

Amending The 2007 Ulster County Budget – Transferring Assigned Counsel Services Division From Public Defender’s Office To The County Treasurer’s Office

The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Lomita and Legislators Bartels, Berardi, Gregorius, Provenzano, Zimet, Cummings, Gerentine and Noonan) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Assigned Counsel Division is currently budgeted in the Office of Public Defender’s Office, for the year 2007, and

WHEREAS, in order to provide legal representation in the courts for indigent persons residing in Ulster County, it is more proper to transfer assigned counsel functions to the Ulster County Treasurer’s Office, and

WHEREAS, the Office of County Administrator is requesting that the Assigned Counsel Services Program be transferred from the Public Defender’s Office to the County Treasurer’s Office, and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice and Safety Committee has been polled and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Assigned Counsel Services Division, be transferred from the Public Defender’s Office to the County Treasurer’s Office, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2007 Ulster County Budget be amended as follows:

	<u>DELETE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1170-1161	Assistant Public Defender	\$27,537.00*
1170-1211 (PC #’s)	Account Clerk Typist *Annual Salary (Effective January 4, 2007)	\$31,278.00*

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<u>CREATE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
1325-1310	Appeals Attorney – Assigned Counsel	\$27,537.00*
1325-1445 (PC #'s)	Account Clerk Typist *Annual Salary (Effective January 4, 2007)	\$31,278.00*

County Treasurer’s Department (1325)

Assigned Counsel Division (1092)

A4-1092-1005	Regular Pay-Assigned Counsel	
A4-1092-4368 (App. #'s)	Assigned Counsel Services	
A3-1092-3022	State Aid, Parole Appeal Aid	
A3-1092-3025 (Rev. #'s)	State Aid, Indigent Legal Services	

DECREASE

Public Defender’s Department (1170)

Assigned Counsel Division (1048)

A4-1048-1005	Regular Pay-Assigned Counsel	\$ 58,815.00
A4-1048-4368 (App. #'s)	Assigned Counsel Services	\$786,000.00
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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 29 NOES: 3
(NOES: Legislators Every, Noonan and Shapiro)
(Absent: Legislator Felicello)

Legislator R.S. Parete motioned, seconded by Legislator Harris to amend the resolution to add “WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval,” as indicated above.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 32 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Felicello)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$844,815.00 – APPROPRIATIONS TRANSFER – BUDGETED
\$437,401.00 – STATE REVENUES TRANSFER – BUDGETED
\$407,414.00 – TRANSFER OF BUDGETED COUNTY DOLLARS
\$ 0.00 – NO NET CHANGE IN COUNTY DOLLARS