

LARAMIE COUNTY CLERK BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 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 Anna W. Johnson 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

Clerks Use Only:

Commissioner

Signatures

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Assist Co Attny _____

Holmes _____

Grants Manager _____

Kailey _____

Outside Agency _____

Thompson _____

Action _____

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RESOLUTION # _____

**“RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANNA W. JOHNSON
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 Anna W. Johnson’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 Anna W. Johnson 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

Mr. Buck Holmes, Chairman
Laramie County Commissioner
310 W. 19th Street, Suite 300
Cheyenne, WY 82001

Dear Mr. Holmes:

I am writing to notify you that the Office of the State Public Defender intends to hire Anna W. Johnson, 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.

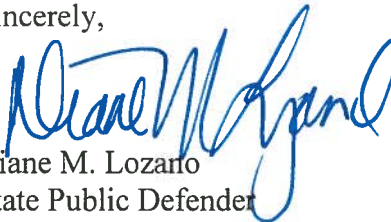
Ms. Johnson will share the criminal caseload with the other assistant public defenders in the First Judicial District. She may also be asked to assist with conflict cases or assignments in other Judicial Districts. Ms. Johnson will be filling one of the two vacancies in the First Judicial District Trial Office. Ms. Johnson is a 2012 graduate of the Saint Louis University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri. She was admitted to the Wyoming State Bar in 2015. Her 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 Ms. Johnson 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

Anna W. Johnson

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EDUCATION

Saint Louis University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri
J.D., May 2012 Member of the Missouri Bar
GPA 3.06 Accepted into Wyoming Bar in August of 2015
Dean's Scholar
Activities: Saint Louis University Law Journal, Public Interest Law Group

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota
B.S., Sociology with emphasis on Law, Crime and Deviance, May 2008
Self-financed approximately 50% of educational costs

EXPERIENCE

Missouri State Office of the Public Defender, Monett, Missouri
Attorneys representing indigent clients with a variety of criminal felonies and misdemeanors
Assistant Public Defender May 1, 2013-Present

- Represents clients in court for arraignments, pleas, motion hearings and various trial activities
- Writes numerous different kinds of criminal motions
- Thoroughly researches various criminal topics through Westlaw
- Meets directly with clients in the office and county jails
- Frequently negotiates with various prosecutors for the State
- Works zealously to achieve the best possible outcomes for clients

The Vogler Law Firm, St. Louis, Missouri
Law firm specializing in Bankruptcy Law and Creditors' Rights
Clerk September 1, 2012-February 15, 2013

- Created garnishment and execution forms, summons and subpoenas
- Dealt directly with court clerks and sheriffs' offices over procedural issues

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, St. Louis, Missouri
Externship with Judge Rodney Sippel, U.S. District Court Judge
Extern August 1, 2011-December 1, 2011

- Conducted thorough research for legal post-conviction opinions
- Assisted with writing legal documents
- Attended court proceedings

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, St. Louis, Missouri
Non-profit organization that provides legal assistance to low-income individuals
Legal Intern with Children's Legal Alliance January 11, 2011-August 15, 2011

- Performed legal research tasks involving special education needs for attorneys
- Attended and took notes for legal meetings
- Worked with parents of children needing special education services
- Wrote motions and complaints regarding special education

WATCH, Minneapolis, MN
Non-profit organization that monitors court cases involving domestic and sexual abuse
Court Monitor January 15-June 5, 2008

- Monitored and obtained data on court cases
- Gained a broad understanding of the challenges domestic and sexual abuse victims face
- Became very familiar with legal procedures involving sexual and domestic abuse victims