

**Amending The 2022 County Budget To Create Two Full-Time Assistant Public Defender Positions – Public Defender’s Office**

Referred to: The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairman Uchitelle and Legislators Hansut, Heppner, Hewitt, and Lopez), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Cahill, Fabiano, Ronk, and Walter)

Chair of the Legislature Tracey A. Bartels offers the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted at the request of the County Executive on behalf of the Public Defender’s Office; and

WHEREAS, Public Defender’s Office provides legal representation to indigent legal defendants; and

WHEREAS, the position of Assistant Public Defender will be responsible for representing indigent clients in criminal cases in all Ulster County courts from arraignment through resolution; and

WHEREAS, each Assistant Public Defender position will have an annual salary of \$85,000; and

WHEREAS, the Public Defender requests the 2022 Ulster County Budget be amended to include two additional Assistant Public Defender positions; and

WHEREAS, the two Assistant Public Defender positions and associated fringe benefits will be funded (by reimbursement) by the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (NYSOILS) Hurrell-Harring grant (Ulster County contract #2018-546); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the NYSOILS Hurrell-Harring grant is to improve the quality of mandated indigent legal representation and to reduce excessive caseloads in indigent legal service provider programs; and

WHEREAS, in order to reflect this, an amendment of the 2022 budget is necessary; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the 2022 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Resolution No. 152      March 16, 2022

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**CREATE**

<b><u>POSITION #</u></b>	<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
1170-1240	Assistant Public Defender (Non-Competitive – Full Time) *Annual Salary Annual Benefits (\$42,117)	*\$ 85,000.00
1170-1241	Assistant Public Defender (Non-Competitive – Full Time) *Annual Salary Annual Benefits (\$42,117)	*\$ 85,000.00

**INCREASE**

**AMOUNT**

AA-1170-1048-1300-1300 (App. #)	Regular Pay	\$ 170,000.00
AA-1170-1048-8000-8000 (App.#)	Retirement	\$ 25,330.00
AA-1170-1048-8010-8010 (App.#)	Social Security	\$ 13,004.00
AA-1170-1048-8020-8035 (App.#)	Health Insurance	\$ 45,900.00

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19                      NOES: 4  
(Noes: Legislators Fabiano, Litts, Roberts, and Ronk)

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Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on March 3, 2022

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on March 8, 2022

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

\$254,234.00 – ADDITIONAL 2022 APPROPRIATION DOLLARS

\$254,234.00 – BUDGETED STATE REVENUE DOLLARS

\$        0.00 – ADDITIONAL COUNTY DOLLARS

STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of March in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of March in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella  
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this  
18<sup>th</sup> Day of March 2022.

Approved by the County Executive this  
24<sup>th</sup> Day of March 2022.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella  
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature

|s| Patrick K. Ryan  
Patrick K. Ryan, County Executive