

**TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY:**  
Your County Personnel and Human Services Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

**WHEREAS**, the Berrien County Trial Court has had a Pretrial Services Officer since 2011 who is intended to both interview and supervise defendants charged in criminal court, and

**WHEREAS**, state and national trends are moving to increase the amount of individuals released to the community while awaiting trial, and

**WHEREAS**, the amount of adult criminal defendants ordered to pretrial supervision has increased to over 600 individuals in 2019, and

**WHEREAS**, the Criminal Division judges and staff have evaluated the organizational and functional needs of the department, and

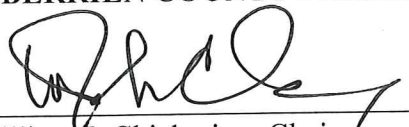
**WHEREAS**, the Community Corrections Advisory Board has received grant funding for a full-time pretrial services officer;

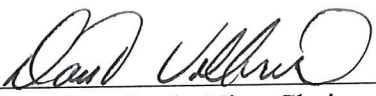
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that effective November 21, 2019 the following addition to the Berrien County Trial Court's employment complement be approved:

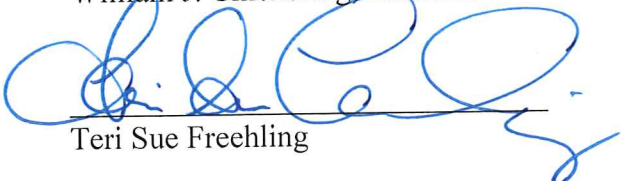
<b><u>CURRENT:</u></b> 1 – Pretrial Services Officer Grade 8, Non-Union General Fund Position	<b><u>NEW:</u></b> 2 – Pretrial Services Officers Grade 8, Non-Union 1 General Fund, 1 Grant Fund Position
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these positions will be subject to elimination if the above referenced Grant is no longer sufficient to cover the cost of same in accordance with the terms of the Grant Agreement.

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**BERRIEN COUNTY PERSONNEL AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

  
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William J. Chickering, Chairman

  
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David Vollrath, Vice-Chair

  
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RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrative _____	Date _____
Committee Chair _____	_____
Committee Clerk _____	Date _____
Committee Attached _____	_____