



El Paso County Agenda Item Details

Item Title: Budget and Finance Department- Professional Service Agreement

Submitted By: Melissa Carrillo, Deputy County Administrator

Department: County Operations

Department Phone Number: 915-273-3582

Subject: Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Professional Service Agreement between El Paso County and the Summerill Law Firm for consultant and legal services related to negotiations with the U.S. Marshal's Office for the housing of federal detainees. (Contract No. 2025-0072)

Background: The purpose of this contract is to negotiate the U.S. Marshal per diem and transport rate for federal detainees. The County has the ability to re-negotiate the contract for the detention of federal inmates no more than every 36 months. The last time the contract was renegotiated was in 2020. After several iterations of data requests and exchanges between the Budget Office and the U.S. Marshal's office, the County became aware of the consulting and legal negotiation services provided by the Summerill Law Firm. This firm has successfully negotiated rates for a number of governmental entities around the nation. At that time, the firm successfully negotiated a rate of \$101.00, which was \$14.00 higher than the Budget & Finance Department has been able to negotiate. The offer presented is to attain a rate above \$111.00 per day as reimbursement for detention services. The cost to the County would not exceed \$100,000.00.

Contract Number: 2025-0072
Contract Term Start: 2/9/2025
Contract Term End: 2/9/2026
County Attorney Opinion Number:

Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Impact Historical
N/A

Fiscal Impact Projected
Not to exceed \$100,000.00. Funds available in GF-GADM-
CONTR SVC-GEN.

Long Account Number: Amount:

Long Account Number: COGF-1000-0000000-431-10-10000-
0001-00000-601404- Amount: \$100,000.00

Budget or Unbudgeted Match:**Recommendation:**

Discuss and take appropriate action to authorize the County Judge to sign the Professional Service Agreement between El Paso County and the Summerill Law Firm for consultant and legal services related to negotiations with the U.S. Marshal's Office for the housing of federal detainees. (Contract No. 2025-0072)

Prior Action:

September 11, 2020 – Discuss and take appropriate action on a professional service agreement between El Paso County, Texas and Summerill Law Firm, PLLC, for consulting and legal services related to current negotiations with the U.S. Marshall's office for the housing of federal detainees. (2020-0793)
Wallace Hardgrove, Executive Director, Budget and Fiscal Policy Department (915) 546-2262

Strategic Plan:

Goal:

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Objective:

Strategic Plan Information:**Estimated Time Needed
For This Item:**

30 min.