

TO: City Council
FROM: Troy Niemeyer, Finance Director
DATE: April 16, 2024
SUBJECT: Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County for Indigent Defense Legal Services
Amendment No. 4

1) Recommended Action:

Authorize the Mayor to sign the contract extension with the Thurston County Office of Public Defense.

The Public Health and Safety Committee recommended this item be approved and placed on the consent agenda at its meeting on April 9, 2024.

2) Background:

In 2012 the City of Tumwater City Council decided to get out of the court business and contract with Thurston County for court services. In 2013 the City entered into an interlocal agreement with Thurston County's Office of Assigned Council, now referred to as Thurston County Public Defense (TCPD), to provide indigent defense legal services. A supplemental agreement for services was also approved in 2013 detailing the services to be provide and the cost of those services. That agreement was renewed in 2018, 2020, 2022 and is up for renewal again for services in 2025-2026.

Patrick O'Connor, Director of TCPD, presented to this Committee on October 10, 2023 to give a general update on the services they provided under this contract.

3) Policy Support:

Provide and sustain quality public safety services.

4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Authorize the Mayor to sign the contract amendment.
 - ☐ Don't authorize the Mayor to sign the contract.
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5) Fiscal Notes:

The total cost for the two year agreement is \$484,750 and covers 2025 and 2026. It is \$5,394 (1.1%) higher than the previous agreement.

6) Attachments:

A. Attachment A – Contract extension