

# County of Passaic

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Date: Feb 24, 2026 - 5:30 PM

Agenda: RESOLUTION RETAINING WATERS, MCPHERSON, MCNEILL, P.C., TO PROVIDE OUTSIDE LEGAL SERVICES IN THE MATTER OF LESLEE FREDERICKSON V. PASSAIC COUNTY, ET AL., DOCKET NO. PAS-L-181-26, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 AND RFQ-26-032

THIS RESOLUTION WAS REQUESTED BY:  
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REVIEWED BY:

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COMMITTEE NAME

Official Resolution#	
Meeting Date	2/24/2026
Introduced Date	2/19/2026
Adopted Date	
Agenda Item	2.
CAF#	T-19-56-850-000-801
Purchase Req. #	
Result	

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**WHEREAS**, the County of Passaic (“County”) is a body politic and corporate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:18-1 and vested with all rights contained therein; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:20-1, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Passaic (“Board”) is vested with managing the property, finances, and affairs of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and its Parks and Recreation Department are named defendants in Leslee Frederickson v. Passaic County, et al., Docket No. PAS-L-181-26, a matter pending in Superior Court, requiring retention of outside legal counsel; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, et seq., on September 2, 2025, the Passaic County Purchasing Agent issued RFQ-26-032, Outside Legal Counsel (“RFQ-26-032”), seeking qualified law firms to provide outside legal services to the County in calendar year 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 28, 2025, the Board passed Resolution No. R-25-993, qualifying a pool of outside legal counsel for calendar year 2026 to be hired on an as-needed basis and as recommended by the Passaic County Counsel, which included Waters, McPherson, McNeill, P.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Passaic County Counsel is recommending to retain Waters, McPherson, McNeill, P.C. to represent the County and its Parks and Recreation Department in the Frederickson matter, in an amount not to exceed one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.1, et seq., Waters, McPherson, McNeill, P.C. executed the Non-Involvement in Prohibited Activities in Russia or Belarus Certification, attached hereto and made part of this Resolution, certifying the law firm is not involved in prohibited activities in Russia and Belarus, and the County confirmed that said law firm is not identified on the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list created by the Office of Foreign Assets Control; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available in Account No. T-19-56-850-000-801, or any account that may be deemed appropriate by the Chief Financial Officer or his designee, and the availability of funds has been contingently certified by the Chief Financial Officer subject to sufficient funds being appropriated by the Board in the 2026 and/or subsequent County budget(s), which is attached hereto and made part of this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, this matter was discussed at the February 11, 2026 Administration and Finance Committee meeting, and is being recommended to the Board for approval.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Passaic retains Waters, McPherson, McNeill, P.C. to represent the County of Passaic and its Parks and Recreation Department in Leslee Frederickson v. Passaic County, et al., Docket No. PAS-L-181-26, in an amount not to exceed one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00), in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in RFQ-26-032.

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Board shall print, in the official newspaper, a brief notice stating the nature, duration, service, and amount of the contract awarded to Waters, McPherson, McNeill, P.C., and maintain a copy of this Resolution on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk to the Board.

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Board, County Counsel, and Director of the Board are authorized to take any action necessary to carry out the purpose of this Resolution.

