



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 3/21/2023

File #: 23-354

To: Board of Supervisors

From: County Administrative Office

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Memorandum of Understanding with the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt for the Appointment and Oversight of the Chief Probation Officer

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve, and authorize Chair of the Board to execute, the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt (Court) regarding the appointment and oversight of the Chief Probation Officer until such agreement is terminated by either party;
2. Authorize the County Administrative Officer to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, after review and approval by County Counsel and Risk Management;
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one fully executed original copy of the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt to the County Administrative Office for further processing.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund

DISCUSSION:

The Chief Probation Officer (CPO) is appointed by and may be removed for good cause by the majority of judges of the Court pursuant to California Government Code section 27770. However, the Humboldt County Probation Department is a department of the county, funded by the county, and subject to county policy, procedures, and Merit System Rules. The county and the courts wish to memorialize the administration and oversight responsibilities to effectively supervise the CPO.

Accordingly, the County Administrative Office recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve, and authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding with the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt regarding the provision of appointment and oversight for the Chief Probation Officer until such time as the agreement is terminated by either party.

Staff also recommends that the Board authorize the County Administrative Officer to execute any and all subsequent amendments to the attached MOU with court, after review and approval by County Counsel and Risk Management, in order to avoid any unnecessary delays in the provision of administration and oversight of the CPO.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The attached MOU with courts does not have a significant financial impact other than staff time associated with the necessary administration and oversight of the Chief Probation Officer.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose not to approve the agreement or allow the Chair to sign such agreements, however this alternative is not recommended as it will hinder effective administration and oversight of the CPO.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. MOU with Court

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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