

## PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD

March 29, 2017

The Public Defender Board met at 9:00AM on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Hendricks County Government Center, with the following in attendance:

David Coleman  
David Lawson  
R. Todd McCormack  
Jim Bryan  
Lisa Manning  
Judy Wyeth  
Mila Larose

President David Coleman opened the meeting with a quorum of three members in attendance and presented the minutes of the March 15, 2017 meeting of the Public Defender Board. David Lawson moved that it was the consensus of the Board to have corrections made to the minutes of the March 15, 2017 meeting

The Board met on March 22, 2017 and discussed the Hendricks County Public Defender Comprehensive Plan and the letters received from Judge Love and Judge Freese. President Coleman is in favor of the Chief Public Defender reviewing and making amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

At 9:03AM the Board recessed into Executive Session to discuss procedures for interviewing the Chief Public Defender applicants. During the recess, Judy Wyeth corrected the minutes from the March 15, 2017 meeting of the Public Defender Board.

The Board reconvened from Executive Session at 9:55AM. Todd McCormack stated it was the consensus of the Board to interview four applicants on April 12, 2017 during the regularly scheduled Public Defender Board meeting at 9:00AM. On that date, the Board will open the meeting, and then recess into Executive Session to hold the interviews. The interviews will last approximately forty-five minutes per applicant. President Coleman stated that the Board will provide flexibility in scheduling if the applicant cannot attend on April 12, 2017. Once all of the interviews are complete, the Public Defender Board will reconvene their meeting. Todd McCormack moved to approve this procedure to interview the applicants for Chief Public Defender. David Lawson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.


Judy Wyeth presented corrected minutes of the March 15, 2017 Public Defender Board meeting. David Lawson moved to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2017 Public Defender Board meeting as corrected. Todd McCormack seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

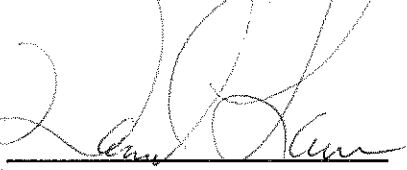
Lisa Manning asked when the Board plans to choose the Chief Public Defender and what their start date would be. President Coleman stated the Chief Public Defender will start as soon as possible, but would most likely need time to reorganize and/or close their practice. The Board isn't sure when the decision will be made, four applicants are being interviewed and there is always the chance the Board may not choose any of those applicants, which would lead to further interviews. The Board will not be releasing the names of the applicants to the public. Todd McCormack stated he and Human Resources would contact the applicants to set-up the interviews.

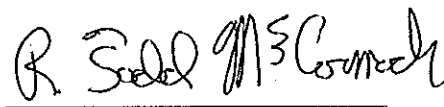
Lisa Manning asked if the Chief Public Defender would be the person to make the final decisions for the Comprehensive Plan. Todd McCormack stated the Chief Public Defender will make the final decisions for the Comprehensive Plan. Todd McCormack stated the Comprehensive Plan numbers are based on caps with minimum staffing requirements for felony cases and no caps for misdemeanor cases.

It was the consensus of the Public Defender Board to hold their next regular meeting at 9:00AM on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Hendricks County Government Center. This scheduled meeting will be recessed into Executive Session to interview the four Chief Public Defender applicants. These interviews may not all occur on April 12, 2017, to accommodate the Board and the applicants' schedules. Once the interviews are completed, the Public Defender Board will reconvene to continue their regular meeting.

Dave Lawson moved to adjourn the Public Defender Board meeting at 10:01AM. Todd McCormack seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

  
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David Coleman, President

  
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