Agenda Summary Report (ASR)

Franklin County Board of Commissioners

DATE SUBMITTED: 07/30/2021	PREPARED BY: Whitney Conner			
Meeting Date Requested:	PRESENTED BY: Office of Public Defense			
ITEM: (Select One) X Consent Agenda	☐ Brought Before the Board Time needed:			
SUBJECT: Juvenile Dependency Public Defense Contracts				
FISCAL IMPACT: Decrease by 5% compared to 2021 cost;				
BACKGROUND: Each year Benton and Franklin Counties reevaluate the ratio that each County will pay by the years previous case filings.				
The proposal is to continue to equitably divide the cost jointly with Benton County.				
With the procedure for the yearly calculations already established it has been formulated that 2021 Benton County will provide 62%, and Franklin County will provide 38% towards the total salaries.				
The numbers were calculated for 2022 which currently displays rate we are paying with Benton County at 67% and Franklin County at 33%, which is a 5% decrease from last year.				
RECOMMENDATION: Approve Bi-County Resolution to Divide Costs for Juvenile Dependency Attorney Compensation				
COORDINATION:				
Eric Hsu, BCOPD				
Denise Gerry, BCOPD				
Larry Zeigler, FCOPD				
ATTACHMENTS: (Documents you are submitting to the Board)				
Bi-County Resolution				
Exhibit A				
HANDLING / ROUTING: (Once document is fully executed it will be imported into Document Manager. Please list <u>name(s)</u> of parties that will need a pdf)				
Originals to Benton County for final execution.				
I certify the above information is accurate and complete.				

Larry Zeigler

Manager, FCOPT

BI-COUNTY RESOLUTION

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BEFORE THE BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON & FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

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WHEREAS, based on the formula established in Benton County Resolution 2018-730 and Franklin County Resolution 2018-298, and as shown in Exhibit A, the correct percentage rates by which to divide the costs of juvenile dependency public defense contracts between Benton and Franklin Counties for the year 2022 is 67% allocated to Benton County and 33% allocated to Franklin County, NOW, THEREFORE

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Exhibit A

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Termination of Parental Rights Cases by County

Filings	Benton	Franklin
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