



## **COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

**Meeting Type:** Council - Regular

**Meeting Date:** October 13, 2022

**Agenda Item Type:** Consent Agenda

**Staff Contact:** April Spradlin

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### **STAFF REPORT**

#### **AGENDA ITEM:**

Appoint Jim Strickland Law Firm as the Indigent Defense Attorney for Tyrone Municipal Court from January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Jim Strickland Law Firm formerly Taylor and Strickland is a law firm servicing Coweta and it's surrounding areas. Originally, Taylor and Strickland was started by a former Carroll County Assistant District Attorney David Taylor who has now been appointed as Juvenile Court Judge for Coweta County and is no longer able to be a prosecutor. Since the appointment, Jim Strickland has rebranded the law firm to Jim Strickland Law Firm. Along with serving Tyrone, Jim is also the Public Defender for Newnan Municipal Court and serves the surrounding communities as a criminal defense and DUI defense attorney. Jim has been a great asset to Tyrone Municipal Court in the previous 3 years, and we look forward to him continuing as our Public Defender.

#### **FUNDING:**

20-52-1207

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The town requires review of this contract and signature of such by the Mayor or designated agent.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Contract Agreement

#### **PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS:**

Adopted the Public Defender Agreement for Taylor and Strickland for January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.