Agenda Summary Report (ASR)

Franklin County Board of Commissioners

DATE SUBMITTED: 11/29/2023	PREPARED BY: Tiffany Runge, Superior Court
Meeting Date Requested: 12/06/2023	PRESENTED BY: Judge Shea-Brown, Superior Court
ITEM: (Select One) Consent Agenda	 Brought Before the Board Time needed: 30 minutes
SUBJECT: Bailiff Positions	
FISCAL IMPACT: No fiscal impact.	

BACKGROUND:

The Benton & Franklin Counties has 8 FTE Bailiff Positions. Franklin County currently contributes 26% of the salary for all 8 positions. Effective 12/01/2023, the Superior Court Bailiffs will no longer provide courtroom security for Superior Court. The Superior Court Bailiffs provide several important functions, separate and apart from courtroom security, that are essential for the Superior Court to continue to hold jury trials, as well as maintain consistent and smooth court operations. Other counties in the state of Washington have bailiff or judicial assistant positions that perform the same duties that Benton & Franklin County Bailiffs, without the courtroom security portion. The other counties still have courtroom security provided by their local Sheriff's Office. There is a critical need for the Court to have a Bailiff in their courtroom, even if they are not providing the courtroom security.

RECOMMENDATION:

Maintaining all funding for the Superior Court Bailiff positions.

COORDINATION:

Judge Jacqueline Shea-Brown, Superior Court Judge Tiffany Runge, Superior Court Administrator

ATTACHMENTS: (Documents you are submitting to the Board)

None.

HANDLING / ROUTING:

N/A

I certify the above information is accurate and complete.