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November 19, 2020

Gary Kroeschen
Marshall County Board Chair
122 N. Prairie Street
Lacon, IL 61540

RE: Letter of Resignation

Dear Chair Kroeschen:

I knew that someday this would happen, but life passes quicker than I ever imagined. It is with mixed emotions that I write this letter. I have proudly served the people of Marshall County for over 20 years, 17 of those as State's Attorney. I am pleased to now be able to serve as the Resident Circuit Judge of Marshall County. I hope I will make the county proud in that service.

As a result, sadly for me, I must resign my position as State's Attorney. That resignation is effective today. I cannot adequately express the gratitude I have to the people of Marshall County for allowing me to serve so long in this capacity. I hope I have served them well.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the County as state's attorney. I look forward, with extreme pride, to serve as your Resident Circuit Judge.

Sincerely,


Paul E. Bauer
Marshall County State's Attorney

Approved 12/10/2020
12 Ayes
0 Nays
0 Absent
0 Abstained

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RE: Letter of Recommendation

Dear Chair Kroeschen:

In light of the fact that I must resign to accept my appointment to Marshall County Resident Circuit Judge, it will be up to you to appoint my successor with a majority consent of the County Board.

If he is so inclined, I strongly recommend Patrick J. Murphy be appointed until the next special election in 2022. He has served in his capacity as public defender as long as, if not longer, I have been state's attorney. He is an extremely competent lawyer and I can think of no one who is more knowledgeable in the county's government and budgetary issues.

It has been a pleasure serving you and the board as state's attorney. Please let everyone know I am just a phone call away and feel free to call any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul E. Bauer".

Paul E. Bauer
Marshall County State's Attorney

Gina M. Noe

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Gary Kroeschen
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December 03, 2020

Chairman Kroeschen and Marshall County Board,

While it is my general policy to not get involved in elections or appointments, I feel I must in the instance of appointing the next State's Attorney for Marshall County.

My understanding is the Board must appoint a State's Attorney until the next election. I would ask you consider appointing Patrick (Pat) Murphy. Pat has worked in the court system as the Marshall County Public Defender for close to two decades, if not longer. I feel he has a full grasp of our court procedures, he has worked to develop a good working relationship with courthouse personnel, the sheriff's department, as well as with other law enforcement agencies. Former State's Attorney Bauer and I have worked well with Pat to benefit the Court, the Law, the Defendant, and the County. I have every reason to believe Pat will provide the consistency we need to make a smooth transition.

Sincerely,



Gina M. Noe

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November 30, 2020

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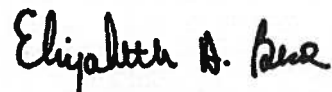
RE: Marshall County State's Attorney Vacancy

Dear Chairman Kroeschen,

I am writing to recommend Attorney Patrick Murphy to fill the vacancy of Marshall County State's Attorney. Since Mr. Murphy began practicing in Marshall County in 1993 I have been involved in numerous legal matters with him. I have found Mr. Murphy to be knowledgeable and prepared. He is courteous to opposing counsel, litigants and court personnel. Although the majority of my dealings with him in the court room setting have involved juvenile cases, I know his 20 years experience as Marshall County Public Defender in criminal matters has given him extensive experience in the criminal court system as well as juvenile court proceedings.

I believe the citizens of Marshall County would be well represented by Mr. Murphy as our State's Attorney.

Very Truly Yours,



ELIZABETH A. BECK
ATTORNEY AT LAW

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December 8, 2020

Gary Kroeschen & County Board Members

As Chief of Police for the Lacon Police Department, I am giving my recommendation and support for Patrick Murphy for the office of Marshall County States Attorney. In his current position as Marshall County Public Defender in my opinion he has demonstrated excellent professionalism and knowledge.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troi Palm".

**Troi Palm
Chief of Police, City of Lacon**