## FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ACTION: November 17, 2010 FOR COUNCIL ACTION: December 6, 2010

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Agreement** –Jessica A. Gregory for provision of 2011 Public Defender Services in the amount of \$78,000.

The Committee unanimously recommends that Judge Karen Arnold-Burger be authorized to finalize an agreement with Jessica Gregory to provide Public Defender services during 2011.

Pursuant to K.S.A. §12-4405, the Municipal Court Judge is given the responsibility to appoint an attorney to represent any person who is facing a possible jail term for his or her offense and who is financially unable to afford counsel. The Court uses 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines to determine if a person is eligible for court-appointed counsel. Defendants who qualify are assessed a fee of \$90 for said service. The Court collects roughly 40% of the fees assessed for this service from defendants.