



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

Resolution 20-008

A Resolution Appointing Public Defender for the Calendar Year 2020 & Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Professional Legal Services Contract

WHEREAS, the municipal public defenders serve as defense attorney for all indigent persons accused of violations of the State disorderly persons act or motor vehicle statutes, or any offense or charge which carries a potential penalty of a substantial fine, incarceration or a loss of driving privileges.; and,

WHEREAS, at the discretion of the municipal court judge, and based upon the defendant's financial situation, the Court may appoint the municipal public defender to represent the individual's interests; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2B:24-4 requires a municipal public defender to be an attorney-at-law of this State in good standing, and shall serve for a term of one year from the date of his appointment, and may continue to serve in office pending re-appointment or appointment of a successor; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands has a need for professional legal services to be provided to the Borough of Highlands for the calendar year 2020 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough has, through the fair and open process, publicly advertised for a Request for Proposals and Qualifications and said requests for Professional Services – Municipal Public Defender were received in the Office of the Municipal Clerk no later than 11:30 am on December 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has reviewed all proposals received and has determined that the Mayor and Borough Council desires to authorize the execution of _ professional services contracts between the following listed persons/firms and the Borough for the provision_ of said services for the year of 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highlands as follows:

1. Kevin P. Wigenton of the Wigenton Law Firm is hereby appointed Public Defender for the calendar year 2020 and is awarded a professional service contract for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for professional legal services provided for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
2. That the services to be rendered shall be in compliance with the Laws of New Jersey.

3. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign a contract for Professional Legal Services in accordance with this Resolution.
4. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(l)(a) because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
5. A copy of the Resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Borough Clerk.
6. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of this award as required by law.

	INTRODUCED	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
BRASWELL			X			
MAZZOLA		X	X			
RYAN			X			
VALKOS			X			
BROULLON	X		X			

This is a Certified True copy of the Original Resolution on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office.
DATE OF VOTE: 01/01/2020



Matthew Conlon, RMC, Municipal Clerk

