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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 24, 2025

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

FROM: County Counsel

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Approving Amendment No. 4 to Personal Services

Contract BM123277 between the County of Nevada and Porter Scott, A Professional Corporation, extending the term of the Contract to June 30, 2026, and Authorizing the Chair of the

Board to Execute the Amendment (4/5 vote required)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the attached Resolution

**FUNDING:** Legal services provided under this Agreement are paid on an as needed basis. The cost of this Contract is being paid from the Risk Management's Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 General Liability Fund. No budget Amendment is needed at this time. Eligible litigation costs will be reimbursed from PRISM.

**BACKGROUND**: On December 9, 2020, litigation was filed against the County of Nevada.

The Board authorized the County Counsel to hire outside counsel for this litigation *Rhonna Tindall, Joshua Tindall vs. State of California, City of Nevada;* Nevada County Superior Court Case No. CU20-085052. As of February 1, 2021, the County entered into a Personal Services Contract with the law firm of Porter Scott to provide advice and litigation services in connection with this case.

The original Contract had a Maximum Contract price of \$50,000. By Resolution 23-277, the Maximum Contract price was increased to \$100,000 and the Contract term was extended to June 2024. By way of Resolution 24-293, the maximum contract price was increased to \$140,000 and extended to June 30, 2025. Final stages of litigation remain ongoing, and additional time is necessary for completion. The proposed Amendment seeks a one-year extension from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Porter Scott is well qualified to represent the County in this matter and has done a very good job handling the litigation thus far. I recommend that the Board approve the proposed Amendment as submitted.

Item Initiated by: Trina Woodward

**Approved by:** Katharine L. Elliott, County Counsel

Submittal Date: 6/9/2025