## **RESOLUTION 2022 - 116**

## A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY ATTORNEY AS A CONTRACT SIGNATORY

**WHEREAS**, the Lewis and Clark County Attorney's Office is the public prosecutor entrusted to determine the extent of societal interest in prosecution of persons reasonably suspected of public offenses, and

WHEREAS, a component and requirement of these legal proceedings occasionally includes professional legal services, including those of expert witnesses, and

**WHEREAS**, in order for the Lewis and Clark County Attorney's Office to obtain legal services, contracts with mutually agreed upon terms and conditions must be established, and

WHEREAS, professional legal services such as expert witnesses are required in certain circumstances during criminal proceedings, and

WHEREAS, exigent circumstances may dictate quick action required to respond to the needs of a trial, and

**WHEREAS**, the Lewis and Clark County Attorney's Office has knowledgeable attorneys who have expert understanding of the nature of agreements and the requirements of contracts, and

**WHEREAS**, the Lewis and Clark County Attorney's Office has a proven capacity of mitigating liability and risk that come about from entering into agreements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lewis and Clark County Board of County Commissioners authorizes the Lewis and Clark County Attorney as a signatory for contracts to obtain expert witnesses and other legal services it determines necessary for court proceedings. The agreed upon sum for these types of contracts shall not exceed twenty-four thousand nine hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$24,999). The Lewis and Clark County Attorney's Office shall provide a summary of these agreements annually to the Lewis and Clark County Board of County Commissioners.

DATED this 22 ind day of December, 2022

Lewis and Clark County Board of Commissioners

Jim McCormick, Chair

Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board

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