

## **LAW AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Law and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Beggs, in the Board Conference Room of the Oceana County Courthouse on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Mr. Erickson, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Walker, Mr. Christians, Ms. Meyette, Mr. Morse and Mr. Beggs.

Also present: Dr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; and Dr. Karen Moore, Indigent Defense Coordinator.

Moved by Mr. Christians and seconded by Mr. Morse to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2021 Law and Safety Committee minutes as corrected.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Chairperson Beggs asked if there were any changes to the agenda items.

Moved by Chairperson Beggs and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

No public comments on agenda items at this time.

Dr. Karen Moore, Indigent Defense Coordinator, requested discussion and consideration of a resolution to approve an independent contractor agreement with Indigent Defense Consultants. The new fiscal year starts October 1<sup>st</sup> and the State has yet to set their budget so funds have not been updated for the MIDC system; which is normal and procedures should continue on as done in previous years.

The grant request has been approved, but the big change this year is compliance with Standard 5. Standard 5 compliance would initiate an independent contractor agreement with Indigent Defense Consultants (IDC) that wasn't initially covered in the grant for fiscal year 2022. This would put Oceana County on the same schedule as the other seven counties that contract with IDC. Dr. Moore is ready to proceed and foresees no issues. Dr. Moore did mention that she was recently notified that the State is trying to change the local share. She will keep the Commissioners notified of any changes that are made.

Mr. Morse inquired as to what percentage of the cost is covered by the county and by the state. Dr. Sobie indicated that the county cost is approximately \$90,000 and the state grant is approximately \$540,000.

Mr. Walker mentioned that part of funding that comes in is for the extra work that the corrections staff must perform.

Dr. Sobie questioned, that since MIDC covered some of the cost of construction for the confidential attorney/client meeting space, if that would be a one-time cost or if a need was identified could the county ask for construction related funding for future projects.

Dr. Moore indicated that the statute does not address this specifically but feels that this could be argued without difficulty if the absolute need would arise.

There were no public comments at this time.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Beggs adjourned the Law and Safety Committee meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully,

Amy L. Anderson  
Oceana County Clerk