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Noble County Council

RE: Additional for Pauper Attorney Account
1000 0040 14702
\$25,000.00

Dear Council:

At this time, I am requesting an additional of \$25,000.00 for our pauper attorney account. This account is used to pay attorneys when we have appeals and also when we have conflicts in cases. Because of this usage, we have no way of determining on a yearly basis how much is needed in this account. We are presently \$9,089.06 over what was appropriated for this account. We also presently have open appeals and some conflict cases which may still come due this year for payment. I would inform you that we have been getting reimbursement for most of these costs so we have and will be bringing back to the general fund close to \$20,000.00 of the already appropriated funds and will be eligible for a 40% reimbursement of most of any of the funds we use of the additional. This additional was also partly the result of the two murder appeals which were done and two CHINS cases which I can not discuss because of confidentiality issues. IF you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

James J. Abbs
Chief Public Defender