

**SPECIAL JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 30, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 9:44. Those present are Commissioner Hancock, Commissioner Martinez, Chairman Farnsworth, Public Defender John Stosich, HR/Emergency Manager Rebecca Squires, Clerk Colleen Poole; Audrey Moon is clerk of the board.

CLERK – COLLEEN POOLE

• **PUBLIC DEFENSE GRANT**

[9:44:21 AM](#) Colleen said they have the public defense grant. Got with Rebecca, John and his assistant Lisa to brainstorm and filled this out. Commissioner Hancock did not see any issues. Colleen said that last year put they were going to setup a public defender office. Going to want them to show more proof of how they actually spent this. Big thing they would like to get some education for his assistant. Could get her a paralegal to help assist clients.

[9:45:22 AM](#) John talked about setting up communication lines so he can meet with people in 5C and the jails. Passed this to Burt Butler who thinks this will be easy to work through. Have ways they can use this grant money more efficiently. Colleen said they have video conferencing with 5C but it is not very good. Need to stay on this so it does not fall through the cracks.

[9:46:12 AM](#) Commissioner Hancock said that 5C has that capacity they have a lot of clients with Montana. Colleen said that is the biggest thing they will need to work on.

[9:46:37 AM](#) Chairman Farnsworth said they will be getting \$25,000. Colleen said that is correct they are not with another county. Commissioner Hancock said that is because Clark County was not interested in participating.

[9:47:13 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Hancock to approve the FY2019 Public Defense Grant application with the State Public Defense Commission. Second by Commissioner Martinez. Roll call taken. Commissioner Hancock – aye, Commissioner Martinez – aye, Chairman Farnsworth – aye. Motion passed.**

[9:48:01 AM](#) **Motion by Commissioner Hancock to adjourn at 9:48. Second by Commissioner Martinez. All in favor – aye. Motion passed.**

Chairman of the Board

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