



Legislation Text

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Carol J. Huchingson, County Administrative Officer

DATE: April 25, 2017

SUBJECT: Consideration of Agreement for Indigent Defense Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Pursuant to the direction of your Board, staff has prepared the attached Agreement for Indigent Defense services with Lake Indigent Defense (LID) for your consideration. As your Board described during discussion on March 28, 2017, a significant function of LID under this Agreement will be working in a liaison capacity over this program.

I will administer this Agreement on behalf of the County and I will schedule the Public Defender Oversight Committee (PDOC) meetings as discussed in 2.R. As per this provision, the PDOC will meet monthly with LID, during the first six months of services to assess LID's ability to comply with the performance requirements of the Agreement. At the end of this first six months, I may appoint one of my deputies to administer this Agreement, depending upon the status at that time.

LID will provide up to 7 conflict levels for individual indigent defendants in felony cases and up to 12 conflict levels for individual indigent defendants for misdemeanor cases. Pursuant to Section 2.S., J. David Markham shall serve as the primary point of contact for LID's work under the term of the Agreement.

LID's original cost proposal was for a total of \$1,320,000 although in said proposal, LID indicated an exception to one of the requirements of the Request for Proposal (RFP). In light of this, staff requested that LID reduce its cost proposal by 2%, to \$1,300,000. However, LID was not receptive to staff's request and refused to make any adjustment.

FISCAL IMPACT: ___ None X Budgeted (For FY 16/17) ___ Non-Budgeted

Estimated Cost:

Amount Budgeted:

Additional Requested:

Annual Cost (if planned for future years): \$1,036,000 - Former Contractor /

\$1,320,000 - Lake Indigent Defense

FISCAL IMPACT (Narrative):

As your Board is aware, for many years, indigent defense services have been provided by another firm at a cost which is considerably less than what LID has proposed. Although Fiscal Year Budget 17/18 is still in the developmental stages, an additional \$284,000 over prior Fiscal Year 16/17 will be needed to fund the LID Agreement.

STAFFING IMPACT (if applicable):

None

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Agreement between the County of Lake and Lake Indigent Defense (LID), for Indigent Defense Services and Authorize the Chair to Sign.