



NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 24, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: County Counsel

SUBJECT: Resolution approving Amendment No. 2 to Personal Services Contract between the County of Nevada and Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester, LLP, increasing the maximum contract amount by \$275,000 for a maximum amount of \$425,000, and extending the term of the Contract to June 30, 2028, 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 Risk Management's Fiscal Years 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28 General Liability Fund. No budget amendment is needed at this time. Litigation expenses exceeding the self-insured retention of \$250,000 will be reimbursed by Prism.

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. By way of Resolution 25-238, the parties amended their Contract to increase the contract amount by \$100,000, for a maximum amount of \$150,000 and extended the termination date to June 30, 2026.

The matter is ongoing and complex, and an extension of the Contract term and amount is necessary to provide for continued litigation services under the Contract. It is recommended the Contract be increased by \$275,000 for a maximum amount of \$425,000 and extended to June 30, 2028. Litigation costs exceeding our self-insured retention of \$250,000 will be reimbursed by Prism.

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: Trevor J. Koski, County Counsel

Submittal Date: March 9, 2026