



*Office of*  
**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY  
ATTORNEY**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Dylan Reingold, County Attorney  
**DATE:** May 8, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Pretrial Services

**BACKGROUND.**

St. Lucie County has a Pretrial 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 pretrial program is utilized by judges as an alternative to having a defendant spend time before trial in jail.

St. Lucie County provides this service to Okeechobee County and Martin County. Martin County began the program in October 2018 for \$248,000 for the year. Under the program, the Martin County Sheriff's Office provides the following:

1. Office space in the Martin County Courthouse along with a desk and chairs.
2. A vehicle in good serviceable condition with access to fuel, maintenance and insurance.
3. Three office phones.
4. Point of contact with Martin County Sheriff's Office.
5. Point of contact at the County jail.
6. Security Clearances for staff at the Courthouse and Jail.
7. Body armor, jackets, and flashlights for personnel.
8. Printer-Copier-Fax machine. Paper, ink, supplies and maintenance.
9. Two cell phones.
10. Two HP EliteBook 840G3-15 8g cellular lap top computers with air card service.
11. Three work station computers and maintenance for same.

Under the program, St. Lucie County provides the following:

1. One Senior Pretrial officer, One Pretrial Officer and One Case Manager.
2. Annual report and OPPAGA reports to Martin County Sheriff's Office.

3. Provide Roll Call training to law enforcement agencies in Martin County.
4. Will vet, hire, provide salary, benefits and supervise all personnel assigned to the program.
5. All GPS tracking equipment and monitors needed for the program.
6. Provide all training and certifications for personnel.

It was estimated that the Martin County Sheriff's Office would save one million dollars based on 35 beds being used per day at \$88.00 a day for each bed. That estimate did not take into account additional cases, being able to save on inmate medical or the possibility of involving the weekend inmate program.

On April 24, 2019, the Indian River County Public Safety Council for Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse (the "Council") heard a presentation about pretrial services from Roy Hudson, Criminal Justice Coordinator for the St. Lucie County Attorney's Office. At the meeting, Chief Judge Metzger, Judge Cox and Judge Morgan all expressed support for the program and the importance of public safety. The Council voted unanimously to support offering pretrial services in Indian River County and authorized the County Attorney to gather more information and present the matter to the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners (the "Board"). Since that time, I was able to obtain the interlocal agreement between St. Lucie County and Martin County for the provision of pretrial services, which is attached.

Mr. Hudson has expressed his willingness to assist Indian River County in starting a separate program or by providing a proposal for a contract. Mr. Hudson noted that the services for Indian River County may slightly differ from the services provided to Martin County. A proposal would depend on his research and analysis of needs of Indian River County. The County Attorney's Office recommends that the Board authorize to the County Attorney's Office to work with the Indian River County Sheriff's Office and the St. Lucie County Pretrial Program on gathering a more definitive cost estimate for providing services in Indian River County.

**RECOMMENDATION.**

The County Attorney's Office recommends that the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners authorize to the County Attorney's Office to work with the Indian River County Sheriff's Office and the St. Lucie County Pretrial Program on gathering a more definitive cost estimate for providing services in Indian River County.

**ATTACHMENT(S).**

Pretrial Supervision Program Handout  
Interlocal Agreement between St. Lucie County and Martin County  
Memorandum from Ray P. Hudson to Sheriff William D. Snyder, dated June 11, 2018