

WHEREAS, the County has done an appraisal of the property to be taken and has assessed the value at \$2,400.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Court requires the County to deposit funds in escrow as part of the Complaint; and,

WHEREAS, in order to resolve the matter, County Counsel has recommended the payment of \$2,400.00 to the Superior Court of New Jersey; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funding is available in budget under line item 01-201-20-010-121-940.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Somerset County Board of Commissioners authorized the payment in the amount of \$2,400 in the matter of Somerset County vs. Alexander and Theresa Gabler and that County Counsel or their designee is hereby authorized to execute all documents and releases needed to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

R25-766

APPROVAL TO PAY CONFIRMING ORDER TO
MARISOL CONDE-HERNANDEZ AND MEYNER AND LANDIA, LLP.
FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:27-BB-10 authorizes the Local Finance Board to adopt rules for local financial administration; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:4-57 prohibits the expending of money or the entering into of any contract for any purpose for which no appropriation is provided or in excess of the amount appropriated for such purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board, on October 20, 1975, adopted a resolution providing for certification in writing to the governing body of the availability or lack thereof for adequate funds for each contract which is pending approval; and,

WHEREAS, County Counsel for the Somerset County Board of Commissioners (“the County”) engaged the legal services of Marisol Conde- Hernandez, Esq. and Meyner and Landia, LLP. for a total amount not to exceed \$5,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the County of Somerset has certified that the availability of funds for this payment under line item 01-201-20-010-121-940.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Somerset County that the CFO of the County is hereby authorized to issue payment to Marisol Conde- Hernandez, Esq. in the amount of \$2,500.00 and Meyner and Landia, LLP. in the amount of \$2,500.00 for a total not to exceed \$5,000.00.

R25-767

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A “GREEN AMENDMENT” TO THE
NEW JERSEY STATE CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, the right of New Jerseyans to clean water, air and a healthy environment is not recognized in the State of New Jersey’s Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, clean water, air, a stable climate, and healthy environment are fundamental to sustaining healthy lives and a healthy economy; and,

WHEREAS, New Jersey has a long history of environmental protection and leadership to protect the residents of New Jersey’s health and environment; and,

WHEREAS, while environmental laws are designed to manage pollution, clean up and remediate contamination, and conserve natural resources, these laws do not support the notion that clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment are fundamental, inalienable rights; and,

WHEREAS, there are still a multitude of issues threatening New Jersey's water, air, natural resources, such as climate change, emerging contaminants such as PFAS and PFOA in our drinking water supplies, poor to failing air quality, and disproportionate adverse impacts in environmental justice and frontline communities; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset is also particularly concerned about flooding and flood damage harming the health and safety of our communities, detrimental changes to coastlines, loss of habitat and wetlands, loss of agricultural productivity, loss of property, injury and death from more severe storms, and,

WHEREAS, in recognition of these facts, the Green Amendment (ACR119/SCR43) has been introduced in the New Jersey Senate and Assembly by Senators Greenstein and Zwicker and Assemblymen Reynolds-Jackson and Spearman on a bi-partisan basis including numerous co-sponsors that would amend the state constitution to insert into Article I, New Jersey's bill of rights, the right to pure water, clean air and a healthy environment to coexist with our other constitutional rights we hold so dear including but not limited to the rights to hold property, speak, assemble, and worship; and,

WHEREAS, in recognition that to enact a Green Amendment in the New Jersey State Constitution, the above-mentioned bill must be passed by the New Jersey State Legislature and then be voted on as part of a statewide referendum; and,

WHEREAS, if the Resolution (ACR119/SCR43) is passed by the Senate and then the Assembly, and if it is agreed to by the voters in a public question ballot referendum, this "green amendment" will be added to the Bill of Rights of New Jersey State Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset hereby supports the Green Amendment (ACR119/SCR43); so that the voters may choose whether to add environmental rights to the Bill of Rights of the New Jersey State Constitution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Somerset supports the passage of the Green Amendment by the New Jersey State Legislature in 2025 in time to be on the ballot this November; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our State Legislative Delegation, Senate President, Speaker of the Assembly, and Governor.

R25-768

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PRINTING, FOLDING, AND MAILING
SERVICES FOR OPTION B: UNFOLDED DIRECT-MAIL NEWSLETTER ONE YEAR
CONTRACT WITH OPTIONAL ONE YEAR EXTENSION
CONTRACT #: CC-0160-25

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of Somerset County has certified in writing the availability of funds for the purposes set forth in this Resolution, such certification on file with the Clerk of the Board, and such funds are provided for in the duly adopted temporary budget of the County of Somerset, line item (01-201-20-010-140-230) \$23,035.00; and,

WHEREAS, six (6) sealed bids were received, opened and read in public on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 3:30 P.M. prevailing time for Printing, Folding, and Mailing Services for Option A: Folded Direct-Mail Newsletter, Option B: Unfolded Direct-Newsletter, Contract #: CC-0160-25; and,

WHEREAS, the bids were reviewed by representatives from the Public Information Office and it was determined that the bid as submitted by Premium Productions, Inc., 6 Lincoln Ave., Pleasantville, NY 10570 met the requirements of the County specifications for: