

# Agenda Summary Report (ASR)

## Franklin County Board of Commissioners

<b>DATE SUBMITTED:</b> 08/18/2020	<b>PREPARED BY:</b> Office of Public Defense
<b>Meeting Date Requested:</b> 09/01/2020	<b>PRESENTED BY:</b> Larry Zeigler
<b>ITEM:</b> (Select One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda <input type="checkbox"/> Brought Before the Board Time needed:	
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Felony Panel Compensation Adjustment	
<b>FISCAL IMPACT:</b> \$10,000 (per year)	
<b>BACKGROUND:</b> The Franklin County felony defense panel signed three year contracts which are set to expire December 31, 2020. What this office would like to do is basically roll over the same agreement and once again provide for increases in compensation of \$2,000 per year over, once again a three year period. This method results in greater stability and incentive to remain on the panel. We are currently operating with 4 attorneys, but are making every effort to fill the 5 <sup>th</sup> position so that we can meet the State imposed case caps.	
<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> Approve the attached resolution indicating compensation	
<b>COORDINATION:</b> Keith Johnson, County Administrator Larry Zeigler, OPD Manager Whitney Conner, OPD Admin Assistant	
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> (Documents you are submitting to the Board) Resolution	
<b>HANDLING / ROUTING:</b> (Once document is fully executed it will be imported into Document Manager. Please list <u>name(s)</u> of parties that will need a pdf) Accounting	

*I certify the above information is accurate and complete.*

Larry Zeigler, OPD Manager

**FRANKLIN COUNTY RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_**

*BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON*

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENSE TO INCREASE COMPENSATION  
FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT FELONY PANEL**

**WHEREAS**, Franklin County is obligated by law to provide indigent defense services in Franklin County Superior Court; and

**WHEREAS**, The State of Washington is electing to prosecute an increasing amount of cases each year; and

**WHEREAS**, it was deemed appropriate by the Office of Public Defense to extend the panel from a four person panel, to a fifth person felony panel back in 2018.

**WHEREAS**, Franklin County wishes to authorize additional compensation per felony panel contractor by \$2,000 each year for 2021, 2022, and 2023; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of County Commissioners hereby approve said increase in compensation for the next three years totaling \$30,000, allotting \$10,000 per year and it shall be executed as presented.

**DATED** this ..... day of ....., 20 .....

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Chair

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Chair Pro Tem

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Member

**ATTEST:**

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Clerk of the Board