

Agenda Item #: 3D-1

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date: 04/02/19**

☒ **Consent**

☐ Regular

**[ ] Workshop**

☐ Public Hearing

**Department: County Attorney**

**Submitted For: Fire Rescue**

## I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve:** Contract for Professional Legal Services with LaBovick & LaBovick, P.A., dba LaBovick Law Group, for legal services relating to personal injury protection (PIP) insurance claims for Fire Rescue emergency transport services. This agreement shall be in effect upon approval until March 31, 2023, with two one-year renewal options. No payment shall be made by County; however the law firm shall retain interest, penalties, postage and/or attorney's fees and costs paid by insurers in related PIP demands or litigation.

**Summary:** The County Attorney's Office issued a Request for Proposals for legal counsel services relating to personal injury protection (PIP) insurance claims for Fire Rescue emergency transports. One proposal was received, and was deemed to be responsive to the RFP requirements. The Selection Committee evaluated the responsive proposal and unanimously recommended that the contract be awarded to the law firm of LaBovick & LaBovick, P.A., dba LaBovick Law Group. The contract term is approximately four years, with two one-year renewal options. To maximize the recovery of PIP benefits from insurers for Fire Rescue emergency transports, the law firm will coordinate their services with those of the billing company that was selected under a separate RFP for Fire Rescue emergency transport third-party billing services. No payment or reimbursement shall be made by the County to the law firm; however, the law firm shall be entitled to retain any interest, penalties, postage and/or attorney's fees and costs paid by insurers in related PIP demands or litigation, provided the County has received full payment of all PIP benefits due or has duly authorized the settlement or compromise of the PIP claim.

Countywide (SGB)

**Background and Justification:** Palm Beach County Fire Rescue responds to approximately 9,400 auto-related emergency incidents annually, with approximately 4,780 resulting in ground transport to area hospitals. The County contracts with a billing company to bill for the transport services, including the processing of PIP and medical insurance claims. Since 2015, the County has contracted with a PIP attorney to work with the billing company to enhance recovery of PIP benefits from insurers. The current legal services contract expired on March 31, 2019. Legal services are exempt from the Equal Business Opportunity Ordinance.

**Attachment:**

1. Contract for legal services:

**Recommended by:**

**County Attorney**

3/27/19  
Date

**Approved by:**

**N/A**

**County Administrator**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

