

AMENDING THE 2016 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR THE CLERK OF COURTS TO IMPLEMENT A PRETRIAL SAFETY ASSESSMENT PILOT

The 2016 Operating Budget includes \$20,231 in the Miscellaneous Criminal Justice - Pretrial Services Initiative account. These funds are administered by the County Board Office at the direction of the Criminal Justice Council.

The Criminal Justice Council has developed a relationship with the Laura and John Arnold Foundation to study the results of using a Pretrial Safety Assessment (PSA). Individuals who are charged with an offense are seen by a Court Commissioner who decides whether the individual stays in jail to await trial or can be released with various conditions. The PSA will help to inform that decision for half of alleged offenders. The Court Commissioner will not have the information provided by the PSA for the other half of alleged offenders. A team of researchers from Harvard University will analyze whether there is any difference in outcome based on the use of the PSA. It is anticipated that the study will begin in October 2016 and be completed in two years.

In order to collect the information required for the PSA, it will be necessary to collect data from various criminal justice data bases for each defendant. This work will require a fulltime clerical position over the course of the study. The Clerk of Courts Office is the appropriate department for this function to be completed.

This resolution transfers the necessary funds from the Miscellaneous Criminal Justice – Pretrial Services Initiative account to the Clerk of Courts Office, and specifies that any unspent 2016 allocation be carried forward to off-set 2017 costs. The office equipment and software licenses necessary to support this position is funded by a transfer from a Board Office capital account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that \$20,231 be transferred from account MCJAWCL 21975 “Pretrial Services Initiative” to account ATIP 10072 LTE -\$18,793 and ATIP 10108 Social Security-\$1,438, and that any unspent funds be carried forward to 2017.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that \$_____ be transferred from account COBRDCAP-57738 “Legislative Tracking System” to account COCCAP –NEW “Pretrial Assessment Equipment” to cover the needed computer equipment and associated costs, and that any unspent funds be carried forward to 2017.