RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes  No X)  
Authorize the County Administrative Officer to negotiate successor Public Defender contracts with Thomas C. Mills and James B. Lindstedt for legal services and authorize the Chair to execute the agreements.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS: On May 26, 1992 (92-278), your Board authorized execution of three year contracts with the above named attorneys to provide public defender services for the County. Those contracts will expire on June 30, 1995. The Superior and Municipal Judges have met with County Counsel and myself and recommend that since the current operation is working effectively, that authority from the Board be sought to simply negotiate extensions to the existing contracts rather than issuing Requests for Proposal.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION: 
Requests for Proposal for Public Defender Services could be sought from all interested attorneys, which will introduce some uncertainty as to the quality of representation.

COSTS:  
( ) Not Applicable  
A. Budgeted current FY  $120,000  
B. Total anticipated costs  $Unknown  
C. Required additional funding  $  
D. Internal transfers  $

SOURCE:  
( ) 4/5ths Vote Required  
A. Unanticipated revenues  $
B. Reserve for contingencies  $
C. Source description:  
Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved: $

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:  
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

CLERK'S USE ONLY:  
Res. No.: 95-161  
Vote - Ayes:  
Noes:  
Absent:  
Abstained:  
( ) Approved  ( ) Denied  
( ) Minute Order Attached  ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date:  
ATTEST:  
MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
County of Mariposa, State of California
By:  
Deputy

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:  
This item on agenda as:  
Recommended  
Not Recommended  
For Policy Determination  
Submitted with Comment  
Returned for Further Action

Comment: 

A.O. Initials:  
Action Form Revised 5/92
MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: MIKE COFFIELD, County Administrative Officer

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Negotiation of Public Defender Contracts;
Resolution Number 95-161

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on April 18, 1995

ACTION AND VOTE:

10:07 a.m. Resolution Authorizing County Administrative Officer to Negotiate Successor Public Defender Contracts with Thomas C. Mills and James B. Lindstedt for Legal Services and Authorizing Chairman to Execute Contracts (County Administrative Officer)

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held. (M)Taber, (S)Stewart, Res. 95-161 adopted directing that Requests for Proposal be solicited to determine interest for providing this service, with requirement that successful individual(s) would need to have an office in Mariposa, and that the agreement for services be closed end. Following further discussion, vote was called for - Ayes: Stewart, Parker, Taber; Noes: Balmain; Abstained: Reilly.

cc: Jeffrey G. Green, County Counsel
Judge McMechan, Superior Court
Judge LaRoche, Municipal Court