



COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

Intergovernmental Affairs

DATE: April 22, 2022

TO: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairperson, County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Alec Knutson, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs

SUBJECT: Request to waive MCCGO 56.30 (8) and (9) to pay for professional services rendered before a contract was signed

FILE TYPE: Action Report

Policy Issue

Section 56.30(9) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances (MCCGO) requires that a written contract be signed and executed before an outside party performs professional services in an amount greater than \$2,000. MCCGO Section 56.30(8) states that the Comptroller shall deny payment for professional services if the conditions of Chapter 56 have not been met.

Background

The Department of Intergovernmental Affairs will, on occasion, secure contracts with government affairs services providers in order to better represent Milwaukee County's interests at various levels of government. One such service provider is Broydrick and Associates ("Broydrick"), who specialize in federal government affairs in Washington, D.C. In January of this year, Broydrick was retained by the Department to provide government affairs services for Milwaukee County at the federal level, including representing the County's interests in critical legislation like the American Rescue Plan Act and accompanying fiscal measures, the federal budget process, and more. Because of the time-sensitive nature of the services needed, Broydrick began providing services immediately, prior to the execution of the contract, and has continued providing those services.

Recommendation

The Department of Intergovernmental Affairs recommends that the County Board waive Sections 56.30 (8) and (9) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances and authorize the Comptroller to pay Broydrick and Associates the amount of \$16,500 for services rendered before a Professional Service Agreement was signed.

Committee Action

This report should be referred to and reviewed by the Committee on Finance for action.

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Attachments