

**INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION
COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**

DATE: June 9, 2014

TO: Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Paul Bargren, Corporation Counsel
Mark A. Grady, Deputy Corporation Counsel *MAG*

SUBJECT: Contract Amendment for Hansen, Riederer, Dickinson, Crueger LLC and Cade Law Offices

It is requested that this contract amendment be referred to the Committee on Finance, Personnel and Audit. Pursuant to §59.52(31)(b)(1), Wis. Stats., the County Executive has approved an amendment to this contract, authorizing an additional sum of \$51,000.01, for a total contract sum of \$151,000. The contract amendment will take effect unless the Committee takes action to reject or affirm the contract within 14 days. This is the last amendment and these funds will pay for all services rendered under this contract.

In 2013, Corporation Counsel executed a contract with these two firms, Hansen, Riederer, Dickinson, Crueger LLC and Cade Law Offices. Cade Law Office is a minority-owned law firm (although not a certified DBE). The firms provided legal services on matters related to the RFP for transit services, including the Chapter 110 appeal, and defended the public records suit filed by MTS Inc., Case No. 13-CV-7234. The original contract was for up to \$49,999 with hourly rates of \$250 for partners and \$175 for associates.

At the request of Corporation Counsel, the County Executive previously signed amendments to the contract on November 25, 2013 and on January 14, 2014 that ultimately increased it to a total of \$99,999.99. At the request of Corporation Counsel, on June 5, 2014, the County Executive signed this final amendment to the contract to increase it to a total of \$151,000.00.

Previous funding came from the 2013 budget, Org. Unit 1961, Litigation Reserve Account. This amendment of \$51,000.01 will utilize funds from the same account in the 2014 budget.

As noted above, no action is required by the County Board or the FPA Committee. The contract amendment will take effect unless the FPA Committee takes action to reject or affirm the contract within 14 days (on or before June 20, 2014).

cc: Kelly Bablitch
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