

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-6393

COUNCIL SPONSOR: LORINO/COOPER

PROVIDED BY: CAO

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENGAGEMENT OF  
OUTSIDE LEGAL SERVICES FOR MEDICAL INSURANCE  
SETTLEMENTS

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government is self-insured with regard to worker’s compensation insurance; and

WHEREAS, Juge, Napolitano, Guilbeau, Ruli & Frieman law firm specializes in reducing charges and settling claims with hospitals and other medical facilities for outpatient and outlier cases dealing with worker’s compensation insurance; and

WHEREAS, this firm would supplement existing services; and

WHEREAS, this firm has negotiated contracts with several providers in the area to accept lower percentage rates and for those cases, they would simply receive 25% of our savings thereby resulting in a cost benefit to parish government; and

WHEREAS, for the few providers in the area for which they do not have an existing contract, their hourly rate would be \$ 155.00 per hour to negotiate a settlement thereby also resulting in a cost benefit to parish government; and

WHEREAS, because there will never be a constant flow of cases, this firm does not require a contract; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the administration to reduce parish costs wherever possible, and requests council support in this endeavor; and

WHEREAS, our legal representation, the District Attorney’s Office of the 22nd Judicial District, has reviewed this issue and determined that no procurement method is required for legal services; and

WHEREAS, under Home Rule Charter Section 4-03(B), a Resolution of the Parish Council is required in order to retain outside legal counsel.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL hereby names Juge, Napolitano, Guilbeau, Ruli & Frieman as outside legal counsel for the purpose of settling outlier and outpatient worker’s compensation claims and hereby authorizes an Engagement Letter Agreement with same.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 7 DAY OF JANUARY, 2021, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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MICHAEL R. LORINO, JR. , COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT**

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