

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION approving the settlement by the County Counselor of the claims of Celestine Williams related to employment with the Auditor's Office, for a total payment by the County of \$80,000.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 21460, October 30, 2023

INTRODUCED BY DaRon McGee, County Legislator

WHEREAS, section 1606.1(3) Jackson County Code, 1984, authorizes the settlement of claims in excess of \$5,000.00 upon recommendation of the County Counselor, by Resolution of the Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, Celestine Williams has made a claim against the County relating to her former employment with the Auditor's Office; and,

WHEREAS, after a thorough investigation, the County Counselor recommends a settlement in the amount of \$80,000.00, to be paid by the County to Celestine Williams and/or her attorneys of record, the Gray Law Firm, LLC of Kansas City, MO; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement will limit the County's financial obligation in this matter and is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Jackson County; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the County Counselor be and hereby is authorized to settle the claim of Celestine Williams by the total payment of \$80,000.00, in full, final, and complete release of all of its claims against the County and all of its employees, officers, agents, and servants, as to any damages incurred; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Counselor be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effect this settlement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Finance and Purchasing be and hereby is authorized to issue checks in the amount totaling \$80,000.00 in full and complete settlement of this claim, payable to Celestine Willaims and/or the Gray Law Firm of Kansas City, MO.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan O. Worsley

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21460 of October 30, 2023, was duly passed on October 30, 2023 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

10.30.2023
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: 060 1101 56380
ACCOUNT TITLE: Self Insurance Fund
County Counselor
Legal Liability Claims
NOT TO EXCEED: \$80,000.00

10/27/2023

Date

Sylvia Stevenson

Sylvia Stevenson (Oct 27, 2023 15:12 CDT)
Chief Administrative Officer