

**RESOLUTION NO.21- \_\_\_\_**

A Resolution Approving a Contract with Abt Swayne Law Firm for Corporation Counsel Services

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute 59.42(1)(b) states, “In any county with a county executive or county administrator, the county executive or county administrator shall have the authority to appoint and supervise the corporation counsel if the board authorizes the establishment of the office of corporation counsel”, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute 59.42(1)(b) also states, “Such appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the board...”, and

WHEREAS, the Richland County Administrator has conducted a recruitment process and interviewed several qualified attorneys and firms, with the support of an interview panel composed of both administrative and elected representation, and

WHEREAS, the Abt Swayne Law Firm of Westby WI, demonstrated the highest level of municipal experience and diverse credentials in addressing Richland County’s legal needs, and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has appointed the Abt Swayne Law Firm of Westby, WI (Attorney Michael Windle, primary representation) as Corporation Counsel for Richland County, and

WHEREAS, this contract establishes fee rates of \$125.00 per hour for attorneys and \$75 per hour for legal assistants and paralegals with anticipation of annual expenses over \$70,000.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Richland County Board of Supervisors approves the Richland County Administrator to enter into a contract with Abt Swayne Law Firm to perform Corporation Counsel services on behalf of Richland County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolutions shall be effective retroactively from 23 June 2021 and extending through 20 July 2022.

VOTE ON FOREGOING RESOLUTION

AYES \_\_\_\_\_ NOES \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION

DEREK S. KALISH  
COUNTY CLERK

DATED: JULY 20, 2021

RESOLUTION OFFERED BY THE  
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

FOR AGAINST

SHAUN MURPHY-LOPEZ  
DAVID TURK  
MELISSA LUCK  
MARTY BREWER  
LINDA GENTES  
MARC COUEY  
DONALD SEEP