

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-056**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GRANTING COUNTY COUNSEL, IN COORDINATION WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE AUTHORITY TO RETAIN SPECIALIZED OUTSIDE COUNSEL FOR GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000 CONSISTENT WITH THE MONETARY AUTHORITY LIMIT AS DEFINED BY THE MENDOCINO COUNTY PURCHASING POLICY (4/5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIRED)**

WHEREAS, the Office of the County Counsel serves as in-house counsel and provides a wide array of legal services for the County of Mendocino, including litigation services; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide the County with the best, most cost-effective service, the County must at times retain specialized outside counsel to assist in the provision of legal services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code section 25203, the board of supervisors directs and controls the conduct of litigation in which a county is a party and may enter into contracts with outside counsel for that litigation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code section 31000, the board of supervisors may enter into contracts with outside legal counsel for general legal services; and

WHEREAS, litigation and/or legal issues routinely occur on an expedited timeline; and

WHEREAS, County Counsel is generally in the best position to determine whether outside counsel is necessary and to select the appropriate outside counsel; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2025, pursuant to Resolution 25-199, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Mendocino County Policy 1: Purchasing, Leasing and Contracting Policy ("Policy 1"); and

WHEREAS, Policy 1, section 6.5.4 allows County Officials, including department heads, to entered into contracts for the employment of independent contractors as long as the aggregate amount does not exceed \$25,000, except that contracts for legal services require approval by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Policy 1, section 4.2.4 exempts contracts for legal services from competitive procurement requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors authorizes County Counsel, in coordination with the Chief Executive Officer, to retain specialized outside counsel to assist in the provision of legal services and to enter into contracts with outside counsel as long as the aggregate amount does not exceed \$25,000, consistent with the monetary authority limit granted to County Officials.

The foregoing Resolution introduced by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Haschak, and carried this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Cline, Mulheren, Haschak, Norvell, and Williams  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Resolution adopted and SO ORDERED.

ATTEST: DARCIE ANTLE  
Clerk of the Board

  
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Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
KATHARINE L. ELLIOTT  
Interim County Counsel

  
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BERNIE NORVELL, Chair  
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

BY: DARCIE ANTLE  
Clerk of the Board

  
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Deputy