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LIVINGSTON COUNTY TRIAL COURT
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Memorandum

To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners
From: Deborah Shaw, Juvenile & Probate Court Administrator
Date: August 21, 2023
**Re: Resolution Authorizing a Contract Award to LACASA for Court
Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Services for the Circuit
Court – Juvenile Division**

The attached resolution authorizes a five-year contract for Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Services for neglected and abused children under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court. The current contract for this service is set to expire on September 30, 2023.

LACASA, as the provider of the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program, recruits, trains and supports community volunteers who are appointed by the Court to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in child protective proceedings. As an independent voice for children, CASAs investigate, facilitate, and advocate on behalf of the children until they are in a safe, permanent home.

Per County Procurement Policy, CASA Services are a specialized, sole-source service and LACASA is the sole provider in Livingston County (see attached email from Michigan CASA).

A new five-year contract beginning October 1, 2023, in the amount of \$110,250 per year is sought. The Court has funds in the Child Care Fund budget for this contracted service and the service is eligible for 75% reimbursement from the state.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support of the Livingston County Courts and the services provided to children and families.