

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLAYTON COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A FEE STRUCTURE FOR OUTSIDE COUNSEL EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY TO HANDLE LEGAL MATTERS ON ITS BEHALF; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND OTHERWISE PERFORM ALL ACTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO AMEND THE BUDGET WHERE NECESSARY TO REFLECT AN APPROPRIATE REVENUE SOURCE AND EXPENSE; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners retains firms from time to time to handle legal matters on behalf of the county, its departments, employees, elected officials and their employees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to establish a maximum hourly rate to be paid to said firms for services provided; and

WHEREAS, Freeman Mathis & Gary, LLP has been performing legal services for Clayton County as designated outside legal counsel for many years; and

WHEREAS, after researching surrounding metro counties fee schedules for outside counsel, the Board of Commissioners have determined that the rate of Two Hundred Twenty Five and No/100 (\$225.00) Dollars per hour is a reasonable rate for a firm with the expertise and experience provided by Freeman Mathis & Gary, LLP; and

WHEREAS, the County deems it in its best interest of Clayton County, and the County will best be served by establishing the maximum rate to be paid to outside counsel

and by fixing the rate to be paid to Freeman Mathis & Gary, LLP for all services provided to the county at the rate of \$225.00 per hour.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED

Section 1. Unless otherwise approved by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners in a duly advertised meeting held in accordance with State law or County Code, the Board of Commissioners establishes the maximum hourly rate paid for legal services on behalf of the County, its departments, boards, employees, elected officials or their employees at the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Five and No/100 (\$225.00) per hour for all services performed by said attorney or firm. Nothing in this Resolution shall negate, repudiate or otherwise invalidate any hourly rate previously-approved by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners at a regularly-scheduled or special called meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Section 2. The Board of Commissioners establishes the hourly rate to be paid to Freeman Mathis & Gary, LLP for work as outside counsel on behalf of the county, any department, board, employee, elected official or employee of any elected official at the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Five & No/100 (\$225.00) per hour.

Section 3. The Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chairman to execute any documents necessary and otherwise perform all acts necessary to accomplish the intent of this Resolution.

Section 4. Further, the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to amend the budget where necessary to reflect an appropriate revenue source and expense, and to transfer any required funds, all as may be required.

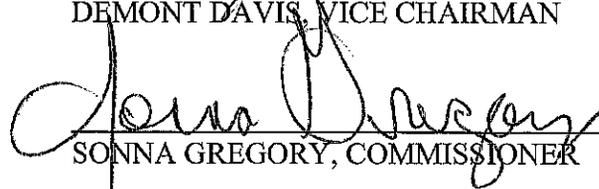
Section 5. The effective date of this Resolution shall be February 1, 2020.

SO RESOLVED, this the 4 day of February, 2020.

**CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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ATTEST:

  
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BRENDA B. JAMES, CLERK