



Le Sueur County, MN

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Board Meeting

Item 6

9:55 a.m. Darrell Pettis, County Administrator / Engineer

RE: Letter from Mr. Holmgren, Chief Public Defender, 1st Judicial District

RE: SMIF Letter

RE: Open Seasonal Bids on Tuesday, Feb. 21st at 10:00 a.m.

RE: Misc.

Staff Contact:



FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER

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January 17, 2017

Honorable Terrence E. Conkel
Chief Judge of the 1st Judicial District
McLeod County Courthouse
830 11th Avenue E.
Glencoe, MN 55336

Re: Funding of Expert Witnesses, Transcripts, Interpreters, etc. pursuant to
Minnesota Statute 611.21

Dear Judge Conkel:

I am writing to inform you that my office no longer has funds available for expert witnesses, transcripts, interpreters, medical records and other services necessary for an adequate defense. As a result, we will resume petitioning for funding of these expenses pursuant to Minnesota Statute 611.21. This will be necessary until our new fiscal year begins on July 1, 2017.

Unless you prefer that we use a different procedure, public defenders will again contact me before making a Minn. Stat. 611.21 request to the court. If I agree that their request is appropriate, I will provide the attorney with a signed *Ex Parte Application for 611.21 Funds* stating that my office no longer has funds available for the requested expense. The attorney will then present to the court my signed *Ex Parte Application*, a proposed Order, and any such additional information as the court may require showing that the requested service is necessary for an adequate defense.

As we have done in the past, requests for funding of \$1000 or less will be made to the judge assigned to the case. If no judge has been specifically assigned to a case, they will be made to any judge chambered in the county where the case originated.

Requests for funding exceeding \$1000 will be made to Assistant Chief Judge Messerich for cases in Dakota and Goodhue Counties, and to you for cases in Carver, LeSueur, McLeod, Scott and Sibley Counties.

Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns, or if you would like us to use a different procedure.

I regret the inconvenience this will cause to everyone involved.

Sincerely,



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Chief Public Defender
1st Judicial District
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Assistant Chief Judge
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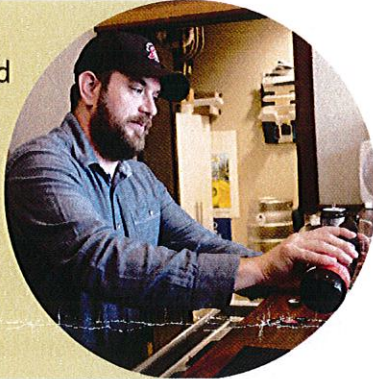
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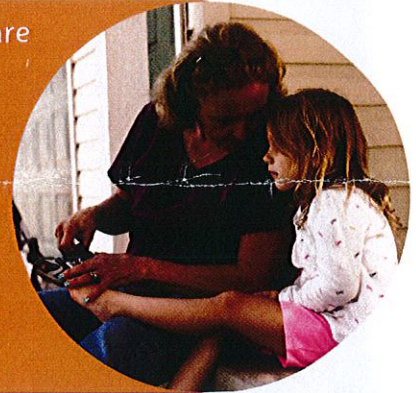
"We needed one win, someone to believe in and support us. SMIF was that win for us. Without SMIF there would be no F-Town."

-Travis Temke, Co-Owner, F-Town Brewing Company



"SMIF's Quality Child Care Courses, along with the annual Early Childhood Care Conference, have been so helpful. Both are great ways to get new ideas."

-LaDonna Hoffman, Sleepy Eye child care provider



January 2017

Darrell Pettis
Le Sueur County
Courthouse
88 Park Ave S
Le Center, MN 56057-1600

Dear Mr. Pettis and County Board;

It's amazing how much can happen in a year! Your support for southern Minnesota initiatives has helped us move the needle in so many ways this past year: new small businesses opening along main streets, more child care providers pursuing their Parent Aware Rating and viewing themselves as business owners, and more rural philanthropic wealth captured for new community projects.

I'll never cease to be amazed at how innovative and resourceful the people of southern Minnesota are. Your generosity is a good investment in our region's most valuable asset: the people.

Thank you for your contribution of \$3,000 towards Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation in 2016. Because of you, we are making a difference.

Sincerely,

Tim Penny, President & CEO
Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation

"We bring in opportunities that might not otherwise be possible. It's a wonderful moment when those Little Huskers come across the finish line; you would think they'd won a gold medal!"

-Sue Kolling,
Spring Valley Area
Community Foundation



Thank you!



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