



Levy County Board of County Commissioners Agenda Item Summary Form

1. **Name:** Anne Bast Brown
2. **Organization/Title/Telephone:** County Attorney
3. **Meeting Date:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021

4. **Requested Motion/Action:**

Approve Amendment to Agreement for Legal Services provided by Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A., for legal services related to employment issues.

5. **Agenda Presentation:** Yes No N/A

6. **Time Requested:** 10 minutes

7. **Is this Item Budgeted (If Applicable):** Yes No N/A

8. **If no, State Action Required:**

- a. **Budget Action:** N/A
- b. **Financial Impact Summary Statement:** No financial impact
- c. **Detailed Analysis Attached:** N/A
- d. **Budget Officer Approval:** N/A

9. **Background: (Why is the action necessary, and what action will be accomplished) (All supporting documentation must be attached if any)**

The County has relied on Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A. ("ANB"), for many years for legal services related to union and employment issues. Those services have been valuable and have lead to a positive and beneficial relationship between ANB and County staff. Recently, the County received a request from Wayne Helsby, the lead attorney providing services to the County from ANB, for a modest increase of \$25.00 per hour in the hourly rate for attorneys to a new rate of \$285.00 per hour and an increase of \$10.00 per hour to a new rate of \$110.00 per hour for paralegals. These are the first increases in three (3) years. It is requested that the Board approve the amendment to the County's existing agreement with ANB reflecting the increases.

10. **Recommended Approval**

- a. **Department Director:** Yes No N/A
- b. **County Attorney:** Yes No N/A
- c. **County Coordinator:** Yes No N/A
- d. **Other:** Yes No N/A