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Memorandum

To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners
From: Karen Groenhout, Livingston County Public Defender
Date: August 10, 2023
Re: Resolution Authorizing Felony Public Defender Contracts for 2024 – 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 roster system. Three attorneys applied to contract with Livingston County who meet the necessary minimum qualifications to provide felony indigent defense services. The State of Michigan, through the MIDC, will provide funding to assist with compliance of our approved compliance plan. The funding for the Felony Public Defender Contracts will be from the Public Defender's Budget. The agreement is for fiscal year 2024 and runs from October 1, 2023 until September 30, 2024.

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

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