

# Agenda Summary Report (ASR)

## Franklin County Board of Commissioners

DATE SUBMITTED: 03/23/2021	PREPARED BY: Office of Public Defense
BOARD MEETING DATE: 03/30/2021	DEPARTMENT: Office of Public Defense
ITEM: (Select One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda <input type="checkbox"/> Brought Before the Board Time needed: Choose an item.	
SUBJECT: Amending Professional Services Agreement with Joseph White to Provide Public Defense Services in Franklin County District Court.	
FISCAL IMPACT: At the present time we cannot determine the specific fiscal impact of the request. I cannot over emphasize that this is a matter of critical necessity as regards the provision of mandated services.	
BACKGROUND: The request for this amendment is based en toto on the fact that Benton County continues to lure our attorneys across the bridge to work for them. Once again the primary reason is compensation. Mr. White took one contract in Benton County and to prevent his moving entirely moving across the bridge I determined to increase the compensation to match Benton County. Given the Supreme Court's recent relaxation of hiring standards I am also negotiating with Mr. White to assume a felony panel slot. As noted earlier by the Commissioners this is nothing more than determined competition between Benton and Franklin County for mandated legal services. As with any market situation levels of compensation are pivotal as to who wins and who loses.	
RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Amendment to the Professional Services Contract with Joseph White	
COORDINATION: Larry Zeigler, OPD Manager Keith Johnson, County Administrator	
ATTACHMENTS: (Documents you are submitting to the Board) ASR Resolution	
HANDLING / ROUTING: (Once document is fully executed and imported into Document Manager, <u>submitting party is responsible for the distribution of completed document to necessary parties</u> ) None	

*I certify the above information is accurate and complete.*

Larry Zeigler  
OPD Manager

**FRANKLIN COUNTY RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_**

*BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON*

**IN THE MATTER AMENDING A PROFESSIONALS SERVICES AGREEMENT  
WITH ATTORNEY JOSEPH WHITE TO PROVIDE PUBLIC DEFENSE  
SERVICES IN FRANKLIN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT**

**WHEREAS**, Franklin County is obligated by law to provide indigent defense services in Franklin County Superior and District Courts, and

**WHEREAS**, Franklin County entered into a Professional Services Agreement with Joseph White per Resolution 2020-152 on or about the date of July 14, 2020, and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, which said contract WHITE12312021FCDC with Joseph White and Franklin County is hereby amended and shall be affected immediately for the term of the contract as follows to wit:

PARAGRAPH 12 (a) shall be amended as follows, to-wit: Attorney shall be compensated at the flat rate of \$200.00 per case as full and sufficient compensation for services to be rendered pursuant to this Agreement.

**DATED** this ..... day of ....., 20 .....

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Chair

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Chair Pro Tem

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Member

**ATTEST:**

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Clerk of the Board

**ATTORNEY:**

  
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Joseph White WSBA #55045

  
**Approved as to Content:**

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Larry Zeigler-OPD Manager