

RESOLUTION OF THE MORRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

TITLE:

**RESOLUTION OF THE MORRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT
AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD AND CONTRACT
FOR GENERAL COUNSEL AND BOND COUNSEL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Morris County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") has been duly created by resolution of the County of Morris (the "County"), State of New Jersey (the "State"), and exists in good standing as a public body corporate and politic under and pursuant to all applicable law, including the county improvement authorities law, constituting Chapter 183 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended from time to time (codified at *N.J.S.A. 40:37A-44 et seq.*, the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law *N.J.S.A. 40:11A-1 et seq.* (the "Public Contracts Law") to enter into contracts as deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, in order to carry out the operations of the Authority, including without limitation, general operations, the negotiation, sale and issuance of bonds, notes or other obligations of the Authority to finance projects permitted under the Act, the Authority needs to contract for the services of a general counsel, bond counsel (together with such other services described in the hereinafter defined RFP, the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to engage the services of an attorney or firm to provide those Services; and

WHEREAS, the Authority prepared and publicly advertised a Request for Proposals (the "RFP") on January 22, 2026, for the Services in accordance with the procedures of a fair and open process established by *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, in response to the RFP issued by the Authority, the Authority received proposals submitted by McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, Wilentz Goldman and Spitzer, P.A., Waters McPherson McNeil, P.C., and Dilworth Paxson LLP (each, a "Proposal"), which Proposals are on file with the Authority; and

WHEREAS, it is the finding of the Authority, after careful consideration of the Proposals, that the Proposal submitted by McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC meets the Authority's needs for the Services; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to appoint McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, as General Counsel and Bond Counsel for a period of one (1) year, unless extended as permitted by law, at rates as described in such law firm's Proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to authorize the Chairperson of the Authority to execute a contract with McManimon, Scotland and Baumann, LLC for the Services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Authority as follows:

Section 1. The aforementioned recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth at length.

Section 2. The Authority hereby awards the contract to perform the Services for a term not to exceed one (1) year, unless extended as permitted by law at rates as described in the Proposal (the "Contract") to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC.

Section 3. The Chairperson is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract, in consultation with counsel to the Authority, and to undertake all actions necessary to effectuate the Contract and this resolution, all in accordance with the Public Contracts Law, and to execute any and all other documents and take any other action necessary to effectuate this resolution, in consultation with counsel to the Authority.

Section 4. Subject to the second sentence of this section, this resolution shall take effect immediately. In accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40:37A-50*, the Secretary of the Authority is hereby authorized and directed to submit to each member of the Board of County Commissioners, by the end of the fifth business day following this meeting, a copy of the minutes of this meeting. The Secretary is hereby further authorized and directed to obtain from the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners a certification from the Clerk stating that the minutes of this meeting have not been vetoed by the Director of the Board of County Commissioners.

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MOVED/SECONDED:

Resolution moved by Commissioner _____.
Resolution seconded by Commissioner _____.

VOTE:

Commissioner	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Leary				
Ramirez				
Bauer				
Sandman				
Happer				

This Resolution was acted upon at the Regular Meeting of the Authority held remotely and in person on March 18, 2026 by audio and video in accordance with notice promulgated by the Authority in accordance with applicable law.

Attested to this 18th day of March, 2026

By: _____
Secretary of the Authority

FORM and LEGALITY:

This Resolution is approved as to form and legality as of March 18, 2026.

By: _____
Matthew D. Jessup, Esq.
Member, McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC
Counsel to the Authority
Resolution No. 26-14