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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALPENA COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE
FROM: CYNTHIA MUSZYNSKI, ALPENA COUNTY PROSECUTOR
RE: EXTRADITION EXPENSES

The Prosecutor's Budget was originally approved to provide funds totaling \$3,000 for expenses incurred for extradition purposes. In years past, this line item would seldom get used. 2023 has proven to be the exception to that trend.

Without getting into details, in March of this year, MSP began investigating an incident of Delivery of Controlled Substance Causing Death, which left two victims deceased, and multiple broken hearted families as a result. The suspect was apprehended in Florida and is currently being extradited back to Alpena to face his charges. The price quoted to transport this suspect is about \$3000.

Then in June, against a court order, a mother fled the state with a child she was ordered not to even contact, let alone have custody or possession. Due to the diligent efforts of law enforcement and communication with other states, she was apprehended in Nevada and the child was safely returned home. The extradition process for this defendant is currently in process. We anticipate the cost for her return will be roughly \$3000.

I am requesting that the Board approve reducing line item 101-296-703.003 by \$5,000 and to increase line item 101-296-812.000 by that same amount.

To be clear, PA Asst 3 is currently an unfilled position despite great efforts by this office and the county's HR department. Should an attorney be hired to fill that position starting Aug 1st (completely unreasonable given the lack of applicants), we would need \$26,942.91 to pay that salary through the end of the year. The line item as it currently stands has \$22,720.08 above and beyond that which would be necessary.

Thank you for your continued support,


Cynthia M. Muszynski