



## Ocean County Board of Commissioners

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OCEAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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### Board Meeting Agenda

Date: February 11, 2026 - 4:00 PM

Location: Administration Building  
Room 119  
101 Hooper Avenue  
Toms River, NJ 08754

Agenda: Appointing Jean L. Cipriani, Esquire, as Assistant County Counsel for the term of 1/1/2026 through 12/31/2026. (QP2026-31)

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| <b>Official Resolution#</b> | <b>2026000210</b> |
| Meeting Date                | 02/11/2026        |
| Introduced Date             | 02/11/2026        |
| Adopted Date                | 02/11/2026        |
| Agenda Item                 | m-25              |
| CAF #                       |                   |
| Purchase Req. #             | QP2026-31         |
| Result                      | Adopted           |

| COUNTY COMMISSIONER | PRES. | ABS. | MOVE | SEC | AYE | NAY | ABST. |
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| 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*

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Clerk Of The Board

**RESOLUTION**

February 11, 2026

**WHEREAS**, the Ocean County Board of Commissioners require the services of Assistant County Counsel; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2026, the County qualified three (3) firms as eligible to provide Assistant County Counsel services, on a project specific basis; and

**WHEREAS**, it is now the desire of the Board to appoint Jean L. Cipriani, Esq., with the firm, Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani, as Assistant County Counsel for the period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the not to exceed amount for these services is estimated at \$400,000 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**, the funds for such services shall be available within the following funding source: General County Counsel O. E (016-030-4010); and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law require the Resolution authorizing the award of an agreement for professional services and the agreement itself must be available for public inspection.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ON THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026, AS FOLLOWS**

1. Jean L. Cipriani, 98 East Water Street, Toms River, New Jersey 08754 is hereby appointed Assistant County Counsel, effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Professional Services Agreement on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.
2. The Director and Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to enter into and execute a Professional Services Agreement with Jean L. Cipriani, Esq.

3. This Professional Services Agreement is awarded in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 because legal services are professional in nature and because Jean L. Cipriani is a licensed attorney, authorized to practice law in the State of New Jersey.
4. This Professional Services Agreement is also awarded in compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq.
5. A certified copy of this Resolution, together with a copy of each of the Professional Services Agreement executed by the parties, shall be placed and kept on file at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners.
6. A notice of this action shall be published in compliance with applicable laws.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Ocean County Counsel, Ocean County Comptroller, and Jean Cipriani, Esq., Assistant County Counsel.