



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C8

For the meeting of: March 20, 2018

Date: March 15, 2018

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Amy S. Nilsen, County Administrative Officer *AN*

Subject: Appointment of Interim Public Defender

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Appoint Marek Reavis to the position of Public Defender on an interim basis, retroactive to March 12, and continuing until appointment of a permanent Public Defender is made, or other solution is identified.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: General Fund

DISCUSSION:

On February 27 your Board received notification from former Interim Public Defender Kaleb Cockrum on his appointment to judgeship on the Humboldt County Superior Court and his subsequent resignation from county employment. Your Board on March 13, through a report out on closed session, appointed Mr. Reavis as the Interim Public Defender. This agenda item officially effectuates your Board's direction by appointing currently serving Deputy Public Defender IV for Conflict Counsel Mr. Reavis, as the Public Defender on an interim basis and continuing until a permanent appointment is made, or other solution is

Prepared by Amy S. Nilsen

CAO Approval *[Signature]*

REVIEW:

Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Human Resources _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

- Consent
- Departmental
- Public Hearing
- Other _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor *Wilson* Seconded by Supervisor *Bass*

Ayes *Bass, Fennell, Sundberg, Bohn, Wilson*

- Nays
- Abstain
- Absent

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: 3/20/18

By: *[Signature]*
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

identified.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The salary for the Public Defender is currently budgeted in the Public Defender budget (1100-219) for fiscal year 2017-18. The current salary for the Public Defender is \$12,511 per month.

This conforms to your Board's Strategic Framework, Priorities for New Initiatives, by providing core services in ways that safeguard the public trust through investing in county employees.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Public Defender Office

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could decline to appoint Mr. Reavis and select another individual as Interim Public Defender.

ATTACHMENTS: None.