

Date: June 30, 2021

To: Dylan Reingold, Indian River County Attorney

From: Joseph J Cowan, St Lucie County Criminal Justice Director *JC*

Re: Proposal for Pretrial Services for Indian River County

The following is a response to your Request for Proposal for St Lucie County Criminal Justice Division to provide and operate a Pretrial Program for Indian River County. The proposal outlines items, facilities and services to be provided by Indian River County and St Lucie County. This will be a full service pretrial office supported by a full time staff and supervised by our Program Manager. Please note that any agreement is subject to the approval of the Board of County Commissioners of St Lucie County, Florida.

Cost and projected savings:

Annual cost for Pretrial Program \$250,744.55

Based on data provided by Indian River County and current Pretrial statistics.

Indian River County should expect 218 defendants annually on Pretrial Program

Majority of Defendants are on Pretrial 30 days (some more and some less)

Projected annual jail bed day reduction 6,540

Current Indian River County Jail bed day cost \$99.00

Projected jail bed day cost savings to Indian River County \$647,460.00

Project overall cost savings to Indian River County \$396,715.45 (bed day cost savings minus program cost)

Additional Cost savings

Projected cost savings noted above does not include Defendant/Inmate Medical cost savings.

As an inmate, the County is responsible for all medical care and associated expenses.

Once released from jail the inmate/defendant is now responsible for their own medical care and associated expenses.

Program Benefits

Pretrial Program is a specialty tool available to the Courts so they may impose a reduced bond amount and still provide community protections.

Defendant may be permitted to continue working (provide for family)

Defendant will have conditions imposed to ensure court order compliance. Examples include weekly reporting to a Pretrial Office, random home visits by Pretrial staff, random drug/alcohol testing. GPS defendants are tracked 24/7 and may have restriction zones.

### **Indian River County will provide**

- Office space in the Indian River County Courthouse. This office space shall be equipped with a desk and office chairs for three (3) people. Office shall have three dedicated phone lines.
- Separate secure office space for defendant check-in and instruction. Room should contain small table and three (3) chairs. Room should have security camera and panic alarm.
- Access to Courthouse WiFi system
- Access to Indian River County Court and Sheriff Jail programs.
- Three desk phones
- Point of contact with Indian River County Administration
- Point of contact with Indian River Clerk of Court
- Point of contact with Indian River County Jail
- Security clearance at Courthouse and Jail for Pretrial Staff (all staff members).

### **St Lucie County will provide**

- One (1) Senior Pretrial Officer
- One (1) Case Manager
- Two (2) laptop computer work stations and maintenance for same
- Printer/Copier/Fax machine
- One (1) Pretrial vehicle equipped with computer mount and warning lights
- SLC will vet, hire, provide salary, benefits and supervise all personnel assigned to the program.
- All GPS tracking equipment necessary for the program
- Training and certifications for all personnel assigned to the program.
- Annual report and OPPAGA reports to Indian River County
- Provide Roll Call training to Law Enforcement agencies in Indian River County
- Body Armor, Jacket and flash light for pretrial officer
- Two (2) cell phones
- One (1) iPad with mounting system and maintenance for defendant check-in

### **Note**

If the case load runs higher than 40 cases per week for more than six (6) consecutive weeks then the St. Lucie County Pretrial Program shall be able to approach Indian River County BOCC to discuss an increase in the number of Pretrial Personnel assigned to the Indian River County contract. Optimal Officer/Defendant caseload ratio is 20 defendants per Pretrial Officer.