



MEMORANDUM
December 9, 2021

TO: Board of Commissioners

RE: Legal Expenses Clarification

On November 4, 2021, Commissioner Thiele questioned certain legal services that were sought on September 15 & 16 as referenced in a September 16 email from Chairperson Storey.

During the November 4, Board discussion, Commissioner Jessup requested the legal expenses tied to these services be added to the December 9, Board agenda.

Commissioner Thiele recently inquired as to whether the invoice for these legal services were approved by the Board for release. After Administration reviewed the September billing, a call was made to Corporation Counsel to clarify those services. As a direct result of the September 15 and 16 discussions held with legal, confirmation was provided by Corporation Counsel to the Board Chairperson that all COVID-19 information previously presented to the Board through County Administration was indeed accurate. Corporation Counsel had previously confirmed the information supplied by County Administration to be accurate via email on September 13.

In consideration of the information above, Corporation Counsel decided to not bill the County for the discussions with Chairperson Storey. This decision was made with the understanding the request, while outside of normal process, was an isolated matter, under unique circumstances, with a result of simply confirming information that was already provided to the Board.