



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Order No. 2024-017 designating the Deschutes County District Attorney to represent the State's interest in civil commitment proceedings

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Move approval of Board Order No. 2024-017.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In 2019, primarily due to budget and FTE impacts, the Board of Commissioners designated County Legal to represent the State's interest in civil commitment proceedings. Prior to that time, the District Attorney prosecuted civil commitment matters. In the past few months, the District Attorney and Behavioral Health have concluded that it would be beneficial to the criminal justice mental health system if responsibility for prosecuting civil commitment proceedings was returned to the District Attorney. This will allow for better coordination in conjunction with Aid & Assist and other court-based mental health proceedings. BOCC Order No. 2024-017 provides that beginning on July 1, 2024, the District Attorney will assume responsibility and legal authority for prosecuting civil commitment matters.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Dependent upon budget decisions relative to District Attorney FTE.

ATTENDANCE:

Legal