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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 19, 2016

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: County Executive Office

SUBJECT: Resolution approving a two-year renewal contract with William Gordon Walker III for \$100,000 (\$50,000 per fiscal year) for delivery of Conflict Indigent Defense Services for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the resolution.

FUNDING: Funding for this contract is provided by the General Fund and has been included in the Conflict Indigent Defense budget.

BACKGROUND: The County is required by law to appoint attorneys in criminal matters and to furnish legal services when a possible conflict of interest is present or when other defense providers are otherwise disqualified. Representation by the conflict attorney in indigent criminal cases ranges from first appearance date and pleas to re-trials, preliminary hearings, and jury trials. The cases for which conflict attorneys may be appointed include misdemeanors, felonies, LPS Conservatorship and other matters where juvenile and adult indigent legal services are allowed by law.

Superior Court Judges appoint these cases from a qualified pool of local attorneys, who submit their invoices to the court for initial review and approval. The court then forwards the invoices to the CEO's office for payment from the conflict indigent defense budget.

In an effort to establish a more formal relationship with local attorneys who serve as alternate public defenders providing cost-efficient, quality conflict indigent defense

services, the County has established an ongoing Request for Qualifications process, which allows the County to contract with these attorneys at an established rate. In addition, it permits a review of qualifications by County Counsel and ensures the required insurance coverage is in place.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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