



## Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 23-00160**

**Agenda Date: 5/23/2023**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**County Attorney request to initiate or defend cases.**

**Presenter:**

Sylvia Torres, County Attorney, 352-374-5218

**Description:**

Per Article IV, Sec. 21.41(e) Duties and Responsibilities of the County Attorney, a current list of Article 5 cases is attached, where authorization to initiate or defend is requested. Please see attached "May 23, 2023 Litigation Report – Request for Authority to Initiate or Defend."

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the County Attorney's authority to initiate or defend the cases described in the attached Litigation Report for May 23, 2023.

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Fiscal Note:**

The cost to file a civil action in Circuit Court is \$400.00. The Clerk's fee to issue a Summons is \$10.00. The Alachua County Sheriff's fee to serve process is \$40.00.

**Strategic Guide:**

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

**Background:**

Alachua County Code, Title 2, Chapter 21, Section 21.41 provides the County Attorney with the responsibilities to prosecute and defend all legal actions by and against the County as approved by the Board. Further, under Section 21.41(e), the County Attorney is authorized and direction to take such action on behalf of the County as to protect the rights of the County in any legal action or to seek emergency relief, pending an opportunity to request required approval of the Board of County Commissioners. The cases listed and described on the attached litigation report have been or will be filed with the Court prior to May 23, 2023, due to deadlines.