

HENDRICKS COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 16, 2018 MEETING

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Defender Board met at 9:08 AM on Thursday, August 16, 2018 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Hendricks County Government Center, with the following in attendance:

Douglas Meyer Hendricks County Public Defender Board, Chairman
David Lawson Hendricks County Public Defender Board, Secretary
R. Todd McCormack Hendricks County Public Defender Board, Vice Chairman

Jeremy P. Gooch Hendricks County Chief Public Defender

Scott Taillon Hendricks County Public Defender Investigator

Novella Townsend Hendricks County Chief Public Defender's Office Manager

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Douglas Meyer opened the meeting with a quorum of two members in attendance and presented the minutes of the May 17, 2018 meeting of the Public Defender Board. Todd McCormack moved to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2018 meeting of the Public Defender Board as presented. Douglas Meyer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 2-0-0. (Mr. David Lawson appeared for the meeting after the motion was approved.)

STATUS UPDATES:

INVESTIGATOR: Jeremy Gooch provided a quick introduction of the Public Defender's Office new Investigator, Scott Taillon. The Board discussed the investigator job description and current duties.

<u>CASE ALLOCATIONS</u>: Mr. Gooch then provided the Board with a 12-month review/overview of the case allocations for the public defenders. There was a brief discussion of the Public Defender Commission requirements for counting case assignments and the rolling calendar year standard.

2019 PROPOSED BUDGET REVIEW

Jeremy Gooch reported on the approved 2019 departmental budget. Mr. Gooch explained to the Board that the County Council requested that the office begin to track jury trials and the outcomes of those trials.

1ST QUARTER 2018 REIMBURSEMENT & 2nd QUARTER ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENT

Jeremy Gooch reported the County received a reimbursement of \$163,446.93 for the first quarter of 2018 and stated the second quarter claim for reimbursement has already been submitted and is estimated to be \$127,884.77. This first quarter claim is larger because it accounts for 4 months of attorney disbursements since December's payment was paid out in January. The estimated second quarter reimbursement is expected to be a normal reimbursement amount for quarters going forward (under current budget).

Mr. Meyer requested to include "New Business" on all future agendas for any necessary subjects that may arise. There was also a brief discussion about providing some type of annual report in the future.

ADJOURN

Todd McCormack moved to adjourn the Public Defender Board meeting at 9:41 AM on Thursday, August 16, 2018. David Lawson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

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