

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2-83.0

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

WHEREAS, authority for the provision of misdemeanor probation services is 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, the Salvation Army has been providing misdemeanor probation services in Highlands County; and

WHEREAS, effective November 20, 2023, misdemeanor probation services will be provided by Highlands County through the Department of County Probation; and

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in the chief judge under article V, section 2(d), Florida Constitution; section 43.26, Florida Statutes; and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(2);

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Operation of the County Probation Department by Highlands 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 Highlands 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 Highlands County Court, the County Probation Department of Highlands County will comply with § 948.15, Florida Statutes, and all other applicable Florida and federal laws, court rules, and court orders.

3. Any person on misdemeanor probation stemming from a Highlands County case who is currently being supervised by the Salvation Army will be supervised by the County Probation Department of Highlands County beginning November 20, 2023.
4. This Administrative Order is effective at 12:00 a.m. on November 20, 2023.

DONE and ORDERED on this 10th day of October, 2023.

s/JAMES A. YANCEY, Chief Judge

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