

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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COUNTY OF DUNN)

I, Julie A. Wathke, County Clerk in and for the County of Dunn, State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the attached copy of Resolution No. 2018-99 is a true and correct copy of the original ordinance duly adopted by the Dunn County Board of Supervisors at a meeting held on November 14, 2018.

Given under my hand and seal in the City of Menomonie this 14th day of November, 2018.



Julie A. Wathke
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Dunn County Clerk

DUNN COUNTY, WISCONSIN
RESOLUTION NO. 99

Supporting the District Attorney's Request for Additional Assistant District Attorneys

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that that the Dunn County Board of Supervisors supports the request by the District Attorney for two (2) additional Assistant District Attorney positions and further directs that the County Clerk send copies of this Resolution to the Governor, state and federal legislative representatives having constituencies in Dunn County, and such other public officials that the District Attorney may deem appropriate.

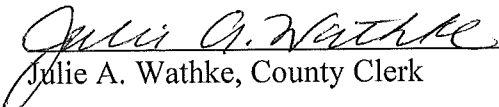
Offered this 13th day of November, 2018, at Menomonie, Wisconsin.

OFFERED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

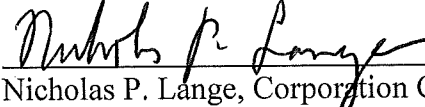
Adopted on: November 13, 2018


David Bartlett, Chair

ATTEST:


Julie A. Wathke, County Clerk

Approved as to Form and Execution:


Nicholas P. Lange, Corporation Counsel

Budget Impact: Adoption of this Resolution will not impact the 2019 budget.

Background Information: Dunn County is currently staffed by 3 prosecuting attorneys – the District Attorney, and two Assistant District Attorneys, which is 3.0 FTE prosecutor attorneys allotted by the State of Wisconsin. The three prosecuting attorneys cover all criminal, traffic, juvenile, Children in Need of Protection and Services or “CHIPS”, termination of parental rights (“TPR”), and DNR cases in Dunn County.

In 2017, the District Attorney's Office had another record-breaking year with the highest number of felonies and other referrals ever. The office prosecuted 509 felony cases (an increase of 94 cases over 2016), 563 misdemeanor cases, and 339 traffic cases. In 2006, a workload analysis by the Wisconsin Department of Administration, using a weighted caseload formula, indicated that Dunn County was in need of an additional 1.46 FTE prosecuting attorney positions. Since that time, the number of cases has increased dramatically. The latest workload analysis indicates a current need of an additional 3.14 FTE prosecutor positions in the Dunn County District Attorney's Office.

In addition to the extremely large caseload, the District Attorney's Office is seeing an increase in complex felony cases that require greater prosecutor time and resources. These types of cases include sexual assaults of both adults and children, drug distribution with a strong concentration on methamphetamine, battery and homicide, cyber-related crimes, CHIPS, and TPR cases. Due in large part to the methamphetamine epidemic in this County, the number of CHIPS cases have increased by 44% in the last five years, and the number of TPR cases have increased by 88% in the last five years. Despite the large increase in the number of cases, the District Attorney's Office has fewer prosecutors now than it did in 2002.

Local law enforcement agencies in Dunn County employ approximately 125 officers, from nine different departments/agencies, compared to the three (3) prosecutors employed by the District Attorney's Office. With a population of approximately 44,000, Dunn County is a complex county with large areas of rural coverage combined with a population center that includes a state university.

An adequately staffed District Attorney's Office is critical for effective prosecution in Dunn County. Failure to provide adequate levels of staffing within the District Attorney's Office directly threatens this County's commitment to safety. The Dunn County Judiciary and Law Committee has approved this Resolution.