



Le Sueur County, MN

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Board Meeting

Item 6

9:50 a.m. Darrell Pettis, County Administrator

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

Staff Contact:



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The Honorable Kathryn D. Messerich
Chief Judge, 1st Judicial District
Dakota County Judicial Center
1560 Highway 55
Hastings, MN 55033

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

Dear Judge Messerich:

I am writing to inform you that my office has now exhausted our funding for expert witnesses, transcripts, interpreters, medical records and other services necessary for an adequate defense. We will therefore resume petitioning for payment of these expenses pursuant to Minnesota Statute 611.21. This will be necessary until our new fiscal year begins on July 1, 2018.

Unless you prefer that we use a different procedure, I will again require that public defenders contact me before making a Minnesota Statute 611.21 request. If I agree that their request is appropriate, I will provide the defender with an *Ex Parte Application for Minnesota Statute 611.21 Funds* containing my signature, and stating that my office no longer has funds available for the requested expense. I will also provide the defender with a proposed *Minnesota Statute 611.21 Order*. The defender assigned to the case will then approach the court and provide such case specific information as the court may require to show that the requested service is necessary for an adequate defense.

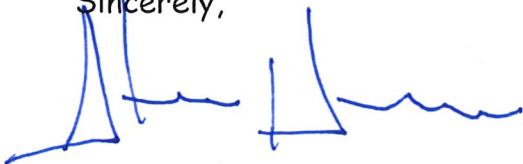
As in the past, we will make requests for funding of \$1000 or less to the judge assigned to the case. It is my understanding that if no specific judge has been assigned to a case, requests for funding of \$1000 or less may be presented to any judge chambered in the

county where the case originated. Requests for funding exceeding \$1000 will be made directly to you, or to Assistant Chief Judge Knutson if you are unavailable.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Holmgren". The signature is stylized with a large initial "S" and a long horizontal stroke.

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