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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALPENA COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE
FROM: CYNTHIA MUSZYNSKI, ALPENA COUNTY PROSECUTOR
RE: SUMMER INTERN

The Prosecuting Attorney Association of Michigan assists counties by soliciting students from various law schools to serve as paid interns across the state for 11 weeks during the summer. Many of the prosecutors serving in Michigan at this time were part of this opportunity. Interns are vetted, interviewed by the association, as well as the individualized counties. Once selected, they begin to find housing to relocate to the chosen county. Prior to starting work in the county, they attend a week-long intensive prep class directed and taught by the association. The association also takes on the responsibility of payroll for the intern.

Initially, the idea of a summer intern was sought with the intention of possible recruitment to fill either the open position, or to set the foundation for a future filling of an open position. One such individual was interviewed, paired with our office, and again interviewed by the prosecutors in this county. He has graciously accepted the opportunity to come work with us here in Alpena County this summer. With the Board's recent decision to eliminate the assistant prosecutor position from the 2024 budget, the reason for needing the intern has changed focus from one of possible recruitment, to that of desperate need.

Having been unable to fill this APA position this past year, our payroll budget currently holds more than enough excess funds to pay for this summer help. We are asking that either a new payroll "Intern" line item be added, or the current "Temporary assistant Prosecutor" line item (101-277-704.000) be used for the transfer from the current budget line item Assistant Prosecutor #2 (101-277-703.003) of \$9,600.00 to facilitate this opportunity for the county. This adjustment and a one time payment to the Prosecuting Attorney Association of Michigan is necessary to ensure the commitment from the County while funds are currently available.

Respectfully submitted,