

**APACHE JUNCTION MUNICIPAL COURT
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APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA 85119
480-982-8250**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: James W. Hazel, Presiding Magistrate

RE: Approval of Contracts for Public Defender Services

DATE: November 5, 2018

Out of the five firms that submitted responses, I am requesting the approval for the contracts of William Pearlman, John Dossdall and Karen Nicely to provide public defender services in the Apache Junction Municipal Court each for a two-year term.

Both federal and state law require the appointment of legal counsel to those who cannot afford an attorney when charged with a crime which could result in jail time. The selected attorneys will be paid \$2,225.00 per month and are required to represent up to 165 clients per fiscal year. Contracts will be in effect from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020.

Suggested motion:

“I move that City of Apache Junction enter contracts with William Pearlman, John Dossdall and Karen Nicely to provide public defender services for a contract term of January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020.