

# Alachua County, FL

## Agenda Item Summary

File #: 23-00221 Agenda Date: 6/13/2023

## **Agenda Item Name:**

Approval of Annual Access Certification Statement for the Florida Office of State Courts Administrator (OSCA) and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV)

#### Presenter:

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## **Description**:

Request Approval of the Certification Statement with the Office of State Courts Administrator and for the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

#### **Recommended Action:**

Authorize the County Manager to Sign the Annual Certification Statement

#### **Prior Board Motions:**

6/14/2022: The Board approved the current Inter-Agency Agreement with OSCA as well as Resolution 2022-60 delegating authority to the County Manager to execute and provide Certification Statements and any addendums required for access to the Judicial Inquiry System (JIS) 5/11/2021: the Board Approved the Current Inter-Agency Agreement with OSCA as well as the Required Access Certification Statement

#### **Fiscal Note:**

None

## Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary

## Background:

In May 2021, the Board approved a new Inter-Agency Agreement which provides direct access to criminal history and other criminal-justice related information through the Judicial Inquiry System (JIS), administered by OSCA. It ensures confidentiality of all information contained within the system. This agreement is similar to the agreement which the County has with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to run criminal histories. The JIS is a much faster and more efficient manner of retrieving criminal histories, saving Court Services staff time and the County money. Under the User Agreement, OSCA allows Court Services through the County to utilize JIS, which is now in practice accessed by the staff of nearly every Department program. The revised User Agreement expanded beyond the standard approach, which involves access through JIS made available to all users of the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle's DAVID data. JIS updated its web service

connection to the DHSMV, and therefore had to adjust its own MOU with that agency. To meet the requirements of this MOU between those two parties, each agency including Alachua County must approve the Certification Statement annually going forward. As a result, the newly required Certification Statement required the Board Chair to sign following the BoCC's approval as requested herein. At this time, Resolution 2022-60 was also approved, allowing the County Manager to sign all future documents, ensuring that the submission of those documents will be completed in a much more expedient manner.