



PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 12, 2018
8:30 AM
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
GOVERNMENT CENTER

Staff Present: Commissioner Brad Anderson, Commissioner Jason Majerus, Commissioner Paul Drotos, County Administrator Scott Arneson, County Attorney Steve Betcher, Melissa Cushing, Carolyn Holmsten, Peggy Trebil, Betty Schultz, Jessica Ahlbrecht.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: Request to hire Appraiser.

Carolyn Holmsten and Betty Schultz put forth a request to hire an Appraiser as soon as possible. This is a new position, not in the 2019 budget. Ms. Schultz indicated the workload for our appraisers exceeds the state average by approximately 3,000 parcels. Although the position is not yet budgeted for 2019, Ms. Holmsten felt the funds could be found in light of her upcoming retirement and thus an anticipated savings in wages.

In the "Request to Hire" form submitted with the report, neither Melissa Cushing nor Scott Arneson supported the hire at this time due to budgetary constraints. Both Ms. Cushing and Mr. Arneson recognize the need for staff due to the workload.

C/ Majerus indicated he is not in favor of granting the request at this time.

C/ Anderson indicated he would like to see an Appraiser position added to the 2019 budget.

ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: Request to contract for legal clerk services during development of drug court & drug prosecution diversion pilot program.

County Attorney Steve Betcher requested to retain the current 67-day temporary employee for an additional 100-days to aid in the development of a drug court for Goodhue County. The position would be funded by the county attorney's forfeiture fund and contingency funds.

C/ Majerus stated he would like the grant approval before moving forward with any staffing. Mr. Betcher requested the County Board demonstrate support and leadership for the project. C/ Anderson voiced his support for the drug court.

C/ Majerus indicated he remains unconvinced the drug court will have the desired impact and is not in favor of approving the request at this time.

C/ Anderson supports the request and recommends approval.