

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2-82.0

**IN RE: POLK COUNTY MISDEMEANOR PROBATION SERVICES
TO BE PROVIDED BY THE COURT SERVICES DIVISION OPERATED
BY THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, on September 27, 1982, *nunc pro tunc* to December 1, 1981, then Chief Judge Thomas M. Langston, entered a Special Order pursuant to section 945.30, Florida Statutes, that appointed the Department of Criminal Justice (operated by the Polk County Board of County Commissioners) to provide misdemeanor probation services to the Polk County Court; and

WHEREAS, since entry of the Special Order, the Polk County Board of County Commissioners has changed the name of the Department of Criminal Justice to the Polk County Court Services Division; and

WHEREAS, authority for the provision of misdemeanor probation services is now found in § 948.15(2), Florida Statutes, which provides that “[a] private entity or public entity, including a licensed substance abuse education and intervention program, under the supervision of the board of county commissioners or the court may provide probation services and licensed substance abuse education and treatment intervention programs for misdemeanor offenders sentenced or placed on probation”; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to codify the provisions of the Special Order into an Administrative Order that is consistent with local practices and current law; and

Therefore, it is ORDERED as follows:

1. The Polk County Court Services Division operated by the Polk County Board of County Commissioners is hereby approved and designated as the public entity to “provide probation services and licensed substance abuse education and treatment intervention programs for misdemeanor offenders sentenced or placed on probation” and to promptly provide the Polk County Court with presentencing investigation reports, as ordered by the Court. See Fla. Stat. § 948.15(2).
2. In carrying out its duties and responsibilities as the court approved entity providing misdemeanor probation services to the Polk County Court, the Polk County Court

Services Division will comply with § 948.15, Florida Statutes, and all other applicable Florida and federal laws, court rules, and court orders.

3. This Administrative Order is effective immediately.

DONE and ORDERED on this 28th day of June, 2023.

s/ELLEN S. MASTERS, Chief Judge

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