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County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Russell Watts, Treasurer-Tax Collector
Date: May 1, 2018

Subject: Contract with Steckbauer Weinhart, LLP, for Legal Services

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Administrator, or his designee to execute a contract between the County and Steckbauer Weinhart, LLP, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, for legal services in the area of tax-related bankruptcy matters for the period from May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

100% General Fund

BACKGROUND:

Bankruptcy claims have become more complex and beyond the expertise of the Treasurer-Tax Collector and, at times, County Counsel's staff. The need for external legal services and legal representation in tax related bankruptcy matters is necessary to preserve the County's interest in taxes owed by debtors.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this contract is not approved, the County's ability to collect unpaid taxes from a taxpayer's bankruptcy estate may be diminished, resulting in less tax revenue to the County.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **05/01/2018** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: May 1, 2018

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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