

Office of INDIAN RIVER COUNTY ATTORNEY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Dylan Reingold, County Attorney

DATE: November 22, 2021

SUBJECT: Indian River County – St. Lucie County Interlocal Agreement for Pre-Trial Services

BACKGROUND.

On October 12, 2021, the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners voted to move forward with establishing a pre-trial services program with St. Lucie County running the program. St. Lucie County has a pre-trial services program which provides a number of different services, such as GPS monitoring, curfew and house arrest compliance, establishing exclusion zones, and drug and alcohol testing. The pre-trial program is utilized by judges as an alternative to having a defendant spend time before trial in jail.

In order to memorialize this cooperative arrangement, St. Lucie County has proposed the attached interlocal agreement. The annual cost of the program is expected to be \$250,744.55. Roughly \$35,800 of this is for upfront costs in establishing the program here in Indian River County. The intent is to have the program running by April 1, 2022.

FUNDING.

Funding in the amount of \$250,745 for the annual cost of the Pre-Trial Services program is scheduled to be split between the County and the Sheriff. The Sheriff has stated that there are sufficient funds available in his approved budget to cover his share of the expenses. A budget amendment to fund the County's share of \$125,373 will require a budget amendment from General Fund/Reserve for Contingency.

RECOMMENDATION.

The County Attorney's Office recommends that the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners approve the proposed interlocal agreement and authorize the chair to sign any documents necessary to effectuate the interlocal agreement, after review and approval by the County Attorney.

ATTACHMENT.

Interlocal Agreement