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Commissioner Rantanen:

I am asking that the County Board grant my office funding so that I may hire an assistant prosecutor for 1 year effective June 1, 2015, and expiring June 1, 2015. As you will see in the following document the cost to hire would be a total yearly cost of approximately \$51,629.28. I would like to point out several things with that amount. First, it assumes the new hire is single and without children (the person I have in mind to hire is single and without children.) for health insurance. Second, it assumes a full year of insurance, and this county has the policy of waiting 90 days before becoming eligible, so that cost will be less in the first year. Third, it pays into MERS for retirement, unless the hire works here for 10 years, they are not vested. Thus, if this contract ends in a year, that money put into MERS effectively helps the County funding level of MERS.

I have attached a copy of the work I have been performing outside of normal working hours. As you can see, in the last three weeks I have nearly 40 hours of overtime, and taken in excess of 160 after hours telephone calls. I cannot even begin to count the number text messages and emails that have been sent. Granted most of this work is related to the triple murder here in Schoolcraft County, some of it is not. I regularly work beyond normal working hours, and take calls at all hours of the night. I have filed cases at a record pace thus far this year, and we are not even to the busy time of the year, summer. Historically, our busiest time is May through November, but this year we have kept the pace in the winter at a similar pace as the summer.

As you are aware, the County Board voted to give me a \$5,000 for this fiscal year, and agreed to give me a \$5,000 raise for fiscal year 2015-16. As a token to show how serious I am about this, I will agree to forgo my raise of \$5,000 for the upcoming fiscal year, and will continue to forego that raise as long as this proposed assistant remains employed in my office. I also have some ideas to help offset some of the cost of the assistant via outside funding and other savings within the County that I would be happy to address with you. For me this is not about paying me more money, it is about serving the citizens and victims of Schoolcraft County to the level they deserve and are entitled.

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You also asked me to briefly outline what is going on to show why this is needed. First we filed more cases than I have ever filed in a month in January, I then filed just about the same number in February, so we are BUSY. Second I have several major cases that have been charged or are likely to be charged in the near future that need my attention. They include

3 Defendants charged with 9-12 counts of murder and other related felonies

CSC with a minor victim

CSC forcible rape

CSC with a victim under 12

Child sexually abusive material investigation (child pornography)

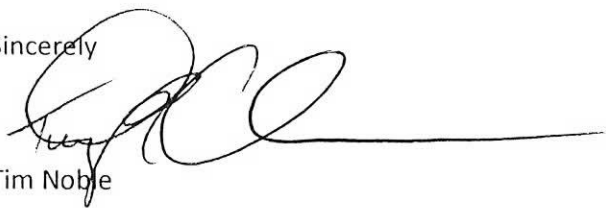
Multiple day arson trial set for July

Multiple felony drug delivery charges (mostly prescription pills)

These are just some of the major cases currently pending or nearly ready to be charged, this does not take into account the day to day activities of drunk driving, simple possession, domestic violence, assault and battery or traffic violations.

I hope we can meet, perhaps with the personnel committee, to discuss if this is a feasible proposition. I believe that if you speak with most anyone in the law enforcement system you will find they fully understand and support this proposal as they are aware of the hours and time being put in by myself.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Noble', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Tim Noble

cc: Dan Lafoelle
Larry Mersnick
Craig Reuter
Allen Ott
Beth Edwards, County Clerk

Work log

Saturday 4/18 4 calls

Sunday 4/19 12am-330a 3 calls

Monday 4/20 15 phone calls

Tuesday 4/21 2 calls

Wed 4/22 3 calls

Thursday 4/23 work until 530p and then back in from 7p until after midnight. 11 phone calls

Sunday 4/26 1230Am-430 pm

Friday 4/24-Sunday 4/26 57 telephone calls numerous text messages

Monday 4/27 18 calls and work until 5pm

Tuesday Work 4/28 400-600 and then 730-930. 12 calls plus various texts.

Wed 4/29 5 calls

Friday 5/1-Sunday 5/3 2 hours at work, 18 phone calls

Monday 5/4 4-430 7p-9p 10 calls.

16 days 35.5 hours in office or with police 158 phone calls numerous text messages.

Tuesday 5/5 work til 530 2 phone calls

Wed. 5/6 work until 5:30 7 phone calls

Thursday 5/7 6 phone calls

ANNUAL COSTS TO THE COUNTY FOR NEW EMPLOYEE

WAGES	\$ 40,000.00
HEALTH INS	\$ 4,119.72
DENTAL INS	\$ 180.84
EYE INS	\$ 84.72
MERS	\$ 4,000.00
MC	\$ 580.00
SS	\$ 2,480.00
WCOMP	\$ 68.00
LIFE INS	\$ 116.40
TOTAL	\$ 51,629.68