

## **Staff Report**

**Subject:** Renewal of the Probation Services agreement with the City of Guyton

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**Department:** Purchasing and Probation

**Meeting Date:** December 6, 2022

**Item Description:** Probation Services

**Summary Recommendation:** Approval of the Probation Services Agreement with the City of Guyton

### **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 Guyton.
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 Guyton.