

Russell Township

Resolution 2022-16

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LEGAL REPRESENTATION AND PARTICIPATION IN PRO-RATA BILLING WITH FREEMAN, MATHIS & GARY LLP

The Board of Trustees of Russell Township, Geauga County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 2nd day of June, 2022, at the Russell Town Hall with the following members present: James Mueller, Matt Rambo, Kristina Port.

WHEREAS, the Russell Township Board of Trustees (the Board) has been party to legal action (*Ohio Insurance Services Agency, Inc. v. Board OH Public Entity Consortium Health, et al.*; Case No.: 18 CV 000788, Franklin County, OH) as former members of OPEC-HC; and

WHEREAS, the Board, was previously represented by Chenee M Castruita, Esq. and Elisabeth Gentile, Esq. of Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder L.P.A. from February, 2018 through Dec 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board, has been represented by Chenee M Castruita and Elisabeth Gentile of Freeman Mathis & Gary, LLP since Jan 1, 2022 at a rate of \$150 per hour; and

WHEREAS, the Board considers it advisable and necessary that additional counsel continue to be retained: Elisabeth Gentile, Daenayia Harris and Paul La Fayette of Freeman Mathis & Gary, LLP at a rate of \$250 per hour, on a pro-rata basis; and

WHEREAS, such pro-rata will be calculated based on the **total fees** charged by Elisabeth Gentile, Daenayia Harris and Paul La Fayette in representation of Russell Township in the subject OPEC-HC case, divided by **thirty-eight** (the number of OPEC-HC clients represented by FMG); and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board that such pro-rata billing to commence as soon as practical.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby:

Approve representation by Elisabeth Gentile, Daenayia Harris and Paul La Fayette of Freeman Mathis & Gary, LLP at a rate of \$250 per hour, on a 1/38th pro-rata basis; and

Approve the pro-rata billing to commence June 1, 2022 or as soon as practical after that date; and,

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Authorize an amount up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the purposes of advising the Board on pending legal matters; and

Authorize the Fiscal Officer to take other steps necessary to complete the above actions.

Adopted on: June 2, 2022

Motion made by Mr Rambo and seconded by

Ms. Port. The Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Russell Township Trustees voting thereon:

Vote:

James Mueller
James Mueller

aye

Matt Rambo
Matt Rambo

yes

Kristina Port
Kristina Port

AYE

James Mueller
Chairman

Karen Walder
Fiscal Officer

I, Karen Walder, Fiscal Officer of Russell Township, Geauga County, Ohio, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted at a legally convened Russell Township Board of Trustees meeting held on the 2nd day of June, 2022.

Karen Walder
Fiscal Officer