RESOLUTION NO: 2020-09-222

LIVINGSTON COUNTY DATE:

Resolution Authorizing Felony Public Defender Contracts for 2021 – Public Defender

September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, Livingston County Public Defender's Office requires contracts with private attorneys to serve as Public Defenders for indigent criminal defendants; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the County's Procurement Policy, a formal bid process was performed and submitted proposals were evaluated; and

WHEREAS, the Public Defender's Office intends to contract with the following attorneys to provide services as Public Defenders to indigent felony defendants for the following costs:

ATTORNEY	Number of CASES per Year	PER MONTH Cost	PER YEAR Cost
James Buttrey	300	\$30,000	\$360,000
Mark Scharrer	100	\$10,000	\$120,000
Steven Dodge	50	\$5,000	\$60,000
Mitchell Perrault, PLLC	50	\$5,000	\$60,000
Sizemore Law Office	75	\$7,500	\$90,000
Mark Wilcox	50	\$5,000	\$60,000

WHEREAS, the term of each contract will commence on October 1, 2020, and expire on September 30, 2021 with the option to renew for up to two (2) additional one-year periods, for a total contract period not to exceed three years; and

WHEREAS, funding is available in the Public Defender budget and included in the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission FY 2021 plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes entering into contracts for indigent felony Public Defender services with the attorneys and amounts listed above beginning October 1, 2020 and continuing until September 30, 2021, with the option to renew for up to two (2) additional one-year periods, for a total contract period not to exceed three years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign all forms, assurances, contracts/agreements, renewals and future amendments for monetary and contract language adjustments related to the above upon review and/or preparation of Civil Counsel.

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