

**SUMMARY:** The Legislature has a continuing need to enlist the services of a lobbyist to assess the current political climate in the State of Missouri, recommend appropriate strategies that would benefit the County, inform the Legislature on all pertinent legislative issues, and provide lobbying service as requested.

Chapter 2, Section 295 of the Jackson County Code provides the authority of the Legislature to establish the position of Lobbyist to the Legislature.

Fred Dreiling will service as Chief Lobbyist with participation from the following members to include both minority and women participation. Team members include: Cara Hover, Noel Torpey and Rodney Bland. This team has over 60 combined years of experience.

Pursuant to Section 1054.6 of the Jackson County Code and Request for Qualifications No. 24-086, a recommendation is made for award of twelve-month contract in 2026 with two twelve-month options to extend for Legislative Lobbyist Services to Fred Dreiling, LLC of Kansas City, MO in an amount not to exceed 117,500 for the 2026 fiscal year. The agreement for 2026 and future years is subject to appropriation in the annual budget.