



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 3/26/2020

File #: 20-420

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Human Resources

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Appointment of Interim Public Defender

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Appoint Meagan O'Connell to the position of Public Defender on an interim basis effective Monday, March 23, 2020.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund

DISCUSSION:

Due to the absence of the current Public Defender, Marek Reavis, staff recommends the interim appointment of Meagan O'Connell until the return of Mr. Reavis, or another solution is identified. Meagan O'Connell has 7 years of experience as a Public Defender and is willing to accept the interim appointment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The salary for the Public Defender is currently budgeted in the Public Defender budget (1100-219) for fiscal year 2019-20. The current salary for a Public Defender at step 1A is \$13,345 per month.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by providing community-appropriate levels of service .

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could decline to appoint Megan O'Connell and select another individual as Interim Public Defender.

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ATTACHMENTS:

N/A

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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