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Mayor Herb Haun
Members of the Weiser City Council
City of Weiser
55 West Idaho Street
Weiser, Idaho 83672

Re: Proposal for Prosecution Services

Mayor Haun and Members of the Council:

I am asking the City to contract with the Washington County Prosecuting Attorney's Office to prosecute misdemeanors, infractions, and City ordinance violations arising from the Weiser Police Department. Our fee would be \$50,000 per year, flat. The City presently pays approximately \$67,500. That is an annual savings of \$17,500, or approximately twenty-six percent (26%), with no hourly billing, trial fees, or supplemental invoices.

Our office already prosecutes every felony investigated by Weiser Police. Having the same office handle misdemeanors and citations would reduce confusion, misrouted cases, and gaps in communication. We recently had a County case mistakenly assigned to the City prosecution system. The officer was not properly coordinated for court, did not appear, and the case was dismissed.

We also maintain regular office hours in Weiser with a prosecutor present. Officers would have direct access for warrants, charging questions, and difficult investigations. We would prepare officers for contested hearings and promptly release them when their testimony is no longer needed, helping reduce overtime and unnecessary court appearances.

Victims would have local access to prosecutors as well. Our office would provide required notices, communicate with victims, address restitution, and ensure compliance with the rights provided by Article I, Section 22 of the Idaho Constitution.

The City would also gain the benefit of an established local prosecution office with multiple attorneys, staff, existing systems, and regular working relationships with Weiser Police, the courts, probation, and other law enforcement agencies.

I recognize that the City's FY2027 budget process is essentially complete. I propose that the agreement begin October 1, 2026. The change would reduce an existing expense rather than require additional funding.

Idaho Code § 31-2604(2) authorizes this type of agreement. Compensation would be paid to Washington County, not to me personally. I propose an initial one-year term, terminable by either party upon ninety days' notice.

I would appreciate being placed on September Council agenda to discuss this and answer any questions.

Sincerely,

True Pearce
Washington County Prosecuting Attorney