

Lewistown, PA

January 16, 2025

The Mifflin County Salary Board met on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 10:30 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Robert Postal, Commissioner Kevin Kodish, Commissioner Noah Wise, Treasurer Diane Griffith, Chief Clerk Cathy Romig, and Fiscal Assistant Charity Larson. Solicitor Steve Snook was absent.

Guests in attendance were Assistant Chief Clerk Angela Shuey, Public Defender Shawn Curry, and District Attorney Chris Torquato.

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chairman Robert Postal.

II. Approval of Minutes of January 6, 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wise. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. New Business

1. Request from Public Defender Shawn Curry:

- Create a second Assistant Public Defender Position

Mr. Curry explained he feels this would be the best way to serve clients rather than having just one Assistant Public Defender. Having two would provide more flexibility in assignment of cases and reduce the need for court appointed attorneys. Attorney Ferguson's contract would be modified to reflect the shared responsibilities if approved.

Commissioner Wise made a motion to approve adding the second Assistant Public Defender position. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Request from District Attorney Chris Torquato:

- Create a second County Detective Position

Mr. Torquato stated this position previously existed but was terminated approximately seven years ago. He would like to bring back the position to investigate a limited number of certain ongoing cases. The cases in question are all considered significant unsolved cases. There would be no salary to be paid by the county. The only cost for the county would be expenses as needed. Commissioner Postal questioned if the position should be considered with a purchase of service agreement.

Commissioner Kodish made a motion to approve the position with a purchase of service agreement. Commissioner Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. With no further business to discuss, Chairman Postal adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Secretary

ATTEST:

Chief Clerk