

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Jackson County Legislature to execute a limited Legal Services Agreement with Patrick McInerney of the Spencer Fane Law Firm of Kansas City, MO, for representation related to case number 2516-CV21560 and 2516-CV21738 at a cost to the County not to exceed \$60,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 21976, July 21, 2025

INTRODUCED BY DaRon McGee, County Legislator

WHEREAS, case number 2516-CV21560 was filed on July 9, 2025, which names the Jackson County Legislature, the County Executive, and the County Clerk as defendants; and,

WHEREAS, case number 2516-CV21738 was filed on July 9, 2025, which names the Clerk of the Jackson County Legislature, and the Jackson County Executive as defendants; and,

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Counselor is conflicted out of representing the various County defendants under the Missouri Rules of Professional Conduct; and,

WHEREAS, 2516-CV21560 is a writ of mandamus proceeding, and a request has been made by plaintiffs to expedite the proceedings; and,

WHEREAS, 2516-CV21738 is a verified petition for declaratory and injunctive relief; and,

WHEREAS, in 2516-CV21560 the Legislature and Clerk were dismissed as parties, however questions remain as to whether they will intervene in the action.

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Legislature has sought representation for itself in this matter and informally reviewed the qualifications of competent attorneys and law firms; and,

WHEREAS, the Chair of Jackson County Legislature, in consultation with other Legislators, has selected Patrick McInerney of the Spencer Fane Law Firm of Kansas City, MO to represent Jackson County Legislature in this matter; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Jackson County Legislature be and hereby is authorized to execute a limited Legal Services Agreement with Patrick McInerney of the Spencer Fane Law Firm of Kansas City, MO, for representation in 2516-CV21560 and 2516-CV21738 and at a cost to the County not to exceed \$60,000.00; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Department of Finance and Purchasing be and hereby is authorized to make all payments, including final payment on the Agreement, to the extent that sufficient appropriations are contained in the then-current County budget.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Covinsky

Bryan Covinsky (Jul 21, 2025 11:06 CDT)

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21976 of July 21, 2025, was duly passed on July 21, 2025 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 6

Nays 2

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

7.21.2025
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

There is a balance otherwise unencumbered to the credit of the appropriation to which the expenditure is chargeable and there is a cash balance otherwise unencumbered in the treasury to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made each sufficient to provide for the obligation herein authorized.

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 001 0112 56020
ACCOUNT TITLE: General Fund
Legislature As A Whole
Legal Services
NOT TO EXCEED: \$60,000.00

Date

Chief Administrative Officer