



## **COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

**Meeting Type:** Council - Regular

**Meeting Date:** December 21, 2023

**Agenda Item Type:** Presentation

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### **STAFF REPORT**

#### **AGENDA ITEM:**

Re-Appointment of Taylor & Strickland Law Firm as the Indigent Defense Attorney's for Tyrone Municipal Court for from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Taylor & Strickland is a law firm servicing Coweta and it's surrounding areas. It was started by former Carroll County Assistant District Attorney David Taylor. Attorney Jim Strickland joined the firm in 2014. Both attorney's have had a strong focus on criminal law during their entire careers. In addition to David's time with the District Attorney's Office, the firm handled felony conflict cases for the Coweta Judicial Circuit for over five years, consisting of over five hundred cases. In addition to private criminal defense cases, David Taylor is currently the Judge in Franklin and Ephesus Municipal Courts and Jim Strickland is the Public Defender for Newnan Municipal Court. The Taylor & Strickland Law Firm looks forward to continuing to assist people with the criminal defense needs.

#### **FUNDING:**

20-52-1207

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The town requires review of this contract and signature of such by the Mayor or designated agent. This contract renewal has no changes in service, however there is a \$45.00 increase per case.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Contract Agreement

#### **PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS:**

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