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Jeff Massey
County Administrator
Washington County
Board of County Commissioners
1331 South Boulevard
Chipley, FL 32428

Re: Engagement with GrayRobinson, P.A.

Dear Mr. Massey:

Thank you very much for your interest in GrayRobinson, P.A. (“GrayRobinson” or “the Firm”). We appreciate the opportunity to provide governmental consulting services to Washington County Board of County Commissioners (“the County”). The Firm is committed to providing the highest level of service in furtherance of your goals. This letter will describe the terms under which that representation will occur, disclose the Firm’s reporting responsibilities under the law, and summarize the nature of government consulting services as compared to legal services.

Firm Contacts for Your Representation

You have asked the Firm to represent the County before the State of Florida within the executive and legislative branches of government. Specific to this work, the Firm will pursue priorities established by the County, as well as assist the various executive department and agencies with which the County interfaces. For purposes of background and reference, the terms of the County’s RFQ 2019-1 and GrayRobinson’s response are hereby incorporated.

The entire team of GrayRobinson’s lobbyists will be available to advance your interests. However, in order to ensure that your needs are efficiently and fully addressed, I will be the primary contact for this representation, along with Kim McDougal. If I should ever be unavailable, I would encourage you to contact Dean Cannon, Robert Stuart, Christopher Dawson, Katherin Flury, or Joseph Salzverg, who will serve as secondary contacts for this representation.

Fees, Costs and Terms

In exchange for these services, the County agrees to pay the Firm an annual fee of \$45,000, in equal monthly installments of \$3,750 beginning August 1. The term of this engagement is for a period of 36 months. The engagement may be extended for additional terms, on such terms and conditions as might be negotiated in the last sixty (60) days of this original engagement. All payments should be remitted to 301 East Pine Street #1400, Orlando, FL 32801 or via ACH transfer or other electronic transfer upon receipt of invoice. Documented, out-of-pocket costs directly attributable to the performance of our work will be billed in addition to a monthly

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retainer, and these costs may include travel and other expenses incurred on the Organization's behalf. No monthly costs that in the aggregate exceed \$500 will be incurred without the County's prior approval. Both the County and the Firm have the right to terminate this contract with or without cause with thirty (30) days' notice given.

Lobbyist Registration

Florida law requires that GrayRobinson's lobbyists must register with the State prior to engaging in lobbying activity. Lobbyist registrations are effective when they are received by the State, and lobbying may not occur prior to proper registration. The registration and fee cycle is the calendar year beginning January 1 and ending December 31. Therefore, the County consents for the Firm's lobbyists to register to represent the County, and the County agrees to reimburse the Firm for the cost of lobbyist registrations.

Lobbyist registration fees are:

- **Legislature:** \$20 for each person from the point of registration until December 31; then renewed in January each calendar year thereafter.
- **Executive:** \$25 for each person from the point of registration until December 31; then renewed in January each calendar year thereafter.

Lobbyist registration forms will be sent under separate cover following the execution of this agreement. By signing below, you agree to complete and return these forms, which are necessary to our representation of the County during the term of this contract or after its termination should reporting periods overlap. The Firm cannot commence representation until these forms are returned and properly filed with the State.

Compensation Reporting

Florida law requires that the fees and costs invoiced by GrayRobinson for lobbying services are reportable to the State on a quarterly basis to both the Florida Legislature and the Florida Commission on Ethics. Therefore, the County consents to the quarterly disclosure of compensation paid or owed to GrayRobinson for lobbying activity as required by Chapter 2005-359, Laws of Florida. Such consent is granted so that GrayRobinson may file the specified quarterly reports, disclosing only the information required by Chapter 2005-359, Laws of Florida, and shall remain in effect as long as any GrayRobinson lawyer or non-lawyer lobbyist serves as the client's registered representative before the Legislature and any executive branch agency.

Unless you direct otherwise, the Firm will attribute and report 50% of our fees and reimbursements as legislative branch lobbying fees, and 50% of our fees and reimbursements as executive branch lobbying fees, subject to periodic adjustment by us to reflect our best professional judgment regarding allocation of our efforts associated with this representation.

Confidentiality

Notwithstanding Florida statute 119.0701 (below) in order to ensure the candor and trust in our relationship that forms the basis of effective representation it is the policy of the Firm to keep strictly confidential all information about your interests and strategies. Because information is our stock in trade and because advancing your interests may depend on it we ask that you also keep confidential any information we may share with you regarding political strategy, insight, information, or analysis. You may share information pertaining to our representation of you with your other consultants and representatives except for any information we specifically deem to be confidential trade secrets, either verbally or in writing.

IF THE CONTRACTOR HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO THE CONTRACTOR'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT, CONTACT THE CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT: Wendy White (850) 415-5151 or wwhite@washingtonfl.com.

PUBLIC RECORDS, CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

To the extent that Contractor meets the definition of "Contractor" under Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, in addition to other contract requirements provided by law, Contractor must comply with public records laws, including the following provisions of Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes:

1. Keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service.
2. Upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, provide the public agency with a copy of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in this chapter or as otherwise provided by law.
3. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the contractor does not transfer the records to the public agency.
4. Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the public agency all public records in possession of the contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the public agency to perform the service. If the contractor transfers all public records to the public agency upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the public agency, upon request from the public agency's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the public agency.

A request to inspect or copy public records relating to a public agency's contract for services

must be made directly to the public agency. If the public agency does not possess the requested records, the public agency shall immediately notify the contractor of the request, and the contractor must provide the records to the public agency or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time.

