



## MINIDOKA COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2018

The meeting was opened with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:30 AM.

Present for this meeting were: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner McClellan, Commissioner Koyle, Prosecuting Attorney Stevenson, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Goodman, and Clerk Page.

Members of the public present: Dennis Byington and Tim Schneider of the Mini-Cassia Public Defender's Department, and Brianne McCoy of the Public Defense Commission.

Commissioner McClellan **moved to amend the agenda** per 74-204(4) (c) to allow for indigent hearings as they were inadvertently left off the agenda and the case files have to be reviewed today to meet deadlines with a second voiced by Commissioner Koyle. Motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Dockstader is present to submit two applications for county aid to the Board.

2018-98 Commissioner McClellan **moved to deny** as the applicant is not a resident of the county nor a citizen as well as no emergency need with a second voiced by Commissioner Koyle. Motion carried.

2018-102 Commissioner Koyle **moved to deny** as there is not an emergency need and they did not meet the residency requirement with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Mr. Dennis Byington presented before the Board to relay his discussion with the Cassia County Board of Commissioners about the lack of interest to fill three empty positions in public defender's office, leaving the office with only two attorneys. The last two attorneys will have to withdraw from cases due to case load and being bound by ethics. The number of conflict attorneys is dwindling as per Mr. Byington. Most attorneys stay no more than two years in the public defender's office. As per Mr. Schneider, they have received zero applications with all their advertisements and with the help of the Public Defense Commission. Mr. Byington and Mr. Schneider are here to request a payroll increase approval so that they may repost the open positions with an increase in opening salary.

Commissioner McClellan **moved to ratify** what Cassia County has done with the \$50,000. \$25,000 from each county to go towards the public defender's office for the hiring of public defenders.

Prosecutor Stevenson handed out letters from Amber Prewitt. He also stated that Doug Abenroth brought up the discussion of rent again regarding Adult Misdemeanor Probation. Mr. Stevenson defined maintenance for the Board. Commissioner Moore stated that he still has the correspondence regarding Misdemeanor Probation.

Prosecutor Stevenson did not bring forth the Executive Session as listed on the agenda.

Commissioner McClellan moved to approve the **Certificates of Residency** with a second by Commissioner Koyle. Motion carried.

Commissioner McClellan moved to **approve claims and payroll** with a second by Commissioner Koyle. Motion carried.

Commissioner Koyle moved **to approve the minutes** of September 18, 2018 with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Commissioner Koyle moved to **approve the Memorandum of Understanding** to support the Community Incentive Program, the Re-Entry Program and the Mental Health Program for juvenile probation with a second voiced by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

The Board is in agreement to cancel the joint jail meeting for September 25<sup>th</sup>.

The conflict public defender report was distributed.

Commissioner Koyle **moved to change the wording** from easement to deed in the July 16, 2018 minutes as requested by Treasurer Laura Twiss with a second by Commissioner McClellan. Motion carried.

Commissioner McClellan is going to miss Wednesday morning meetings but will be present in the afternoon.  
Commissioner Koyle is attending the Def Leppard concert this week.  
Commissioner Moore does not have a report to give.

The meeting was adjourned with the tap of the gavel at 9:27 A.M.

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Robert Moore, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Tonya Page, Clerk