



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**From:** County Counsel and Executive Office

**Meeting Date:** February 27, 2024

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**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** N/A

**Agenda Title:**

Approval of Legal Services Agreement with Hooper, Lundy & Bookman, P.C. in the Amount of \$250,000 for Legal Services Regarding Regulatory Issues Related to Negotiation of the Potential Formation of a Joint Powers Authority with Fire Districts to Expand Ambulance Coverage in Remote Areas Effective Upon Full Execution through June 30, 2024

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve Legal Services Agreement with Hooper, Lundy & Bookman, P.C. in the amount of \$250,000 for legal services regarding regulatory issues related to negotiation of the potential formation of a Joint Powers authority with fire districts to expand ambulance coverage in remote areas effective upon full execution through June 30, 2024; and authorize Chair to sign same.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

None.

**Summary of Request:**

The Board of Supervisors has provided direction to investigate the potential formation of a joint powers authority to secure more stable ambulance coverage in the outlying areas of the County. Jordan Kearney, partner with the firm of Hooper Lundy & Bookman, P.C., and her colleagues have expertise in health care regulatory issues, including representation of California counties related to Emergency Medical Services. Ms. Kearney will advise the County about reimbursement and regulatory issues related to negotiation of the potential formation of a joint powers authority with fire districts to expand ambulance coverage in remote areas, and if the Board elects to proceed, to negotiate with said agencies to form a joint powers authority.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Provide direction to staff.

**Strategic Plan Priority Designation:** An Effective County Government

**Supervisory District:** All

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

**Fiscal Details:**

source of funding: 4016-862189

current f/y cost: 250,000

budget clarification: N/A

annual recurring cost: N/A

budgeted in current f/y (if no, please describe): Yes

revenue agreement: No

AGREEMENT/RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE APPROVED BY COUNTY COUNSEL: Yes

CEO Liaison: Executive Office

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk

Date: February 27, 2024

Final Status: **Approved**

Executed Item Type: Agreement

Number: 24-025

