



Kalama City Council - Council Agenda Item Information Form

Agenda Item: 6B – New Business

Meeting Date **August 15, 2019**

Prepared by: **Coni McMaster, Clerk/Treasurer**

Subject: **Prosecutorial Services for Kalama Municipal Court**

Summary: The City has a professional services contract with the law firm of Hanigan Law Office, P.S. for prosecutorial services who also serves Castle Rock, Woodland, and Kelso in the same capacity. This contract has been terminated by mutual agreement due to changes made at the courts and concerns with compensation effective August 31, 2019. Kelso has made the decision to hire its own prosecutor and has agreed to allow Kalama, Woodland, and Castle Rock to use the prosecutor through an interlocal agreement for those services. This arrangement will provide Kalama with the necessary services in a professional, efficient, and affordable manner.

Recommendation: The Council approve the City to enter into the interlocal agreement with Kelso.

Included in the Current Year's Budget **YES** **NO** **If No – Fiscal Impact:**

Funding Source if not included in the current Budget

Alternatives: Request Proposals for Prosecutorial Services. This process would take at least 2 to 3 months which would leave the City without a prosecutor beginning September 1, 2019.

► **Draft/Suggested Motion:** The City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the interlocal agreement with Kelso for the providing of prosecutorial services to the City of Kalama.