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public records request - animal control RFP due diligence

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Kevin,

Please provide the documents that show what due diligence was done to confirm that \$425,000 per year is a reasonable cost to run the Marathon animal shelter.

For instance, a competent effort might have included the following research:

1. Establishing the actual cost to run the shelter under prior operators. (SHARK, SUFA) Obviously, the lost audited financial statements would have been very helpful here. So unfortunate they've gone missing.
2. Comparing the cost of running similar animal shelters. For instance, the iPhone Bandit compared Monroe County's property tax rate with Okaloosa County's property tax rate when it was advantageous to do so. So how does Monroe County's animal control program compare to similar programs? Do we pay more? Less? Are the results better? Worse?
3. Estimating the cost of bringing the operation in-house. Costs to run the Marathon shelter have escalated tremendously year over year. In addition, FKSPCA allocates all employment costs to the operations contract. Are we paying for time spent on non-reimbursable activities such as fundraising?

I'm sure such documents exist as it would have been negligent to award the RFP at the inflated price without having done this basic research. And I'm sure these documents would be easily accessible as the contract was awarded so recently.

Thanks in advance for your prompt and courteous response.

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