

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office:	Agenda date	Assigned to:
Originator: Executive		3/12/96	<b>RECEIVED</b>  <b>MAR 13 1996</b>  <b>WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	3/19/96	Finance/Council
Division Head:					
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:	KNF	3/12/96			
Purchasing/Budget:	BB	3/12/96			
Executive:	PK	3-12			

**SUBJECT:**

An Emergency Ordinance, amending the 1996 Budget for Current Expense, Public Defender's Office "Amendment No. 1A to the 1996 Budget"

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Ordinance
- Background documentation

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

*Please complete sections of box as appropriate & explain the item below.*

Related County contract #:	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? NO /X_/ YES /_/ Requested date:
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Emergency Supplemental Budget Ordinance No. 1A adds appropriation to the Current Expense Fund, Public Defender and appropriates \$61,470 from fund balance to hire temporary staff and provide required professional services and travel funds to provide effective assistance of counsel in light of increasing caseloads and the number of aggravated murder cases they are currently assigned to.

**ORIGINATOR'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Pass

**COMMITTEE ACTION TAKEN:**

Finance

**COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:**

1996-109-

3/19/96: Adopted 6-0. Ordinance #96-012

SPONSORED BY: Consent

PROPOSED BY: Executive

INTRODUCTION DATE: 3/19/96

ORDINANCE NO. 96-012

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE  
AMENDING THE 1996 BUDGET  
FOR CURRENT EXPENSE, PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE  
AMENDMENT NO. 1A TO THE 1996 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the 1996 budget was adopted November 28, 1995; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Defender's current caseload exceeds this office's capacity to provide adequate representation, and

WHEREAS, additional 1996 appropriation authority in the Public Defender's budget is necessary for the Public Defender to provide control in seeking a cost effective means of providing clients adequate representation, and

WHEREAS, time is of the essence for the Public Defender to commit to and assemble adequate representation for the current caseload, as an alternative to the Public Defender requesting that the Court send cases to the private sector at a much greater overall cost to Whatcom County, and


WHEREAS, this modifications has been assembled here for deliberation by the Whatcom County Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that the 1996 Whatcom County budget ordinance 95-065 is hereby amended by adding the following amounts to the fund included therein:

Current Expense Fund:	
Public Defender	61,470
Total Supplemental	<u>\$61,470</u>

ADOPTED this 19 day of March, 1996.

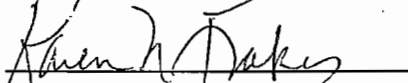
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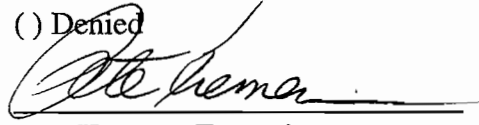
  
Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
L. Ward Nelson, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  Approved  Denied

  
Karen H. Taylor  
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

  
Pete Kremen, Executive

Date: 3-26-96

**WHATCOM COUNTY**

Summary of the Emergency Supplemental Budget Ordinance No. 1a

Department/Fund	Description	Amount	Source of Funds
<b>Current Expense</b>			
Public Defender	Extra help, professional services and travel	61,470	Fund Balance
<b>TOTAL SUPPLEMENTAL</b>		<u>\$61,470</u>	