



Agenda Item Summary

File #: 25-00088

Agenda Date: 2/11/2025

Agenda Item Name:

Amendment to Agreement for Professional Services with Carlton Fields PA

Presenter:

Sylvia Torres, County Attorney 352-374-5218

Description:

Amendment to Engagement Letter for Professional Services with Carlton Fields PA

Recommended Action:

Approve the Amendment to Engagement Letter for Professional Services with Carlton Fields PA

Prior Board Motions:

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Fiscal Note:

Increase of \$25,000, to a total not to exceed \$75,000. Fiscal Impact Funds are set aside in general Fund Special Expense

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Background:

1. Sec. 21.42 – Special attorneys. Special attorneys shall be appointed only for the purposes and in the manner prescribed in this section. (a) Special attorneys to the Board may be appointed by motion, ordinance, or resolution, providing a description of the duties to be performed and the compensation to be paid. (b) Special attorneys may be appointed to represent the Board in legal actions involving specific matters or as subject-matter experts, subject to approval by the Board. (c) Bond counsel shall be selected and appointed by the Board from one or more qualified names submitted to the Board by the County Attorney and the County Manager.
2. Effective October 8, 2024, this firm has been retained to provide legal representation for Alachua County Board of County Commissioners in the case of *Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and Alachua County Supervisor of Elections, Appellants, vs. Keith Perry, Kimberly Hord, Jose Lopez and Sharla Head, Appellees*, 1st District Court of Appeals Case #1D2024-2604.
3. This Amendment to Engagement Letter for Professional Services with Carlton Fields PA will cover all remaining matters in the referenced case before the First District Court of Appeals.