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AGENDA ITEM PROCESSING FORM**

1. DATE OF PROPOSED ACTION: September 6, 2016

2. AGENDA ITEM: ☒ Appointments ☐ Bids/Purchases ☐ Claims

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3. DEPARTMENT: Laramie County Commissioners

APPLICANT:

AGENT: Commissioners

4. DESCRIPTION: Consideration of a resolution recommending the appointment of David R. Hopkinson as an assistant public defender.

Amount \$

From **8/15/2016**

To

5. DOCUMENTATION: 1 Original

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TO FORM ONLY BY THE
LARAMIE COUNTY ATTORNEY

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Commissioner

Signatures

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Heath _____

Assist Co Attny _____

Holmes _____

Grants Manager _____

Kailey _____

Outside Agency _____

Thompson _____

Action _____

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RESOLUTION # _____

“RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID R. HOPKINSON AS AN ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER IN LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING, AS REQUIRED BY W. S. §7-6-103(f).”

WHEREAS, W.S. §7-6-103(f) authorizes the County to advise the Governor of Wyoming concerning the appointment of Assistant Public Defenders; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has reviewed David R. Hopkinson’s qualifications and has considered the recommendation of Diane Lozano, the Wyoming Public Defender;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING, that it recommends the appointment of David R. Hopkinson as an Assistant Public Defender, effective August 15, 2016.

PRESENTED, READ AND ADOPTED this ____ day of September, 2016.

BOARD OF LARAMIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman

ATTEST:

Debra Lee, Laramie County Clerk

Reviewed and approved as to form only:



Mark T. Voss, Laramie County Attorney



OFFICE *of the* WYOMING STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER

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Matthew H. Mead
GOVERNOR

Diane M. Lozano
STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER

Ryan R. Roden
DEPUTY STATE
PUBLIC DEFENDER

August 3, 2016

Mrs. Linda Heath, Vice Chairman
Laramie County Commissioner
310 W. 19th Street, Suite 300
Cheyenne, WY 82001

Dear Mrs. Heath:

I am writing to notify you that the Office of the State Public Defender intends to hire David R. Hopkinson, as a full-time Assistant Public Defender for the First Judicial District. I am notifying you pursuant to Wyoming Statutes §7-6-103(f), which reads:

The governor may appoint full or part-time assistant public defenders in each judicial district with the advice of the state public defender, the district judge of the district and the boards of county commissioners in the district. In appointing assistant public defenders the governor shall consider the recommendations submitted to him, the demand for legal services, the criminal case load statistics, the population, the geographical characteristics and any other relevant factors.

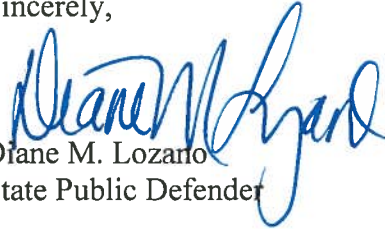
Mr. Hopkinson will share the criminal caseload with the other assistant public defenders in the First Judicial District. He may also be asked to assist with conflict cases or assignments in other Judicial Districts. Mr. Hopkinson will be filling one of the two vacancies in the First Judicial District Trial Office. Mr. Hopkinson is a 2011 graduate of the University Of Wyoming College Of Law, Laramie, Wyoming. He was admitted to the Wyoming State Bar in 2012. His résumé is enclosed for your perusal.

Please submit any input that you may have about this pending appointment to me prior to August 15, 2016. Upon that date, I will present Mr. Hopkinson to Governor Mead for appointment as a full-time Assistant Public Defender. I will forward your input to the Governor at that time.

If you wish to reply by phone or otherwise discuss the appointment, please feel free to give me a call at 777-7519. Also, my email address is diane.lozano@wyo.gov. I am available at your convenience to discuss this appointment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Diane M. Lozano
State Public Defender

Enclosure
DML/gl

David R. Hopkinson

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Licensed	Wyoming State Bar Association	June 2012
	- Active Member in Good Standing	
	Utah State Bar Association	October 2011
	- Active Member in Good Standing	
Education	University of Wyoming (Laramie, WY)	May 2011
	- J.D.	
	Brigham Young University (Provo, UT)	April 2008
	- B.S. in Psychology	
	- Minor in Business	
Professional Experience	Diument Law Office	September 2014 - Present
	- Represent criminal defendants at all stages of prosecution	
	- Conduct legal research/Draft legal motions	
	- Develop and execute legal defense strategies	
	- Negotiate with prosecuting attorneys	
	- Defend clients in trial	
	- Assist on civil matters as needed	
	Wyoming Public Defenders Office	February 2013 – September 2014
	- Represented criminal defendants at all stages of prosecution	
	- Successfully conducted jury trials and other hearings on charges ranging from Aggravated Vehicular Homicide to Driving on Suspension.	
	Law Firm of Gorrell & Hopkinson P.C.	August 2011 – January 2013
	- Conducted legal research	
	- Drafted legal memorandum, briefs, and court filings	
	- Interviewed clients/witnesses	
	- Attended court proceedings and assisted with jury trials	
Service/Other	Laramie City Attorney's Office	January 2011 – May 2011
	<i>Legal Externship (150 hours)</i>	
	- Conducted legal research and wrote legal memorandum	
	- Interviewed witnesses	
	- Conducted and won a DWUI jury trial	
	- Represented the University of Wyoming at the regional International Jessup Cup Moot Court competition, February 2010	
	- Won the UW Brown Drew & Massey Moot Court competition in March 2010 and represented UW at the regional level, November 2010	
	- UW Prosecution Assistance Clinic 2010-2011 Outstanding Student	
	- Awarded the Excellence in Advocacy award by UW	
	- Fluent in conversational Spanish	
	- Experienced in Microsoft Office, Internet use, computer technical support, and most online legal databases including Lexis Nexis and Westlaw.	

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