

MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 2F

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: March 10, 2015

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing County Mayor, County Attorney, or designees to (1) negotiate and present to this Board new contract for computerized legal research services with West that extends quantity discounts offered to County Departments to all commissioners' offices, or (2) if no agreement is reached, present report to the Board detailing the outcome of such negotiations, and issue a solicitation for computerized legal research services; and directing Mayor to review contracts with computerized research service providers and prepare and submit a report and recommendations thereon

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Juan C. Zapata.



R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM
(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 21, 2015

FROM: 
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County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.

Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No.

4-21-15

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR, COUNTY ATTORNEY, OR THEIR DESIGNEES TO (1) NEGOTIATE AND PRESENT TO THIS BOARD A NEW CONTRACT FOR COMPUTERIZED LEGAL RESEARCH SERVICES WITH WEST, A THOMPSON REUTERS BUSINESS, THAT EXTENDS QUANTITY DISCOUNTS OFFERED TO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO ALL COMMISSIONERS' OFFICES, OR (2) IF NO AGREEMENT IS REACHED, PRESENT A REPORT TO THE BOARD DETAILING THE OUTCOME OF SUCH NEGOTIATIONS, AND ISSUE A COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION FOR COMPUTERIZED LEGAL RESEARCH SERVICES; AND FURTHER, DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO REVIEW CONTRACTS WITH COMPUTERIZED RESEARCH SERVICE PROVIDERS AND TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS THEREON

WHEREAS, a number of County departments contract with West, a Thompson Reuters business ("West"), to provide computerized legal research services to the County, such as Westlaw Next; and

WHEREAS, County Commissioners' offices employ legislative aides who assist the Commissioners in developing and evaluating policy that is presented before the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, many of these Commissioner aides are either licensed attorneys or have a legal background and would benefit from access to computerized legal research services such as Westlaw Next for the purpose of completing their job responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, West provides a quantity discount based upon the number of users on a County department-by-department basis not extended to County Commissioners' offices; and

WHEREAS, County Commissioners' offices staff are substantially smaller and are not able to benefit from the volume of users in other County departments; and

WHEREAS, the cost for County Commissioners' offices to execute additional contracts with West for the purpose of access to computerized legal research services is significantly higher than what it would cost to access an existing West contract; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission believes that the County and the County Commission offices should actively seek savings in their respective budgets and all future contracts for computerized legal research service should offer quantity discounts to County Commissioners' offices,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The County Mayor, the County Attorney, and their designees are hereby directed to, within 60 days of adoption of this resolution: (1) negotiate and present to this Board as an action item a new contract with West that extends quantity discounts offered to County departments to all County Commissioners' offices; or (2) if no new agreement is reached, instead to prepare and present, on a Board agenda pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65, a report detailing the outcome of such negotiations. In the event that negotiations with West are not successful, the County Mayor, the County Attorney, and their designees are hereby directed to issue a competitive solicitation for computerized legal research services, which solicitation shall be issued within 60 days of the date the report on unsuccessful negotiations is placed on the Board agenda.

Section 2. In addition, the County Mayor or designee is directed to review all existing contracts with computerized research service providers, and to prepare and submit a report regarding such contracts, which report shall include the following information by department: (1) the name of the computer research service provider; (2) the nature of the computerized research services provided; (3) the reason the County contracts for such service; (4) the terms of the contract for such services, including the provisions for price, renewal and termination; and (5) a recommendation as to which contracts should be renegotiated to provide such discount to Commissioners' offices and all relevant County departments. The County Mayor or designee shall provide the report to this Board within 60 days of adoption of this resolution and shall place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Juan C. Zapata. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman	
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

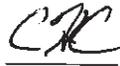
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of April, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Craig H. Coller

