

MEMORANDUM

Non-Agenda Item No. 15(F)(1)

TO: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodríguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: November 20, 2024

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to allocate funding, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 per officer-elect, to enable constitutional officers-elect to retain outside counsel for purposes of the transition period leading up to establishment of such offices on January 7, 2025; directing County Mayor to work with such officers to have invoices for such services submitted to the County for payment; authorizing Chairperson of the County Commission to approve payments for such services in excess of \$150,000.00 per officer-elect on case-by-case basis under certain conditions, including availability of funding

Resolution No. R-1004-24

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Anthony Rodríguez.



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County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM (Revised)

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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
- ☐ Statement of social equity 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 present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, majority plus one ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3) (h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c) (2) ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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11-20-24

RESOLUTION NO. **R-1004-24**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ALLOCATE FUNDING, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00 PER OFFICER-ELECT, TO ENABLE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS-ELECT TO RETAIN OUTSIDE COUNSEL FOR PURPOSES OF THE TRANSITION PERIOD LEADING UP TO ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH OFFICES ON JANUARY 7, 2025; DIRECTING COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO WORK WITH SUCH OFFICERS TO HAVE INVOICES FOR SUCH SERVICES SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY FOR PAYMENT; AUTHORIZING CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPROVE PAYMENTS FOR SUCH SERVICES IN EXCESS OF \$150,000.00 PER OFFICER-ELECT ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, INCLUDING AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING

WHEREAS, at the November 20, 2024 Board of County Commissioners meeting, a motion was made directing the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to allocate funding, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 per officer-elect, to enable constitutional officers-elect (i.e., Clerk of Courts and Comptroller, Sheriff, Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections, and Tax Collector) to retain outside counsel so that such outside counsel can provide independent legal representation to the constitutional officers-elect during the transition period leading up to the establishment of such offices on January 7, 2025,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to allocate, from the Future Services Reserve identified in the FY2024-2025 budget, funding in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 per officer-elect, to enable constitutional officers-elect (i.e., Clerk of Courts and Comptroller, Sheriff,

Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections, and Tax Collector) to retain outside counsel so that such outside counsel can provide independent legal representation to the constitutional officers-elect during the transition period leading up to the establishment of such offices on January 7, 2025. These constitutional officers-elect shall select the outside counsel of their choosing, and the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall work with these constitutional-officers elect to have any invoices for such services submitted to Miami-Dade County for payment in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 per officer-elect. The Chair of the County Commission is also delegated the authority to approve payment by the County of any invoices exceeding each officer's allocated amount on a case-by-case basis, provided that such services were provided exclusively prior to January 7, 2025 and the necessary funding for such payments have been identified as legally available funds in the FY 2024-2025 budget.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Anthony Rodriguez. It was offered by Commissioner **Anthony Rodriguez**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Kionne L. McGhee** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Anthony Rodríguez, Chairman	aye		
Kionne L. McGhee, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Oliver G. Gilbert, III	aye	Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye
Keon Hardemon	aye	Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye
Eileen Higgins	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of November, 2024. 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

JUAN FERNANDEZ-BARQUIN, CLERK

By: Basia Pruna
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

MBV

Michael B. Valdes
Miguel A. Gonzalez