

## TOWN COUNCIL

### STAFF REPORT Executive Department



<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	June 11, 2024
<b>PROJECT:</b>	Consideration of an Intergovernmental Agreement Renewal between the Town and The Fourteenth Circuit Public Defender's Office for indigent representation
<b>PROJECT MANAGER:</b>	Felicia Roth, Director of Compliance and Contracts

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends renewal of the Fourteenth Circuit Public Defender agreement.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:** The Town currently has a multi-jurisdictional agreement with the Fourteenth Circuit Public Defenders Office which will expire on July 1, 2024. Each jurisdiction, including the Town of Bluffton, the City of Beaufort, and the Town of Port Royal each provide funds towards indigent defense services.

The renewal would include the following shared costs:

- \$137,280 split between Bluffton Port Royal and Beaufort for public defender services and administrative assistant
- \$76,164 split between Bluffton Port Royal and Beaufort for public defender services at bond hearings
- \$50,000 split between Bluffton Port Royal and Beaufort for additional public defender to help with case load.
- \$1,200 split between Bluffton and Port Royal for supplies

**NEXT STEPS:** Authorizing the Town Manager to sign the renewal agreement with the Fourteenth Circuit Public Defender's Office.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

1. Intergovernmental Agreement
2. Resolution
3. Motion