



HENDRICKS COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 12, 2024 MEETING

Hendricks County Government Center
Commissioners' Meeting Room
355 S. Washington Street
Danville, IN 46122

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Defender Board met at 2:30 PM on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Hendricks County Government Center, with the following in attendance:

Jenny Stout	Hendricks County Public Defender Board, Chairperson
Sally Steward	Hendricks County Public Defender Board, Vice Chairperson
Jeremy P. Gooch	Hendricks County Chief Public Defender
Bree Nealy	Hendricks County Public Defender Office Manager
Scott Taillon	Hendricks County Public Defender Investigator

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jenny Stout opened the meeting with a quorum of two members in attendance and presented the minutes of the April 10, 2024 meeting of the Public Defender Board. Sally Steward moved to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously 2-0-0.

1st QUARTER 2024 REIMBURSEMENT & PROGRAM-TO-DATE AMOUNT

Jeremy Gooch provided the Board with an update on the current total of reimbursement from the state. The program is currently at a cumulative total of \$4,112,393.45. In the fourth quarter of 2023, the reimbursement request was \$186,357.42.

PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Gooch updated the board that legislation did pass for the pilot program. 12 counties will be picked for the misdemeanor reimbursement and Gooch believes that Hendricks County will be picked that start July 1. Mr. Gooch has been elected President for the Public Defender Council.

LWOP UPDATE

Gooch gave an update of the representation of defendant Jones. Currently the program has spent just shy of \$50,000.

PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET

Gooch looked for board approval. Initial budgets are due to the county later this month. Gooch would like to add two different line items. Capital that was added last year for Mr. Jones' case, Gooch is wanting to add \$600,000. The PD supplemental fund is only to be used for unexpected costs. With Mr. Jones' case going into the new year, we would need to add that cost from the County General Fund. All monies not used would be given back to the County. Mr. Gooch would also like to bring all PDs salary up to 57,000 due to the pilot program and would like to add a full time employee.

ADJOURN

Sally Steward moved to adjourn the Public Defender Board meeting at 3:19 PM on Wednesday, June 12, 2024. The motion was approved unanimously 2-0-0.

Jenny Stout

Sally Steward

