

ORDINANCE # O-35-2017

AN ORDINANCE CONTRACTING WITH THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION TO PROVIDE INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2018 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village of Bolivar, Ohio, currently has a contract with the Tuscarawas County Public Defender's Commission to defend indigent defendants which expires on December 31, 2017;

WHEREAS, the Village of Bolivar is required by law in certain circumstances to provide indigent defendants charged by the Village with an attorney;

WHEREAS, the courts will appoint an attorney at a cost of \$60 per hour to the Village if we do not approve a contract with the Public Defender's Office;

WHEREAS, the Public Defender's Office will provide that service to all defendants at a flat fee of \$2,420.00 per year, the same as last year's fee, and, given our prior years' statistics regarding criminal activity, this will be a substantial savings to the Village.

Now, therefore be it ordained by the Village Council the Village of Bolivar, Ohio, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Village Council for the Village of Bolivar hereby approves entering into a contract with the Tuscarawas County Public Defender's Commission for the necessary services for the year 2018.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and its passage is immediately necessary in order to preserve, protect, and maintain health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Bolivar, Ohio, to provide the required defense attorneys for indigent defendants, and to ensure that the Ordinance is in effect by December 17, 2017 so as not to have a lapse in coverage and to comply with State of Ohio requirements, and therefore the same shall be in full force and effect immediately.

PASSED: October 2, 2017

REBECCA HUBBLE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARIA APP, FISCAL OFFICER