

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: May 20, 2014

Date Submitted: May 7, 2014

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

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

Subject: Selection of Legal Services Provider For Gadsden County Board
of County Commissioners

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item seeks Board selection and approval of a firm to provide Legal Services for the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners.

Background:

At a special meeting on May 6, 2014, the Board heard presentations and interviewed four (4) firms selected to provide legal services for the County. Those firms were previously screened and evaluated by a staff committee and each firm met basic evaluation criteria. The firms interviewed were as follows:

1. Bryant, Miller, Olive
2. Messer Caparello, P.A.
3. Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson
4. Ausley and McMullen

Analysis:

After completion of the interviews, the Board decided to narrow the field of applicants down to their top two firms. Upon making that determination, the Board voted to select the firms of Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson and Ausley and McMullen, and requested staff to bring an agenda item back to the Board for final consideration.

Staff is requesting that the Board vote to make a decision on who will provide legal representation for the County.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact at this time until a candidate is selected and a contract is negotiated.

Options:

1. Board should vote to select a firm to provide legal services for the County.
2. Do not vote on a firm to provide legal services for the County and advise staff how to proceed.
3. Board Discretion

Recommendation:

Option 1