges billed to the County during the last 20 months by the company providing meals at the County's Juvenile Detention Center. The overcharges stemmed from the vendor using per-meal billing rates that exceeded those spelled out in the County's contract.

Rasins disclosed the amount and other findings related to the contract in an audit report issued last week.

"The contract provided that the charges for meals were to be based upon a sliding scale, with the price per meal decreasing as the total number of meals served to Center detainees and Center staff increased," the Auditor explained.

The invoices submitted to the County used the number of the detainee meals, double meals served to detainees, and meals served to Center staff in calculating the amount billed. However, Rasins noted that the billing rate per meal was based only on the number of single meals served to detainees. This resulted in a higher rate per meal being used to bill the County.

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The Auditor recommended that the County pursue recovery of the over-billed amounts that were paid by the County. In addition, improved contract management procedures were recommended to monitor contract compliance and vendor performance.

The audit also suggested improving various contract terms related to contract renewal price adjustments and the contract pricing structure.

Rasins stated that the detailed audit of the food service contract was initiated as a result of ongoing audit procedures performed in his office of various contracts entered into by the County.

He indicated that audits of billings under additional contracts are expected in the future.

The entire internal audit report can be viewed on the DuPage County Auditor internet website at www.dupageco.org/auditor.

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