



ITEM NO. (ID # 4612)

DATE: 09/05/2017

AGENDA REQUEST

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TO: Board of County Commissioners

PRESENTED BY: Roy Hudson, Criminal Justice Coordinator

SUBMITTED BY: County Attorney

SUBJECT: Amended Interlocal Agreement for Expansion of Pretrial Services between St. Lucie and Okeechobee County

BACKGROUND:

Staff will be requesting that the Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners approve the Amended Interlocal Agreement for Pretrial Services between Okeechobee County and St. Lucie County for a one year term commencing on October 1, 2017, and ending on September 30, 2018 in the amount of \$20,000 quarterly.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

The Board of County Commissioners in St. Lucie County approved the establishment of the Pretrial Supervision Program in 2007. The Program has operated for the past ten (10) years, with approximately 6,100 cases ordered for supervision during that time. The Program was initially started strictly for "pretrial supervision", as an alternative to jail incarceration. The Program provides the Court with options for supervision of defendants pending disposition of criminal cases both in County and Circuit Court. While the jail over-crowding was one factor that was of main concern at the time, the cost of jail medical care and treatment was becoming a major concern. Allowing specific defendants to be released under restrictive conditions to continue medical treatment or surgery, provided for savings to both the County and the Jail (with the defendants using their own insurance or resources). Furthermore, defendants on the program keep their jobs, provide for their families and, at times, receive treatment and care for substance abuse, medical and mental health issues.

During 2016, 493 new St. Lucie County Defendants entered the Program, with 115 carry-overs from the 2015 year, for a total of 612 defendants supervised. There were over 1,448 drug tests ordered for the year and 3,911 field/residence checks done. The Program continues to use GPS and enhanced supervision for release of medical cases from the jail (to reduce the cost to the County for on-going treatment, surgical procedures and terminal defendants). Approximately 44,494 "bed days" were saved at the rate of \$71.31 per day (without medical), at a projected savings of over \$3,172,867.14. The daily GPS cost per

unit is now \$3.50 (down from \$8.00 per day in 2007), which provides for a tremendous savings when an inmate could cost several thousand dollars a day for medical care.

The number of Okeechobee Defendants that entered the program 2016 was 72 supervised individuals, 19 new defendants were sentenced to the program and 7 were carry-overs from 2015 with a total of 98 defendants supervised. There were 243 drug tests ordered for the year and 617 field/residence checks done. There were approximately 7,660 "bed days" saved at the rate of \$70.00 per day at a projected savings of \$536,200.00. Over the same time frame there have been 484 field/residence checks done.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

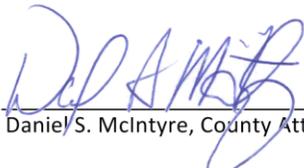
\$80,000 for FY 17/18 in revenue to St. Lucie County in account string #107-2360-337270-200 (Okeechobee County-Pretrial Services).

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board approve the Amended Interlocal Agreement for Pretrial Services between St. Lucie County and Okeechobee County for FY 17/18, and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Coordination/Signatures



Daniel S. McIntyre, County Attorney

8/24/2017