

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY MICHIGAN, Your County Personnel and Human Services Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (“MIDC”) was created by Public Act 93 of 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 13, 2016, Resolution #C1610291 was approved by the Berrien County Board of Commissioners creating the Berrien County Public Defender’s Office and establishing the staffing levels in response to the MIDC’s task of standardizing the provision of legal representation to indigent individuals charged with a crime; and

**WHEREAS**, an original Compliance Plan (“Plan”), was approved by the Board of Commissioners via Resolution A1711318, on November 9, 2017, and Berrien County was subsequently awarded \$1,516,275 for the purposes as described in the plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Berrien County has annually submitted a compliance plan and received grant funding since then; and

**WHEREAS**, for FY2022, the MIDC is adding Standard #5; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to meet Standard 5, for the period of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 the plan and grant funding request that was submitted was increased to reflect additional staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the MIDC approved Berrien County’s request as described, which ultimately provides the funding for the additional staff.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that effective October 1, 2021, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approve the complement change for the Public Defender’s Office to reflect the following:

**ADD**

(2) Assistant Public Defender  
Grade 11  
2-FTE

**ADD**

(1) Social Worker  
Grade 8  
1-FTE

**DELETE**

Office Supervisor  
Grade 7  
1-FTE

**ADD**

Office Administrator  
Grade 9  
1-FTE

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these positions will be subject to elimination if the above referenced grant is no longer sufficient to cover the cost of same in accordance with the terms of the Grant Agreement.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
BERRIEN COUNTY PERSONNEL AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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Robert P. Harrison, Chairperson

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Michael Majerek, Vice Chair

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RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrator: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>8-2-21</u>
Comments Attached _____	
Corporate Counsel _____	Date _____
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