



Ocean County Board of Commissioners

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Board Meeting Agenda

Date: December 3, 2025 - 4:00 PM
Location: Administration Building
Room 119
101 Hooper Avenue
Toms River, NJ 08754

Agenda: Awarding Professional Services Contracts to Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C. and Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani, P.A. as Special Labor Counsel, for the period of 1/1/2026 through 12/31/2026, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, contingent upon adoption of the 2026 Temporary County Budget and the 2026 County Budget. (QP2025-102)

Official Resolution#	2025001736
Meeting Date	12/03/2025
Introduced Date	12/03/2025
Adopted Date	12/03/2025
Agenda Item	I-3
CAF #	
Purchase Req. #	QP2025-102
Result	Adopted

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Kelly	✓				✓		
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Arace	✓			✓	✓		
Bacchione	✓		✓		✓		
Haines	✓						✓

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

December 3, 2025

WHEREAS, there exists a need for Special Labor Counsel to represent Ocean County in compulsory binding interest arbitration matters on behalf of the Board of Commissioners during the calendar year 2026; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ocean has publicly solicited a Request for Qualifications for such work in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and

WHEREAS, eleven (11) proposals were received and reviewed by Ocean County Employee Relations in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Request for Qualifications; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Department of Employee Relations and Consultant Selection Review Committee have recommended the award of Special Labor Counsel to two (2) respondents of the Request for Qualifications for Special Labor Counsel; and

WHEREAS, partial funds for these services will be made available upon the adoption of the 2026 Temporary County Budget with the balance to be available contingent upon adoption of the 2026 County Budget with funding made available from Account No. 016-045-4018, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, this agreement is awarded in compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.4 et seq., the New Jersey "Pay-to-Play" Law as a Request for Qualifications has been publicly solicited.

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 Agreements for Special Labor Counsel with:
 - A) Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C.,
25 Independence Blvd.
Warren, New Jersey 07059
 - B) Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani, P.A.
98 East Water Street
Toms River, New Jersey 08753
2. This Agreement is awarded in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law and the provisions of the New Jersey "Pay-to-Play" Law.
3. The contract number shall be placed on all papers, documents, invoices and vouchers pertaining to this Agreement.
4. Certified copies of this Resolution, together with a copy of the fully executed Agreement, shall remain on file and be available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, Administration Building, Hooper Avenue, Toms River, New Jersey.
5. A notice of this action shall be published once as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution shall be made available to the Finance Department, Purchasing Department, County Auditor, County Counsel, Employee Relations, Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C., and Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani, P.A.