



AGENDA ACTION ITEM

DATE: 2025-02-10
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Prosecutor's Office
ITEM TITLE: **Action Item – Contracted Position Conversion to Full-Time County Position**

Summary:

This item is for the BoCC to consider a personnel request by the Prosecutor

The Prosecutor's Office is requesting that the contract with Welch Law, for legal services, to be converted into a full time position. This contract is for Laretta Welch to represent the County and provide criminal prosecution.

For the Calendar year 2024, the Contract with Welch Law cost Teton County \$116,113 at \$100 an hour for 60-80 hours a month. The Prosecutor would like to use these funds to hire a junior prosecutor for 40 hours a week at \$102,000 plus benefits, ~ \$30,600 - \$44,000.

In the Prosecutor's Outside Council – Prosecution fund, for FY25, there is only \$70,000 budgeted, of which, only \$44,600 remains.

The Prosecutor believes that this is the best time of year to recruit a recent graduate to fill this junior position.

Fiscal Impact:

The budget line would have to be increased by roughly 40,556.67 assuming benefits are only 30%.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Approve moving \$_____ from fund _____ and the remainder of 001-07-44005 to fund 001-07-40200 Salaries, approving the hiring of a full-time Junior Deputy Prosecutor at \$102,000 plus benefits equaling roughly _____, and the termination of the FY24 Welch Law PC Agreement for Legal Services when the Junior Deputy Prosecutor is hired.