

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MAY 20, 2020**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE INDIGENT DEFENSE COMPLIANCE PLAN  
AMENDMENT**

**Introduced by the Ways & Means Committee**

Commissioner Brehler moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright.

**WHEREAS**, the County adopted a compliance plan as required by the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Act established the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC), PA 93 of 2013, on November 15, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the County's compliance plan included a managed contract model for indigent defense representation managed by the Public Defender Administrator position; and

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to amend its compliance plan to change from the managed contract model to establish a Public Defender Office staffed with County employees funded by the MIDC grant the County receives from the State for indigent defense representation; and

**WHEREAS**, the County's proposed compliance plan amendment (attached) has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Way & Means.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners approves the compliance plan amendment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the directed the Controller/Administrator to submit the plan amendment to the MIDC for its approval; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the implementation of the County's compliance plan amendment is contingent upon the State's appropriation of funds to the County for the costs of implementing the mandate(s) contained in the Act.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Rob Piercefield, Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Jane M. Whitacre, Brandon Haskell, Joseph Brehler, Glenn Freeman, Brian Droscha, Matthew S. Bowen, Wayne Ridge, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott, Lisa Deavers, Barbara Rogers. Nays: none. Carried.