



RESOLUTION NO. 24-20

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HARRIS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE HARRIS COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Harris County Attorney's Office (HCAO) provides legal services to multiple departments and agencies within Harris County; and

WHEREAS, Harris County Housing Authority (HCHA) is authorized to contract for legal services from HCAO pursuant to Section 392.040(b) of the Texas Local Government Code and Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, since May 18, 2015, HCHA and HCAO have executed multiple Legal Services Agreements under which HCAO provides legal services to HCHA; and

WHEREAS, the current Legal Services Agreement expires on May 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, HCHA desires to continue receiving legal services from HCAO; and

WHEREAS, HCAO desires to extend the Term of the Legal Services Agreement (Master Agreement) through an Amendment (First Amendment) for six months and has inserted a new provision requiring HCHA to submit all requests for legal services from the Assistant County Attorney assigned to serve as the HCHA's full-time, in house, General Counsel in writing and include the General Counsel Division Director(s) on all such requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that HCHA's Board of Commissioners authorizes its Executive Director to negotiate and execute the First Amendment to the Legal Services Agreement with Harris County for legal services the terms of which are to include General Counsel services at a rate of not more than \$87,500.00 for the extension period, paid in monthly increments, and legal services for litigation to be paid at a rate of not more than \$300.00 per hour, with all other terms to be substantially the same as those in the draft First Amendment to the Legal Services Agreement attached to this resolution.

PASSED by the Board of Commissioners this 15th day of May 2024.

Chair: _____

GERALD WOMACK

Secretary: _____

MELISSA QUIJANO

Attachment: Draft Legal Services Amendment