



CHURCHILL COUNTY AGENDA REPORT

Date Submitted: August 24, 2021

Meeting Date Requested: September 2, 2021

To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Jim R. Barbee, County Manager

Subject Title: Consideration and possible action re: Approval of the Churchill County Indigent Defense Plan.

Type of Action Requested: Approval

Does this action require a Business Impact Statement? No.

Recommend Board Action: Motion to approve the Churchill County Indigent Defense Plan.

Discussion: NRS 260.010(7)(b) & NRS 260.070(2) requires that the Board of County Commissioners provide an annual report to the Department of Indigent Defense Services. The report must include any information requested by the Department concerning the provision of indigent defense services in the county and must include the plan for the provision of indigent defense services for the next fiscal year. The Plan, as proposed, was developed in cooperation with the Department of Indigent Defense Services and the Churchill County Public Defender. It reflects the requirements as outlined in the Temporary Regulations enacted by the Board on Indigent Defense Services on March 5th, 2021. The Plan as proposed will begin the process of annual reporting, which will occur prior to May 1st of each year hereafter. The Plan may be changed from time to time as desired and approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The Churchill County Plan is due for submission to the Indigent Defense Commission on September 3, 2021.

Alternatives: N/A

Fiscal Impact: Unknown.

Explanation of Impact: If an attorney or other individual was hired or contracted to fill the responsibilities of the Appointed Counsel Program Coordinator, it would require payment of contract or salary expenses. If an existing county employee was appointed as the Coordinator, there may be little or no fiscal impact.

Funding Source: General Fund.

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