



ITEM NO. (ID # 4599)

DATE: 09/05/2017

AGENDA REQUEST

\*CONSENT AGENDA\COUNTY ATTORNEY

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**PRESENTED BY:** Roy Hudson, Criminal Justice Coordinator

**SUBMITTED BY:** County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Interagency Agreement with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice for the Operation of the Juvenile Assessment Center for FY 2017-2018.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2005, St. Lucie County funded the Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) as an eighteen month pilot project. In 2007, the Board again funded the JAC, with two thirds of the funding being provided by the cities of Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie along with court fine contributions. On April 27, 2010, the Board terminated the contract with the vendor who operated the JAC and entered in an agreement with the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to operate the JAC.

The JAC is a 24-hour central receiving, booking program serving juveniles throughout St. Lucie County. After taking juveniles to the JAC, law enforcement officers can return to assigned duties within approximately 15 minutes, thereby saving an average of three (3) hours per juvenile case. Prior to the JAC, officers had to take the juveniles to the jail for booking. The jail is not currently able to accommodate juveniles. Once a juvenile arrives at the JAC, they are electronically fingerprinted and photographed. The juveniles then are screened to determine if they are going to be placed in the detention center. Attached to this memorandum is a copy of the proposed Interagency Agreement with the DJJ to operate the JAC for an annual amount of \$185,576.04.

**PREVIOUS ACTION:**

Since October 2010, the Board has approved the Department of Juvenile Justice to operate the Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC).

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

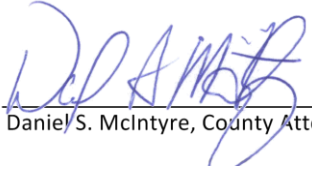
Sufficient funding is available from the Juvenile Assessment Center account-JAC(107-2360-549925-6291).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board approve the Interagency Agreement with the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) for the operation of the Juvenile Assessment Center for FY17/18. Since DJJ is a Department of State Government, this agreement can be approved without an Request for Proposal (RFP).

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Coordination/Signatures



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Daniel S. McIntyre, County Attorney

8/24/2017