If a contractor does not comply with the public agency's request for records, the public agency shall enforce the contract provisions in accordance with the contract.

Distinguishing Between Lobbying and Legal Services; Conflicts

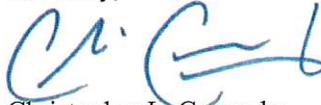
GrayRobinson offers not only legal services but also lobbying services. The Florida Bar treats legal services differently than non-legal services, which includes lobbying and consulting. It is important to understand the distinction between those services relative to conflicts, and the scope of this representation. *This lobbyist engagement does not create an attorney/client relationship between you and our firm.* If legal services are required by the County, we will enter into a separate engagement.

Both lobbyists and lawyers must avoid conflict of interest. Lawyers may not accept a legal client adverse to another legal client in a legal matter, and our lobbyists will decline to accept a lobbying client involved in legal action against an existing legal or lobbying client of the Firm. However, legal services and lobbying are separate and distinct services for the purposes of evaluating conflicts, and, because lobbying frequently involves advocating for potential changes to existing law within the legislative branch or application of the law by the executive branch, the positions advanced on behalf of lobbying clients may or may not differ from legal positions taken on behalf of clients in judicial proceedings. In some instances, lobbying clients may not have a legal conflict, but they may be marketplace competitors or they may take inconsistent positions on one or more lobbying issues. We will bring any such situations to your attention immediately upon discovery and we likewise ask you to contact us immediately if you have similar concerns at any time. Whenever conditions merit, we will implement and maintain an "ethics wall" to maintain complete separation of information, strategy, and personnel associated with the affected lobbying clients.

Under the scope of representation outlined above we know of no lobbying conflicts with our current lobbying clients, and we have discussed our plan for protecting your interest from marketplace competitors via an ethics wall. If you ever have a concern about a perceived or potential conflict, or any other issue we ask that you alert us immediately so we can address it in a mutually acceptable fashion. We will do the same.

I believe the above reflects our understanding. If it does, please sign this agreement and return to me. If not already completed, electronic lobbyist registration forms will be sent separately from the respective entities for 2019. I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to working with you. Please never hesitate to contact me if we can assist you in any way.

Sincerely,



Christopher L. Carmody



For: Washington County Board of
County Commissioners



Date

Attached: Additional Understanding Regarding Representation
Privacy Policy

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Payment of Invoices

In the event that our invoices are not timely paid, or that payment terms satisfactory to us are not established, we reserve the right to renegotiate the terms of this engagement and/or to pursue our other remedies, including the right to charge you interest of 1½% per month for any invoice which has not been paid within 30 days of the date the invoice is mailed or emailed to you. We also reserve the right to withdraw as your counsel in the event you fail to honor your agreement with respect to our legal fees or for any just reason as permitted or required under the Florida Code of Professional Responsibility or as permitted by the rules of courts of the State of Florida. In the event of our withdrawal, you will promptly pay for all services rendered by us prior to the date of withdrawal.

Electronic Data

This will serve as our disclosure that the Firm does presently and will continue to maintain confidential and privileged information in electronic form. This practice will be followed in our work on this matter. The Firm does take measures that it understands to be reasonable and consistent with current business practices to protect that information.

Outcome or Result

We will strive to do our best to meet your needs in this and other any matter we subsequently undertake for you. Either at the commencement, or during the course of our representation, we may express opinions or beliefs concerning the litigation or various courses of action and the results that might be anticipated. Any such statement made by any attorney, consultant or employee of our Firm is intended to be an expression of opinion only, based on information available to us at the time, and should not be construed as a promise or guarantee. We cannot and do not make any representations, warranties or guarantees concerning the outcome of this or any representation we undertake. We will give you our best advice, render opinions, and seek to obtain the desired result. In this regard, it is most important that we communicate regularly.

File Retention

Following the termination of the representation/engagement, any otherwise nonpublic information you have supplied to the Firm (unless previously removed or destroyed by specific request) will be retained by us and kept confidential in accordance with applicable rules of professional conduct, and the Firm reserves the right to send such materials to off-site storage at any time. Any retrieval of material once the file is closed may incur an expense for which you will be responsible. The Firm's retention policy provides that we retain stored and closed files for a period of ten (10) years after which they may be destroyed. Thus, if there are any documents which you need from those we possess, we recommend that you obtain them at the conclusion of our work on this matter. Failure to do so will waive and indemnify the Firm from any liability for the destruction of materials.

PRIVACY POLICY

Attorneys, like other professionals who advise on personal financial matters, are now required by a new federal law to inform their clients of their policies regarding privacy of client information. Attorneys have been, and continue to be, bound by professional standards of confidentiality that are even more stringent than those required by this new law. Therefore, we have always protected your right to privacy and do not take lightly the confidence you place in us.

In the course of providing our clients with financial and tax planning and preparation services, employment counseling, bankruptcy activities, certain real estate services, and other certain financial services, we receive significant personal financial information about you either from you or with your authorization. If you are a current or former client of GrayRobinson, P.A. you should know that all information that we receive about you is held in extreme confidence, and is not released to any person or entity outside of this law firm, except as agreed upon by you, or as required under applicable law.

We retain records relating to professional services that we provide so that we are better able to assist you with your professional needs and, in some cases, to comply with professional guidelines. In order to guard your non-public personal information, we maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards that comply with our professional standards.

Please call if you have any questions regarding this matter. Your privacy, our professional ethics, and the ability to provide you with quality legal services are very important to us.

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