

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN**

**R-134-25**

**APPROVING THE CONTRACT FOR MATTHEW MADDEN, ESQUIRE OF  
MADDEN & MADDEN, P.A., TO ACT AS CONFLICT COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin (the “Township”) requires professional legal services to assume the defense in conflict matters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) authorizes the hiring of an attorney without competitive bidding provided that the Resolution authorizing the award of contracts for “Professional Services” without competitive bidding and the contract itself be made available for public inspection.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution #46-24, the Township Committee appointed the Law Offices of Madden & Madden (“Madden”) as counsel in conflict matters for a term from February 14, 2024 through February 14, 2025 for an amount not to exceed \$50,000; and

**WHEREAS**, since February 14, 2025, the Township has not assigned Madden any new matters and Madden has only continued to provide services related to litigation assigned during the term under the contract approved in 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee desires to reappoint Madden as conflict counsel for a term retroactive to February 14, 2025 and continuing through February 14, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township QPA, Township Attorney, and the Township Committee have reviewed the documents and Fee Agreement submitted by Madden (“Exhibit A”); and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intention of the Township to enter into a contract with Madden in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for a term of one year under the terms and conditions set forth in the documents submitted by Madden and the Fee Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Franklin Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds not to exceed \$40,000 pursuant to CAF# 5-01-20-155-211 which amount shall be charged against budget line item Legal – Special Litigation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Madden & Madden is appointed as conflict counsel for the term of February 14, 2025 through February 14, 2026 to assume the defense of conflict matters previously assigned by the Township Committee and as may be assigned in the future.

2. The Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Franklin, Gloucester County, New Jersey, are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution, including but not limited to executing the Fee Agreement in substantially the same form as attached hereto.
3. The contract is awarded as a “professional service” under the provision of the Local Public Contracts Law because of the specialized training, education, experience and specialized knowledge needed for this position.
4. A notice of the award of this contract shall forthwith be printed once in *The Sentinel*, an official newspaper of the Township of Franklin, authorized by law to publish the legal advertisements of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, setting forth the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract, and further stating that this resolution and the annexed contract are on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Township of Franklin.
5. This Resolution shall take effect upon proper publication in accordance with applicable law.

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 <sup>nd</sup>	YES	ABSTAIN	NO	ABSENT
<b>J. Bruno</b>						
<b>T. Doyle</b>						
<b>M. Fiorella</b>						
<b>J. Keen</b>						
<b>M. Marsh</b>						

Attest:

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

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Barbara Freijomil, Clerk

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John Bruno, Mayor

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Barbara Freijomil, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was presented and duly adopted by the Township Committee at a meeting held on October 14, 2025.

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Barbara Freijomil, Clerk