

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: June 21, 2016

Date Submitted: June 7, 2016

To: Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Board

From: Robert M. Presnell, County Administrator
Arthur Lawson, Sr., Assistant County Administrator

Subject: Request Direction on Legal Services for Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item is presented to the Board to request direction concerning Legal Services for the Gadsden County BOCC.

Background:

At the August 4, 2015 Board of County Commissioners meeting, the Board selected Ausley McMullen as the firm to provide legal services for the County. The County Administrator was instructed to negotiate a one year contract. A one-year contract was approved by the Board on September 1, 2015.

Analysis:

The current contract expires on September 1, 2016. Staff seeks direction from the Board how to proceed moving forward. Under the current contract the Board has the option to renew, extend or modify the contract for two (2) additional 12 month periods only by written agreement executed by both parties.

The time it takes to select a firm to represent the County is somewhat of a lengthy process, therefore, staff seeks direction as to whether the Board desires to renew the current contract or solicit an RFP for legal services.

Fiscal Impact:

The fiscal impact will be determined based upon the Board's decision.

Options:

1. Board direction

County Administrator's Recommendation:

Option 1