

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING:	July 21, 2009 - Consent	AGENDA NO.: 20
SUBJECT:	A. Approve and authorize the Contracts/Purchasing Officer to execute separate Alternate Defender Office Attorney Agreements with effective terms of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 for Steve D. Liner (\$138,000), Scott Erdbacher (\$138,000), Susan Chapman (\$138,000), Paddy L. Grinstein (\$110,000), and Jeffrey Gobell (\$109,500); B. Authorize the Contracts /Purchasing Officer to execute one year extensions to each of the Agreements at the end of contract term for fiscal year 2009-10, with otherwise identical terms and conditions.	
DEPARTMENT:	Office of the Public Defender	

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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B. Authorize the Contracts /Purchasing Officer to execute one year extensions to each of the Agreements at the end of contract term for fiscal year 09-10, with otherwise identical terms and conditions.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Monterey County Alternate Defender Office finds it necessary to assign qualified trial counsel for indigent defendants, parties, or juveniles in cases in which the Court finds that the Public Defender has properly declared a conflict of interest. To accommodate these alternate defense requirements, and to control costs for outside professional legal services, the County has historically entered into contracts with private attorneys to accept appointments to represent indigent parties.

The Alternate Defender Office is recommending that the Board enter into five separate contracts for 2009-2010 fiscal year's professional legal conflict services, each with effective terms of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 with: the Law Office of Steve D. Liner, the Law Office of Scott Erdbacher, the Law Office of Susan Chapman, the Law Office of Jeffrey Gobell and the Law Office of Paddy L. Grinstein. It is also recommended that the Contracts/Purchasing Officer be authorized to negotiate and execute one year extensions to each of these Agreements with otherwise identical terms and conditions.

These attorneys have each been performing these services for some time, in some cases for years, and the Court and the Alternate Defender Office have been satisfied with their individual

performance of this valuable service. Copies of the proposed Agreements are on file with the Clerk of the Board's Office.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The County Administrative Office has reviewed this report. County Risk Management has reviewed and approved the Agreements' standard County insurance and liability terms.

FINANCING:

The annual compensation for each of the contracts is funded through the Public Defender – Alternate Defender Office. Funding for the Agreements is included in the FY 2009-10 Recommended Budget, Dept. 2270, Budget Unit 8168. Approval of the recommended actions will have no additional impact on the County General Fund.

Approved by:



Frank W. Dice
Administrative Manager,
Alternate Defender Office



James S. Egar
Public Defender

Donald E. Landis, on behalf

Dated: 7/10/09

7/13/09

Attachments: Professional Service Agreements

cc: Scott Ruble, County Administrative Office
Mike Derr, Purchasing Director