



Agenda Item Summary

File #: 24-01104

Agenda Date: 12/10/2024

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Appointment of Special Counsel for Employee Matter

Presenter:

Courtney Wilson, Assistant County Attorney

Description:

The Alachua County Code of Ordinances Sec. 21.42 authorizes the retention of special counsel when appropriate.

Recommended Action:

Appoint Linda Bond Edwards and the law firm of Rumberger Kirk as special counsel to represent the County in an employment dispute. Authorize the County Attorney to sign the attached engagement agreement.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

Risk fund: 501.18.1853.513.31.00 Professional Services. Attorney hourly rate is \$275.00, the paralegal hourly rate is \$125.00 and costs and expenses.

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Background:

The Alachua County Code of Ordinances allows for the retention of special counsel in certain circumstances. In anticipation of litigation, County staff has sought the specialized services of attorney Linda Bond Edwards of Rumberger Kirk to represent the County in an employee dispute. Ms. Bond Edwards' credentials can be found at: <https://www.rumberger.com/people/ledwards/>.