

RESOLUTION 18.1

WHEREAS, the Sangamon County Board created the “Massey Commission” after the tragic death of Sonya Massey whose life tragically ended on July 6th, 2024 because of the abhorrent actions of Sean Grayson; and

WHEREAS, the commission is charged with establishing a path forward to best bring our community together and to address systemic issues in law enforcement practices, mental health responses, and community relations, with the goal of creating tangible, practical, and equitable solutions for the betterment of all who call Sangamon County home; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize the search for answers to this question will involve changes to our selection, training, support and review of personnel engaged in public safety, mental health, public health, education, training and we are receptive to these changes; and,

WHEREAS, the commission will begin meeting in September under the leadership of co-chairs Dr. Jerry Kruse, Dean and Provost of the SIU School of Medicine; Pastor T. Ray McJunkins, pastor of Union Baptist Church; and Nina Harris, chair of the Illinois Commission on Equity and Inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the Co-Chairs will select all other commission members or members of subcommittees as needed from a pool of applicants who submitted their interest on the county’s website by August 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is with gratitude that the county accepts SIU Medicine’s offer to provide in-kind staffing support to lead the support work of the commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sangamon County Board on this ____ day of September 2024 to further the purposes of this resolution and to support SIU Medicine and all of the work of the Massey Commission, the county will enter into an agreement with KIND Consulting to help support SIU Medicine with many tasks outlined in the contract including but not limited to event management, communications, engagement, research and other tasks at an amount not to exceed \$57,600 for a twelve-month period for an average of 40 hours of service per month.

Approved by the ____ Finance Committee _____ September 10, 2024 _____

_____, Chairman

Chairman, Sangamon County Board

ATTEST:

County Clerk

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Don Massey
Sangamon County Clerk