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Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees
5200 Civic Center Drive
Waterford, MI 48329

RE: Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) Grant Agreement

Dear Township Board Members:

As reported in my letter for the January 28, 2019, meeting when this item was on your Agenda, the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Act ("Act") was adopted and took effect back in 2013, and was recently amended by Public Act 214 of 2018, effective December 23, 2018. Under that Act, a 19 - member Michigan Indigent Defense Commission ("MIDC") is responsible for developing uniform minimum standards for Michigan courts to provide indigent criminal defense services, and to ensure compliance with those standards.

The Act provides for State grants to assist in complying with the standards. As the funding unit for the 51st District Court, the Township is ultimately responsible for compliance with the minimum standards and would be the recipient of grants as an "Indigent Criminal Defense System".

Since the January meeting at which you took no action, MIDC agreed to revise Waterford's Grant Agreement to conform to changes it agreed to for several Michigan counties. That revised Grant Agreement together with its Attachments A, B, and C, is provided with this letter and recommended for approval. The appropriate motion would be:

To approve and authorize the Supervisor to sign the revised Grant Agreement between the Township and Michigan Indigent Defense Commission.

Very truly yours,

ROSATI SCHULTZ JOPPICH
& AMTSBUECHLER PC

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Attachment

cc: Jennifer Thom, Court Administrator
Derek Diederich, Budget Director
Barb Miller, Asst. Budget Director