



HENDRICKS COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 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 9:00 AM on Wednesday, January 24, 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
Mila M. Larose	Hendricks County Administration & Public Affairs
Novella R. Townsend	Hendricks County Chief Public Defender's Office Manager

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Lawson opened the meeting with a quorum of three members in attendance and presented the minutes of the October 26, 2017 meeting of the Public Defender Board. David Lawson moved to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2017 meeting of the Public Defender Board as presented. Todd McCormack seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 2-0-0.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

David Lawson moved to nominate Douglas Meyer as Chairman of the Public Defender Board for 2018. Todd McCormack seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. David Lawson moved to nominate Todd McCormack as Vice Chairman of the Public Defender Board for 2018. Douglas Meyer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Todd McCormack moved to nominate David Lawson as Secretary of the Public Defender Board for 2018. Douglas Meyer seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.

REIMBURSEMENT RESULTS AND MISDEMEANOR REIMBURSEMENT DISCUSSIONS

Jeremy Gooch reported the County received a reimbursement of \$75,432.95 for the third quarter of 2017 and stated the fourth quarter claim for reimbursement is due in February. The fourth quarter claim will include reimbursement for Jeremy Gooch's salary, benefits, and building use/utilities.

APPROVAL FOR REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL CONTRACTS

Jeremy Gooch presented an overview of the case allocation percentages for each Public Defender, as well as how long each Public Defender has been under contract with Hendricks County. Currently, there are 32 attorneys under contract with the Public Defender's Office; of the 32 contracts, only one contract remains unfilled. Jeremy Gooch's purpose of the case allocation information is to show the potential for additional contracts as necessary to remain in compliance with Public Defender Commission's standards.

Jeremy Gooch identified varying needs for additional Public Defenders based on case type, appointment trends, and overall case allocations since Hendricks County came onboard with the Public Defender Commission in July 2017. Since case allocations are managed on a rolling calendar year, Jeremy Gooch's intent was to notify the Public Defender Board that additional contracts may be necessary to manage the indigent counsel appointments, as it is an "all or none" compliance requirement. Jeremy Gooch informed the Board that he was seeking approval from the Board to request additional contracts through the Hendricks County Council in the near future.

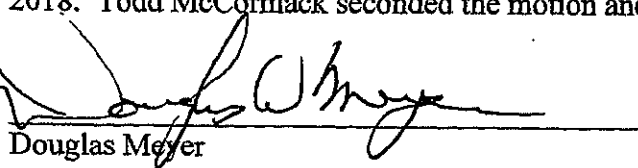
While there was much discussion regarding this topic and the need to research appointment statistics with similarly-sized counties within the state, Dave Lawson motioned to move forward with the request to the Hendricks County Council for additional public defender contracts. Todd McCormack seconded the motion with the caveat to further research statistical evidence to prove this need, and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. Jeremy Gooch informed the board that he would provide updated request numbers and information when it has all been collected and analyzed, prior to presenting the request to the County Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Todd McCormack moved to recess the regular Public Defender Board meeting to enter an Executive Session regarding a personnel discussion at 10:37 AM. David Lawson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0. At 11:50 AM, the Public Defender Board reconvened from the Executive Session.

ADJOURN

David Lawson moved to adjourn the Public Defender Board meeting at 11:51 AM on Wednesday, January 24, 2018. Todd McCormack seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously 3-0-0.



Douglas Meyer



R. Todd McCormack