



To: Gahanna City Council
Raymond Mularski, City Attorney

From: Amanda Parker, Clerk of Court
Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor

Date: January 19, 2021

Re: Mayor's Court Report to Council (January 25, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting)

UPDATES

No updates at this time.

ACTION ITEM(S)

ACTION ITEM #1 – FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER – ENTER INTO CONTRACT

The City of Gahanna contracts annually with the Franklin County Public Defender Commission to provide legal representation for indigent persons who are charged with a violation of the City's ordinances, pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code §120.14(E).

The City's 2020 contract with the Franklin County Public Defender Commission expired on December 31, 2020. The proposed contract for 2021 was received by the City from Franklin County on January 19, 2021 and would be retroactive to January 1, 2021. Under the new contract, the City would pay the Commission at a rate of \$54.69/case, which is an 18.75% increase over last year's \$46.06/case price (but is still a 33% decrease from the \$81.90 per case cost in 2019). In 2020, the Public Defender's Office represented eleven (11) cases for a total expenditure of \$506.66. A copy of the contract is attached for review.

The Administration respectfully requests Council to issue an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Franklin County Public Defender Commission for calendar year 2021.

Legislation Needed: Ordinance
Emergency/Waiver: None
Vendor Name: FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER
Vendor Address: 373 South High St, 12th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215
Already Appropriated (Amounts & Accounts):
\$ 2400.00 from 1010.4000.5210 Professional Services