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Memorandum

To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners
From: Karen Groenhout, Livingston County Public Defender
Date: August 26, 2020
Re: Resolution Authorizing Felony Public Defender Contracts for 2021 – Public Defender

The Michigan Indigent Defense Commission has approved Livingston County's Compliance Plan and grant request. Livingston County's approved MIDC plan is for a hybrid system of a Public Defender's Office and a felony attorney contract system. Six attorneys applied to contract with Livingston County who meet the necessary minimum qualifications. The State of Michigan, through the MIDC, will provide funding to assist with compliance of our approved hybrid plan. The funding for the Felony Public Defender Contracts will be from the Public Defender's Budget. The agreement is for fiscal year 2021 and runs from October 1, 2020 until September 30, 2021.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me directly.