

**Office of the County Auditor**  
**Auditor's Analysis**

**Council Resolution No. 139-2020**

Introduced: September 8, 2020

Auditor: Owen Clark

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Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact of this legislation is forgone revenue of \$129,331 and an annual savings of \$14,500 in maintenance costs.

The foregone revenue is calculated as the net of book value (\$129,332) minus the Administration's estimated sale price (\$1).

It should be noted that this asset was purchased through State grant funding with no additional County funds.

Purpose:

The purpose of this legislation is to sell the County's Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer to the Maryland State Police (MSP), Forensic Sciences Division for a nominal value, which the Administration indicated will likely be \$1.

Other Comments:

This asset was acquired through a State grant on June 30, 2019. The County was a sub-grantee of the Howard County Health Department and the grant was administered by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

*We have an open inquiry with the Administration regarding whether or not grant agreement restrictions exist which would prohibit the transfer of this asset.*

The Administration's testimony has indicated the asset is valued at \$163,000. However, our review of SAP indicates it was acquired for \$139,400 and its book value as of August 31, 2020, is \$129,332.

We have requested a copy of the draft Memorandum of Understanding with the MSP that will outline the new terms as a result of this asset transfer. *The Administration has indicated the draft will be made available to Council as soon as legally possible.*