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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-91

MEETING: March 4, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Doug Binnewies, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

RE: Agreement for the Execution of Probate - Legal Services Agreement

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve Legal Services Agreement with the Law Offices of Starchman and Bryant for Probate of Florence Joanne Brown, and Authorize the Public Administrator to Sign the Agreement.

The Office of the Mariposa County Sheriff assumed Public Administrator responsibilities on May 1st, 2003.

On January 27th, 2014 the Mariposa County Public Administrator received a request to complete the Probate for Florence Joanne Brown from the Mariposa County Counsel's Office.

The duties of the Public Administrator are to protect the decedent's property from waste, loss or theft; make appropriate burial arrangements; conduct a thorough investigation to discover all assets; and, pay outstanding obligations, including taxes. They also locate the persons entitled to inherit from the estate and ensure that these individuals receive their inheritance. The Public Administrator liquidates and disburses the estate according to the decedent's will, if there is one, or according to probate code. This process can be very lengthy.

All Public Administrative expenses are borne to the estate.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Mariposa County Public Administrator has been responsible for past estates.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

By statute the responsibility of the estate falls upon the Public Administrator.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

Brown PA Legal Services (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Janet Bibby, District III Supervisor

SECONDER: Lee Stetson, District I Supervisor

AYES: Lee Stetson, Merlin Jones, Janet Bibby, John Carrier

EXCUSED: Kevin Cann