

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACTS FOR BOND COUNSEL

No. 26-02-R21

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority ("Authority") has a need to acquire Bond Counsel Services; and

WHEREAS, Hawkins, Delafield & Wood LLP ("Hawkins") has submitted a proposal dated January 06, 2026 indicating they will provide Bond Counsel Services in accordance with the rate schedules submitted:

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of a contract for "Professional Services" without competitive bids and the contract for said services must be made available for public inspection; and,

WHEREAS, this is an award of a non-fair and open contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 20:44A-20.5 and as required thereby: (1) the Qualified Purchasing Agent has determined and hereby certifies in writing that the value of the contract is anticipated to exceed \$17,500, (2) Hawkins has submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies Hawkins has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in Township of Washington in the previous year, and (3) the Contract will prohibit Hawkins from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director hereby certifies that adequate funds are available for these purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority:

1. The Qualified Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized and directed to execute a form of professional services contract with Hawkins, Delafield & Wood LLP for bond counsel services, attached hereto as Schedule A.
2. A copy of this Resolution and the Contract engaging Hawkins shall be kept on file and available for public inspection at the office of the WTMUA, 46 East Mill Road, Long Valley, New Jersey.
3. This contract is made without competitive bidding as a "professional service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:23-5(1)(a)(i) of the Local Public Contracts Law, because it involves the services of recognized professionals.
4. A notice of this action shall be printed in the Authority's Official Newspaper within ten (10) days of the passage of this resolution.

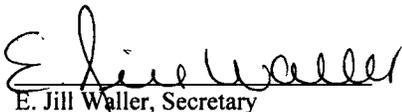
CERTIFIED AS TO CONTRACT VALUE AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY



Executive Director

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: February 4, 2026

ATTEST:


E. Jill Waller, Secretary

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL
UTILITIES AUTHORITY


Walter Cullen, Chairman

Motion to approve this resolution was made by Mr. Drake and seconded by Mr. Napolitano. Motion was carried by the following Roll Call Vote:

VOTE	Cullen	Napolitano	Drake	Sehnal	Sparone	Caetano	McLain
AYE	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
NAY							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT					✓	✓	
INELIGIBLE							