

RESOLUTION

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LIVINGSTON COUNTY

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Resolution Approving the Creation of a Full Time Public Defender II Position in the Public Defender's Department

WHEREAS, the Public Defender has evaluated the number of attorney's needed to cover the indigent defense needs of Livingston County and wishes to add an Assistant Public Defender II position; and

WHEREAS, Livingston County Public Defender's Office requires contracts with private attorneys to serve as Public Defenders for indigent criminal defendants; and

WHEREAS, the Public Defender's Office intended to contract with the following attorneys to provide services as Public Defenders to indigent felony defendants for the 2022 budget year:

ATTORNEY	NUMBER OF CASES PER YEAR	PER MONTH COST	PER YEAR COST
James Buttrey	300	\$30,000	\$360,000
Mark Scharrer	100	\$10,000	\$120,000
Steven Dodge	50	\$5,000	\$60,000
Mitchell Perrault, PLC.	50	\$5,000	\$60,000
Sizemore Law Office	75	\$7,500	\$90,000
Mark Wilcox	50	\$5,000	\$60,000

WHEREAS, due to the attrition of attorneys Sizemore and Wilcox it is anticipated that there will be 125 felony cases that the Public Defender's Office must cover annually; and

WHEREAS, the needs of the office require the addition of an Assistant Public Defender II position; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant Public Defender II position has previously been evaluated by Municipal Consulting Services, LLC who classified the positions at Grade 13; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the Public Defender is to consider hiring the position in the 2022 budget year; and

WHEREAS, the funds for the proposed changes to the Public Defender's Office will be through a budget amendment with the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission's Grant moving the funds from contracts to personnel.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the hiring of a full time Assistant Public Defender II position in the Public Defender Office:

Position #	Description	Group	Grade	FTE
17290113	ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER II	NU	13	1.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the addition of this position will not require an increase in the County share of the grant or additional County funds.

BE IT FURTHER the Board of Commissioners authorizes any budget amendments required to effectuate the addition of this position.

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