

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLIC DEFENDER
TO HIRE ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat §23-3403 (Reissue 2007), “The public defender may appoint as many assistant public defenders, who shall be attorneys licensed to practice law in this state, [...] as are reasonably necessary to permit him or her to effectively and competently represent the clients of the office subject to the approval and consent of the county board which shall fix the compensation of all such persons...”; and,

WHEREAS, National Advisory Commission Standards state that the no attorney should exceed more than 400 Misdemeanor cases per attorney, per year; and

WHEREAS, over the past 4 years, the Assistant Public Defenders who handle a misdemeanor caseload have averaged 605, 631, 537 and 517 in each respective year, or an average of 572 cases per year over the four year time period; and

WHEREAS, if an additional Assistant Public Defender is on staff, then the Misdemeanor caseload will be an average of 429 over the same period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SARPY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that the Sarpy County Public Defender is hereby authorized to hire an additional Assistant Public Defender, said Assistant Public Defender to be paid at the Attorney level salary schedule of the Public Defender Pay scale.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly approved by a vote of the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners at a public meeting duly held in accordance with applicable law on this _____ day of April, 2013.

Sarpy County Board Chairman

Sarpy County Clerk