City of Columbus

Legislation Details (With Text)

File #:	2165-2021 **Version:** 1		
Type:	Ordinance	**Status:**	Passed
File created:	8/10/2021	**In control:**	Criminal Justice & Judiciary Committee
On agenda:	9/13/2021	**Final action:**	9/16/2021
Title:	To authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into the fourth year of a contract with Behavioral Science Specialists, LLC, for the provision of competency evaluations and examinations of defendants; to authorize the expenditure of up to an amount not to exceed $200,000.00 from the general fund; and to declare an emergency. ($200,000.00)		
Sponsors:			
Indexes:			
Code sections:			
Attachments:			

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
9/16/2021	1	CITY CLERK	Attest	
9/15/2021	1	MAYOR	Signed	
9/13/2021	1	COUNCIL PRESIDENT	Signed	
9/13/2021	1	Columbus City Council	Approved	Pass

BACKGROUND:

This ordinance authorizes the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into the fourth year of a four-year contract (pursuant to bid proposal number RFQ008064) with Behavioral Science Specialists, LLC, for competency evaluations and examinations of the mental health status of certain defendants that come before the Court.

Contract Compliance Number: Behavioral Science Specialists, LLC 20-0982368.

EMERGENCY: Emergency legislation is requested to authorize the contract and the expenditure to permit evaluations to continue without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT: The amount of $200,000.00 is budgeted and available for this purpose within the Franklin County Municipal Court's 2021 general fund appropriations.

To authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court to enter into the fourth year of a contract with Behavioral Science Specialists, LLC, for the provision of competency evaluations and examinations of defendants; to authorize the expenditure of up to an amount not to exceed $200,000.00 from the general fund; and to declare an emergency. ($200,000.00)

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge to enter into the fourth year of a four-year contract with Behavioral Science Specialists, LLC to secure the continued provision of competency evaluations and examinations of each and every affected defendant, and for the protection of their constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of up to $200,000.00 are budgeted and available within the Franklin County Municipal Court's 2021 appropriations for this contract; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Franklin County Municipal Court in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Administrative and Presiding Judge to enter into said contract and authorize the expenditures to Behavioral Science Specialists, LLC so that the court can continue uninterrupted payments to the vendor, and for the preservation of the public health, peace, safety, and welfare; now, therefore;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Franklin County Municipal Court be and is hereby authorized to enter into the fourth year of a four-year contract with Behavioral Science Specialists, LLC for the provision of competency evaluations and examination of defendants.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of $200,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is authorized from the Franklin County Municipal Court.

SECTION 3. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 4. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.