

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 177

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AN AUDITOR SELECTION COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 218.391, FLORIDA STATUTES.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Section 218.391, Florida Statutes, establishes for the selection of external auditors to perform the financial audits required by Section 218.39, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Section 218.391, Florida Statutes, requires the Board of County Commissioners to establish an auditor selection committee and sets forth requirements for such committee's composition and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the auditor selection committee must, at a minimum, consist of each of the elected county officers of the Sheriff, Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections, and Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller, and one member of the Board of County Commissioners, or its designee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 218.391, Florida Statutes, the primary purpose of the auditor selection committee is to assist the Board in selecting an auditor to conduct the annual financial audit required in Section 218.391, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, in order to serve such purpose, the auditor selection committee shall perform those duties set forth in Section 218.391(3), Florida Statutes, including ranking and recommending to the Board no fewer than three (3) firms deemed to be the most highly qualified to perform the required services, and upon receipt of the auditor selection committee's rankings and recommendations, the Board shall authorize negotiations with one of the firms in order to come to agreement over terms, and upon successful negotiations shall enter into an agreement to provide the required services. In the event negotiations are not successful, Staff is authorized to cease negotiations with the selected firm, and to initiate negotiations with the next highest ranked firm in order to come to agreement over terms.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

Section 1. The above Recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution and such Recitals are adopted as finds of fact.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby establishes an auditor selection committee, which shall be comprised of those individuals duly elected to the offices of Sheriff, Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections, and Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller, or their designees, and all members of the Board of County Commissioners. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the composition of the auditor selection committee must accord with rules and guidance of the Auditor General of the State of Florida and with Section 218.391, Florida Statutes.

Section 3. Upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners, the audit selection committee is authorized to establish by laws and elect officers as necessary to perform its duties in accordance with Section 218.391, Florida Statutes.

Section 4. The auditor selection committee shall act in accordance with rules and guidance of the Auditor General of the State of Florida and with Section 218.391, Florida Statutes, and perform all functions described in Section 218.391(3), Florida Statutes.

Section 5. To the extent that there are typographical and/or administrative errors that do not change the tone, tenor, or concept of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised without subsequent approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 20th day of April, 2021.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: *Jeremiah R. Blocker*
Jeremiah R. Blocker, Chair

**ATTEST: Brandon J. Patty,
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller**

By: *Wonne King*
Deputy Clerk

Rendition Date: APR 22 2021

