

**IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**A RESOLUTION** authorizing the County Counselor to execute an addendum to the Legal Services Agreement with Cheri Simpkins of Lee's Summit, MO, under the terms and conditions of Request for Qualifications No. 24-060, at a cost to the County of \$600.00 per day not to exceed \$70,000.00.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22178**, February 23, 2026

**INTRODUCED BY** Donna Peyton, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the County Counselor has a need for outside counsel to provide specialized legal services for Jackson County to represent the Board of Equalization and the Merit Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance and Purchasing issued the Request for Qualifications No. 24-060 seeking responses from qualified counsel and a total of two (2) responses were received and evaluated; and,

WHEREAS, the responses were evaluated based on relevant experience, availability, and cost; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1054.6 of the Jackson County Code, the Interim Director of Finance and Purchasing recommends the award of an addendum to a Legal Services Agreement for the furnishing of specialized legal services for use by the County Counselor's Office to Cheri Simpkins of Lee's Summit, MO, as the best qualified response; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the County Counselor be and hereby is authorized to execute an addendum to the Legal Services Agreement with Cheri Simpkins of Lee's Summit, MO, at a cost of \$150.00 per hour or \$600.00 per full day for a total cost to the County not to exceed \$70,000.00; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Interim Director 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 (Feb 19, 2026 13:26:59 CST)  
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 22178 of February 23, 2026, was duly passed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas \_\_\_\_\_

Nays \_\_\_\_\_

Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 1101 56020  
ACCOUNT TITLE: General Fund  
County Counselors  
Legal Services  
NOT TO EXCEED: \$70,000.00

02/19/2026  
Date

  
Theresa Garza (Feb 19, 2026 12:44:36 CST)  
County Administration