

C.M. 12-16-08(5)

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A RESOLUTION

No. 579-08

WHEREAS, Council Recognizes the need for professional, well coordinated probation services as an integral component to an overall jail overcrowding solution and court fine collection program;

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 42-8-100 et seq. provides for the establishment of an agreement between chief judges of county courts and corporations, enterprises or agencies for probation services that said chief judge of any court within the county, with approval of the governing authority of that county, is authorized to enter into memoranda of agreement or other written documents evidencing contracts with corporations, enterprises or agencies, or to establish a county probation system;

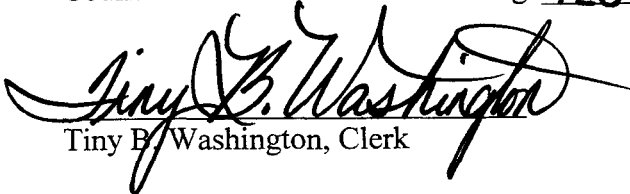
WHEREAS, The Chief Judge of Muscogee County State Court is hereby requesting approval of Council of the Contract for Probation Services

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

The Contract attached hereto between Judicial Alternatives of Georgia and Judge Andy Prather is approved.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 16th day of December, 2008 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote Ten members of said Council.

Councilor	Allen	voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor	Anthony	voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor	Baker	voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor	Barnes	voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor	Davis	voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor	Hunter	voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor	McDaniel	voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor	Turner-Pugh	voting	<u>YES</u>
Councilor	Woodson	voting	<u>YES</u>


Tiny B. Washington, Clerk


Jim Wetherington, Mayor

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting**

December 16, 2008

Agenda Report #348

TO: Mayor and Councilors

SUBJECT: Probation Services Agreement - Judicial Alternatives of Georgia, Inc.

INITIATED BY: City Manager's Office

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the Chief State Court Judge to enter into a contract with Judicial Alternatives of Georgia, Inc., (JAG) for probation services.

Background: O.C.G.A. § 42-8-100 et seq. provides for the establishment of an agreement between chief judges of county courts and corporations, enterprises or agencies for probation services that said chief judge of any court within the county, with approval of the governing authority of that county, is authorized to enter into memoranda of agreement or other written documents evidencing contracts with corporations, enterprises or agencies, or to establish a county probation system.

JAG Probation has been servicing State Court for more than six years, has supervised more than 17,000 probationers and has collected more than \$3,000,000.00 in fines.

Misdemeanor probation is currently provided by private companies to Muscogee County Superior Court, State Court, Recorder's Court and Municipal Court. **These services do not require any financial obligation on the part of the Columbus Consolidated Government.**

Analysis: State law requires that a contract approved by the County and Municipal Probation Advisory Council be in place. The Municipal Probation Advisory Council has requested that the current contract be replaced by the new contract. The substantive difference in the new contract and the old contract is that the new contract recites the legal obligations of the probation company on its face rather than citing those obligations by reference to the Official Code of Georgia.

Financial Considerations: These services do not require any financial obligation on the part of the Columbus Consolidated Government. The cost associated with the this services will be passed on to the individuals placed on probation.

Legal Considerations: State Law requires that a contract for probation services be approved by the governing authority.

Recommendations/Actions: Approval is requested for the Chief State Court Judge to enter into an agreement with Judicial Alternatives of Georgia, Inc.