



Levy County Board of County Commissioners Agenda Item Summary Form

1. **Name and Title:** Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager
2. **Department:** Board of County Commissioners
3. **Meeting Date:** Tuesday, February 3, 2026
4. **Requested Action:**
 1. Authorize the County Manager to sign an Engagement Letter with Gray Robinson to serve as interim County Attorney; 2. Set an effective date.
5. **Cost & Funding Source:**

County Attorney Services are funded in the County Attorney Budget.

6. Justification of Request:

The BoCC terminated the County Attorney's employment on October 21, 2025.

The firm Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson was selected as the Interim County Attorney on November 4, 2025 (approximately 90 days).

The Request for Levy County Legal Services is scheduled to be issued the last week of January, with proposals due back by the end of February. It is reasonable to anticipate that the Board will complete the review process and be positioned to select a new County Attorney in March or April (potentially an additional 60 days).

Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson has served the county with distinction during this transition. Due to the firm being based out of Tallahassee, they are not interested in serving as the permanent County Attorney, but they are willing to continue to provide litigation and other services as needed by the County.

The attached proposal was provided by Gray Robinson to provide Interim County Attorney Services for up to six months. Gray Robinson currently serves as one of the County's contracted firms for Labor and Employment Services. Further, they are willing to submit a proposal to serve as the permanent County Attorney.