

**ORDINANCE**

**RE: AMENDMENT TO THE COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION  
ORDINANCE FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER**

**WHEREAS**, The Public Defender is in need of additional funds for court additional counsel to represent indigent persons due to the addition of an associate judge and the corresponding additional workload and the need to supply such attorney with research materials and license for the 2020-2021 budget year; and

**WHEREAS**, such change is required to meet the obligations of the County to provide counsel for indigent persons; and

**WHEREAS**, this requires a budget amendment; and,

**WHEREAS**, the budget therefore needs to be amended to recognize this transfer accordingly and this need was not known when the budget was prepared, and thus was not included.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the County Board of Vermilion County Illinois that the County Auditor and County Board Chairman and Office be authorized and instructed to transfer funds for the Judicial and Rules budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 as set out below:

001.250.00.4101	Salary-Personnel	\$60,000.00
001.250.00.4213	Book/Periodicals	\$500.00
001.250.00.4383	Dues/License	\$1,000.00
001.250.00.4364	Education	\$500.00

And the totals be adjusted accordingly.

**PRESENTED, APPROVED AND ORDAINED** by the County Board of Vermilion County, Illinois at the December 7, 2019 A.D. Session.

*This amendment takes two thirds majority for passage.*

DATED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020 A.D.

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Chairman, Vermilion County Board

ATTEST:  
  
Clerk of the County Board

Ordinance #  
20-1206

Budget Amendment – Public Defender

APPROVED BY Finance Personnel: December 3, 2020

Steve Fourez  Y  N  A  
Committee Chairperson

Wesley Bieritz  Y  N  A

Robert Boyd  Y  N  A

Breannah Haton  Y  N  A

Becky Stark  Y  N  A

Bruce Stark  Y  N  A

Adam Hart  Y  N  A

**Request for Amendment  
Fiscal Budget  
2020 - 2021**

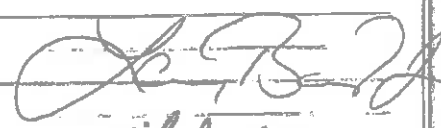
Dept: 250 - Public Defender

Date: 11/25/20

Account Number	Account Description	Original Appr.	Additional	To Read
4101	Salary - Personnel	\$ 505,360	\$ 60,000	\$565,360
4213	Books/Periodicals	\$ 7,000	\$ 500	\$7,500
4363	Dues/Licenses	\$ 6,000	\$ 1,000	\$7,000
4364	Education	\$ 3,000	\$ 500	\$3,500
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**Narrative:**

With the new associate judge being sworn in and the backlog of felony cases, it is the goal of the judiciary to create two felony courtrooms. I need an additional felony attorney position to be created and funded in order to adequately staff this new courtroom. The salary I am requesting of \$60,000 would make the new attorney my lowest paid felony assistant. I also will need additional money in the 3 other accounts to pay for access to legal research, licensing, and training for the new attorney. Adding this new position and increasing my other funding as detailed above will allow the public defender's office to be more efficient and do a better job of providing legal services to the county.



Department Head: Michael T. Moran

Approved By:

Committee

Finance Committee

Chairman

Chairman

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