



Legislation Text

File #: 18-1208, **Version:** 1

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 - a) William M. Wright, Attorney at Law and Martin Fine, Attorney at Law; and
 - b) Silver & Wright, LLP Attorneys at Law;
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- 3) Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute said Agreements for Services.

FUNDING: General Fund, partially reimbursed through fines.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND

On July 24, 2018, at the request of the Planning and Building Department, the Procurement and Contracts Division of the Chief Administrative Office issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for on-call services for Code Enforcement Hearing Officers to provide services regarding code enforcement issues that arise within the County when property owners appeal penalties that are assessed by the Code Enforcement Section. The goal of these legal procedures is to obtain the facts and provide an unbiased opinion in order to make judgements in accordance with applicable law for the good of the public. Following the hearing services, the Hearing Officer shall determine if the assessment of penalties by the Code Enforcement Section was lawful and shall provide the County and parties to the hearing a written opinion of the Hearing Officer's findings and official decision. These cases will be from all areas of El Dorado County; however, all hearings will take place in Placerville.

The County received two proposals for the RFP. Staff is recommending that Agreements be awarded

to both successful proposers, William M. Wright, Attorney at Law and Martin Fine, Attorney at Law, and Silver & Wright, LLP Attorneys at Law, each in the amount of \$60,000 for a term of three years.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could choose not to approve the Agreements. Current County staff does not have the expertise to perform the Code Enforcement Hearing Officer Services, and the services that would be provided would be in the public's best interest.

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

Chief Administrative Office, Procurement and Contracts Division

CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS

It is recommended that the Board approve this item.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding for the Agreements has been included in the Planning and Building Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget, and will be included in future budgets. Funding will come from the General Fund and will be partially offset by collection of fines.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

N/A

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