



Legislation Text

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Agenda Item Name:

County Attorney requests appointment of special attorney to represent the Board in Alachua County v. Sadie Darnell, in her official capacity as Sheriff of Alachua County, Florida

Presenter:

Sylvia Torres

Description:

The County Attorney is requesting appointment of a special attorney to represent the County in the matter of Alachua County v. Sadie Darnell, in her official capacity as Sheriff of Alachua County, Florida, 1st DCA #1D18-3367. The County will retain Sylvia H. Walbolt, Carlton Fields (<https://www.carltonfields.com/team/w/sylvia-h-walbolt>), to represent Alachua County in this matter at \$495/hour. The contract will include authorization for Nicholas Brown, Carlton Field (<https://www.carltonfields.com/team/b/nicholas-a-brown>), to provide legal services to the County at \$375/hour.

Recommended Action:

Appoint special counsel, Sylvia H. Walbolt, to represent the Board in the matter of Alachua County v. Sadie Darnell, in her official capacity as Sheriff of Alachua County, Florida

Prior Board Motions:

None

Fiscal Consideration:

The initial contract will be under the County Manager's authority to sign, which is an amount under \$50,000.00. The budget amendment is attached to move \$50,000 from the General Fund reserve to Special Expense to pay for this request.

Background:

N/A