

Staff Report

Subject: Renewal of the Probation Services agreement with the City of Springfield

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Item Description: Probation Services

Summary Recommendation: Renewal of the Probation Services Agreement with the City of Springfield

Executive Summary/Background:

- Service agreements are required by the Georgia Department of Community Supervision's Misdemeanor Probation Oversight Unit.
- Effingham Co. Probation Office supervises probated misdemeanor cases sentenced by the court listed. The majority of cases that Effingham County Probation serves are from State and Superior Court.
- Springfield and Guyton courts are contracted to help supplement the budget and keep local probation local.
- Probationers pay a \$50.00 per month supervision fee (unless otherwise ordered by the sentencing Judge). \$41.00 is paid to the probation office and \$9.00 is paid to the State of Georgia's Crime Victim Emergency Fund. Probationers ordered to complete the MRT Program will be charged a \$25.00 per workbook fee, and drug screens sent for confirmation will be \$27.00 for each positive confirmation.
- Providing probation supervision for State and Superior Court is a function of county government.
- Providing probation supervision to the Cities saves them from having to contract with a private provider, or staff and manage a separate office to handle probationers.
- The agreement has been previously reviewed and approved to form by the County Attorney.
- The agreement can be cancelled with 30 days written notice by either party. The Court may cancel the agreement immediately for cause.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Renewal of the Probation Services Agreement with the City of Springfield.
2. Cancel the agreement.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: Probation.

Funding Source: N/A – funds are collected from probationers.

Attachments: Probation service agreement with the City of Springfield.