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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 3, 2025
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Katharine L. Elliott, County Counsel
SUBJECT: Resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to Personal Services Contract between the County of Nevada and Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester, LLP, increasing the maximum contract amount by \$100,000 for a maximum amount of \$150,000, and extending the term of the Contract to June 30, 2026, and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Amendment (4/5 affirmative vote required)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Legal services provided under this Contract are paid on an as-needed basis. The cost of this Contract is being paid from the County Counsel's Fiscal Years 2024/25 and 2025/26 General Liability Fund.

BACKGROUND:

On May 9, 2024, the County retained general legal representation for Nevada County, its employees, representatives, and officers related to potential litigation involving The Estate of Amy Wayne Morris as against the County of Nevada, Wellpath, LLC, and Sheriff Shannan Moon. On 4/16/24, a lawsuit was filed entitled T.O. and S.O. vs. County of Nevada, et al.; USDC Case No. 2:24-cv-01131-AC.

The Agreement had a maximum contract price of \$50,000 with a termination date of June 30, 2025.

The matter is ongoing, and an extension of the Contract term is necessary to provide for continued litigation services under the Contract. It is recommended the Contract be increased by \$100,000 for a maximum amount of \$150,000 and extended to June 30, 2026.

Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester, LLP, is well qualified to represent the County in this matter and has done an excellent job in representing Nevada County in this matter thus far. I recommend that the Board approve the proposed Amendment as submitted.

Item Initiated by: Trina Woodward

Item Approved by: Katharine L. Elliott, County Counsel

Submittal Date: 5/21/2025