



IDC

Indigent Defense Coordinator

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Amy Hunley, Indigent Defense Coordinator
Date: July 30, 2013
Re: Request for Approval to Pay Invoice Over Six Months Old

IDC is requesting approval for partial payment of an invoice for services provided in June 2012 by the Law Office of William F. Lakosil. In late May 2012, Mr. Lakosil was hospitalized and had to close his law practice due to health issues. Other attorneys covered court hearings on his behalf, and his office staff submitted billing for time and expenses incurred in June 2012 for processing the court-appointed cases that were subsequently re-assigned to other attorneys. Mr. Lakosil's office filed motions for payment of paralegal time, but those motions were denied by the Court. When the billing was submitted in early July 2012, IDC requested documentation to support the time billed for attorney services because it was not clear which of the services billed were for paralegal time and which were for attorney time. IDC received no response from Mr. Lakosil's office and the billing submitted was not paid. By May 2013, Mr. Lakosil's health had improved, and he requested payment of the June 2012 billing.

Mr. Lakosil has agreed to accept \$811 of the \$5,756 billed as payment in full. The Superior Court Presiding Judge and County Administration are in agreement with this payment as set out in the attached email correspondence.

Attachments

Hunley, Amy

From: Vlahovich, Jim
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 4:14 PM
To: Klein, Lois
Cc: Hunley, Amy
Subject: Re: Past due invoice from June 2012 Mr. Lakosil

Lois, Judge Conlogue and I have approved this so if it still needs to be approved by the BOS then Amy can submit on AgendaQuick. Thx

James E. Vlahovich
Deputy County Administrator

On Jul 29, 2013, at 3:33 PM, "Klein, Lois" <LKlein@cochise.az.gov> wrote:

Amy,

I cannot approve paying an invoice that is past 6 months old. Only the Board can approve them. You will need to inquire of Jim how to go about presenting this to the Board. As you know there is a state statute that prohibits the Board from paying anything over 6 months old. Do you want me to return the invoice to you since we cannot process it here? Thanks.

Lois

Hunley, Amy

From: Hunley, Amy
Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2013 11:11 AM
To: Vlahovich, Jim
Subject: Bill Lakosil

Jim,

I talked to Judge Conlogue this morning about Bill Lakosil's request to be paid half of the amount billed for June 2012 (\$2,878). He agreed with my recommendation to pay Bill for 2.3 hours of attorney time billed at \$50/hour and \$696 for the costs incurred, for a total of \$811. The charges for June 2012 were all billed at the attorney rate of \$50/hour, although only approximately 2.3 hours was billed for court appearances made by attorneys. The remainder of the billing appears to be for paralegal/support staff time. Motions requesting payment for paralegal time were denied by Judge Beumler. Here's a summary of the time billed:

Lakosil - June 2012		
Total Hours Billed		
Attorney	1.1	
Attorney/Paralegal <i>(includes court appearance and motions to withdraw)</i>	2.3	
Paralegal	45.4	
Unknown/staff?	52.4	
Total Hours Billed @ \$50/hour	101.2	\$ 5,060.00
Total Expenses (copies/postage)		\$ 696.00
TOTAL AMOUNT BILLED		\$ 5,756.00

Paralegal = Preparing motions to withdraw and motions for payment of paralegal

Unknown/staff? = Reviewing conformed Mtn for paralegal & MTW orders (10 hours), misc. docs received

I'll send an email to Bill this afternoon offering to pay \$811 of the amount billed. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Amy