

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
KENNEDY, MARIETTA, MCCARTY, FRAZIER, MARTINI, WILBER
August 26, 2021
9:45 a.m.

The meeting was held in the Board Chambers and was streamed via facebookLIVE.

Committee members present: Representative Kennedy, Representative McCarty and Representative Frazier

Committee members absent: Representative Marietta observed via Zoom, Representative Martini and Representative Wilber

Also present: Board Chair Bliss

COUNTY ATTORNEY – ALLEN RUFFLES, TREASURER for ELLEN COCCOMA

Allen Ruffles requested approval of a resolution authorizing and approving a settlement agreement to an action relating to the opioid crisis. Representative McCarty moved for approval. Seconded, Frazier. Total: 2,674. Ayes: 1,441; Absent: 1,233- Marietta, Martini and Wilber. Motion carried.

TREASURER – ALLEN RUFFLES

Allen Ruffles explained the list of which vehicles Enterprise would like to replace saving the County \$25,000 per year, \$2,090 per month; does not include the F-150s as they are still awaiting 2022 pricing. Mr. Ruffles stated that if the Board accepted this list, the County would get all 2022 vehicles and trading in our 2018, 2019, 2020 vehicles in order to get the county new vehicles and save the county money because the used car market is high now. Vehicles will not leave the County until Enterprise delivers a vehicle to the County's specs. Representative Frazier moved for approval. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,674. Ayes: 1,441; Absent: 1,233- Marietta, Martini and Wilber. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DEFENDER – MIKE TROSSET and BILL YOUNGS

Bill Youngs gave an update on claims filed stating that we have been paid \$280,000 for claims as far back as 2017, he has \$118,000 processed and is waiting on Albany, he has another claim ready for \$92,000 that is for the first quarter 2020 but has to wait until the last quarter from 2019 is approved before he can submit for a total of \$490,000 to be paid by the end of the year.

Mike Trosset gave an updated informational session, proposals and the challenges on how to utilize the Hurrell-Harring money in the most proper ways. The discussion included but was not limited to the following the Hurrell-Harring contract is a 5-year contract: 1st year spent and approved \$168,000; 2nd year \$267,000; 3rd year \$505,000; 4th year \$673,000 and the 5th year \$841,000; proposals for year 3 and year 4: year 1 added a part-time Public Defender and continued through year 3, year 2 added a Grants Administrator position and a part-time Assistant Public Defender to continue through year 4. The year 3 proposal is to add to the salaries of the Criminal Defense Attorneys \$15,000 plus fringe from \$51,000 to \$66,000 including the Public Defender's salary, an Assigned Counsel Administrator position, rent for office space, expert witness and social work assessment, CAP and CAP coverage, software, training and equipment. The year 4 proposal is essentially the same as year 3 except changing the head of the Public Defender's Office into a full-time position and they would pay the difference in the salary of \$120,000.

Board Chair Bliss asked how long does this money last. Mr. Trosset mentioned that the state said that it has never been discussed that it will be cut. Representative Kennedy mentioned that she has been available for one of the phone calls in the Public Defender's Office and confirmed that the state was positive in what was proposed and that funding was not going away.

Representative Frazier moved for an executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,674. Ayes: 1,441; Absent: 1,233- Marietta, Martini and Wilber. Motion carried.

Representative Wilber joined the meeting during executive session. The meeting adjourned in executive session.