



Ocean County Board of Commissioners

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Board Meeting Agenda

Date: January 21, 2026 - 4:00 PM
Location: Administration Building
Room 119
101 Hooper Avenue
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Agenda: Awarding a Professional Services Contract to Dilworth Paxson LLP, as Bond Counsel to provide Specialized Legal Services in connection with the authorization and issuance of Bonds or Notes of the County of Ocean, in an estimated amount of \$130,000.00, for the period of 1/1/2026 through 12/31/2026. (QP2026-05)

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Meeting Date	01/21/2026
Introduced Date	01/21/2026
Adopted Date	01/21/2026
Agenda Item	I-3
CAF #	
Purchase Req. #	QP2026-05
Result	Adopted

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Bacchione	✓		✓		✓		
Arace	✓			✓	✓		
Ellenbogen	✓				✓		
Gormley	✓				✓		

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS DOCUMENT IS A TRUE, COMPLETE AND ACCURATE COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION, ADOPTED BY OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, NJ AT THE MEETING REFERENCED THEREON

Michelle I. Gunther

Clerk Of The Board

RESOLUTION

January 21, 2026

WHEREAS, there exists a need for specialized legal services in connection with the authorization and the issuance of bonds or notes of the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, including the review of such procedures and the rendering of approving legal opinions acceptable to the financial community; and

WHEREAS, such special legal services can be provided only by a recognized Bond Counsel; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ocean has publicly solicited Request for Qualifications for the provision of specialized legal services for the County of Ocean in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the qualifications were received and reviewed by the Ocean County Department of Finance in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Request for Qualifications; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Consultant Selection Review Committee has recommended the award of a Professional Services Agreement for special legal services to Dilworth Paxson LLP on the basis of their qualifications; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded as a professional service in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, as the services to be performed are specialized and quantitative in nature and will be performed under the supervision of a licensed attorney specializing in bond law; and

WHEREAS, the not to exceed amount for these services is estimated at \$130,000 based on a reasonable estimate required for the term of the contract. This not to exceed amount is not necessarily indicative of the amount that will be expended; and

WHEREAS, funds for such services shall be available within the following funding sources: 1. Capital Ordinances and 2. Department of Finance O.E.; and

WHEREAS, this contract is awarded in compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the New Jersey "Pay-to-Play" Law; and

WHEREAS, funds will be set aside for this purpose within the Capital Ordinances as adopted by the County, under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 known as "Expenses Included in Cost"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

1. The Director and Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute an Agreement for legal services with Dilworth Paxson LLP to provide the specialized legal services necessary in connection with the authorization and the issuance of bonds or notes by the County of Ocean for the contract period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.
2. A copy of this Agreement shall be kept on file and available for public inspection at the Office of the Clerk of the Ocean County Board of Commissioners, Ocean County Administration Building, Hooper Avenue, Toms River, New Jersey.
3. This contract is awarded as a "Professional Services" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a), as the services required in connection with this Agreement shall be provided by licensed attorneys and constitute professional services as defined therein.
4. A notice of this action shall be published once as required by law.
5. The Contractor shall include the contract number on all papers, documents, invoices and vouchers pertaining to said contract.
6. Certified copies of this Resolution shall be made available to Ocean County Department of Finance and Dilworth Paxson LLP.