



Agenda Item Summary

File #: 25-00806

Agenda Date: 9/23/2025

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9/23/25 Litigation Report – Request for Authority to Initiate or Defend

Presenter:

Sylvia Torres, County Attorney

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 “9/23/25 Litigation Report – Request for Authority to Initiate or Defend.”

Recommended Action:

Approve the County Attorney’s authority to initiate or defend the cases in the attached list.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

The County Attorney has budget established in 001.03.0300.514 to be able to initiate or defend cases.

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 directed 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 attorney for the estate has been asked for the basis for the objection, but has refused to provide a basis for the objection.