

**Agenda Item 1.4.1**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING PAPER**

**Topic: Amendment to Agreement with Developmental Disabilities  
Resource Center**

**Presented by: Daniel Conway, Strategy, Innovation & Finance Interim CFO  
and Mary C. Berg, Human Services Executive Director**

**Date: 10/22/2024**

For Information

For Discussion/Board Direction

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**Issue:** Approval to modify the 2024 contract between Developmental Disabilities Resource Center (DDRC) and Jefferson County Human Services Department to provide services and support to developmentally disabled residents of the County.

**Background:** In 2003, the voters approved an increase of 0.575 mills to the Developmentally Disabled mill levy to reach a total of 1.0 mill. The funds are used to provide services and support to people with developmental disabilities pursuant to C.R.S. 25.5-10-206. The revenue generated by this mill levy is recorded in the Developmentally Disabled (DD) Fund. Pursuant to the terms of the County's 2018 agreement with DDRC, the County agreed to provide mill levy funding to DDRC to provide services and supports to the County's developmentally disabled population. For calendar year 2024, the County renewed the contract with DDRC in the amount of \$14,058,147, but per the terms of the contract, the renewal letter provided that such funds were subject to funds being available in the DD fund and would be reduced to the extent such funds were insufficient.

**Discussion:** The \$14,058,147 contract renewal amount was based on the Preliminary Certification of Value issued by the Assessor's Office in August 2023, which was used to determine the value of the Developmentally Disabled mill levy in the 2024 Adopted Budget. However, the annual property valuation appeal process produced an historical amount of adjusted valuations that ultimately resulted in a lower tax base for 2023. This, combined with legislation that lower statewide assessment rates that passed in a special session in late November 2023, resulted in further decreases in property tax revenue compared to the preliminary amounts included in the 2024 Adopted Budget. The lower property tax base was not known until after the 2024 budget had been adopted and by which time the DDRC contract renewal had already been issued.

Based on the lower actual property tax revenue received by the County in 2024, the

Human Services Department and Strategy, Planning and Analysis (SPA) Division are recommending reducing the 2024 DDRRC contract amount from \$14,058,147 to \$13,354,189, which is a reduction of \$703,958. The County's contract with DDRRC authorizes the County to reduce the contract amount to the extent the County's DD fund is insufficient.

**Fiscal Impact:**  yes  no

**Revenue Limits Impact:**  yes  no

The property tax revenue received from the Developmentally Disabled mill levy is exempt from annual revenue limits.

**SPA Review:** Support with no concerns, Dan Conway, 10/7/2024

**County Attorney Review:** Jean Biondi, 10/8/24

**Facilities Review:** No fiscal impact

**BIT Review:** No fiscal impact

**Fleet Review:** No fiscal impact

**Human Resources Review (new FTE only):** N/A

**Recommendation:** That the Board of County Commissioners instructs staff to include an agenda item at an upcoming hearing approving a modification to the County's January 10, 2018 agreement with Developmental Disabilities Resource Center to reduce the calendar year 2024 contract amount by \$703,958 (from \$14,058,147 to \$13,354,189) due to insufficient funds in the County's Developmental Disability Fund, and authorizing the Chairman to sign a contract modification effecting this reduction, upon approval as to form by the County Attorney's Office.

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