

Amending The 2023 County Budget To Create A Full-Time Social Worker, A Full-Time Paralegal, And Establish A Full-Time Family Court Bureau Chief With A Salary Increase – Public Defender

WITHDRAWN BY SPONSORS

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

Chair of the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee, Eve Walter, and Deputy Chair Gina Hansut offer the following:

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

WHEREAS, the Public Defender has requested that the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for the purpose of Ulster County’s participation in the Second Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction, Contract No: C2NDUFD51, for the period 01/01/2023 through 12/31/2025; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Second Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction grant initiative is to support providers of representation of family court defense in upstate New York, and improve the quality of representation for parents involved in Article 10 child welfare matters; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County was awarded up to \$215,018.00 for 2023 for the addition of a full-time Social Worker and full-time Paralegal for the Public Defender’s Family Court Unit, along with a salary increase elevating a full-time Assistant Public Defender to Family Court Bureau Chief to supervise work under this initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Social Worker and Paralegal positions, and Family Court Bureau Chief salary increase, and associated fringe benefits will be funded (by reimbursement) by the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (NYSOILS) Second Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction, Contract No: C2NDUFD51, and

WHEREAS, the Public Defender requests the 2023 Ulster County Budget be amended to include one new full-time Social Worker, one new full-time Paralegal, and a salary increase for the designated Family Court Bureau Chief, and

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WHEREAS, in order to reflect this, an amendment of the 2023 budget is necessary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the 2023 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

CREATE

<u>POSITION #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1170-1461 (PL#) *Annual Salary Annual Benefits \$29,551	Paralegal (Full-Time)	\$ 59,041.00*
1170-1160 (PL#) *Annual Salary Adjustment Annual Benefits Adjustment \$2,950	Assistant Public Defender (Full-Time)	\$ 14,000.00*

INCREASE

AMOUNT

AA.1170.1046-1300.1300 (App. #)	Regular Pay	\$ 73,041.00
AA.1170.1046-8000.8000 (App.#)	Retirement	\$ 9,803.00
AA.1170.1046-8010.8010 (App.#)	Social Security	\$ 5,588.00
AA.1170.1046-8020.8035 (App.#)	Health Insurance	\$ 14,783.00

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on _____.

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on _____.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$103,215.00 – 2023 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION DOLLARS

\$103,215.00 – 2023 ADDITIONAL NYS REVENUE DOLLARS

\$ 0.00 – ADDITIONAL COUNTY DOLLARS