

**RESOLUTION R-2021-144
LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

A Resolution of Luzerne County Council Terminating the Services of Stevens & Lee, P.C.

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2021, Luzerne County Council adopted Resolution 2021-75 which authorized the formation of an ad hoc committee appointed by the Chairman of Luzerne County Council to select outside counsel to represent Luzerne County Council to present the issue to the courts to allow the court to make an unbiased decision regarding the decision made by the Luzerne County Election Board on April 21, 2021 to hold a special election for the office of District Attorney in November of 2021; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County Council elected to retain the law firm of Stevens & Lee P.C. related to the aforementioned legal issue; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2021, Stevens & Lee P.C., on behalf of Luzerne County Council and District Attorney Samuel Sanguedolce, filed a Motion for Declaratory Judgment and Petition for Preliminary and Permanent Injunctive Relief against the Luzerne County Board of Elections related to the Board of Elections' decision to place the District Attorney seat on the ballot on November 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, litigation occurred related to the aforementioned legal matter in summer and fall 2021 with Stevens & Lee P.C. providing legal advice to Luzerne County Council throughout the process; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2021 Luzerne County Council convened an executive session with counsel from Stevens & Lee P.C. to discuss legal options with regard to any possible continued litigation of the aforementioned legal matter; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County Council desires to terminate the representation of County Council by Stevens & Lee P.C. following the filing of paperwork to discontinue the lawsuit by Stevens & Lee P.C. regarding the aforementioned legal matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Luzerne County Council hereby terminates the representation of County Council by Stevens & Lee P.C. regarding litigation regarding the placement of the District Attorney seat on the November 2, 2021 ballot.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

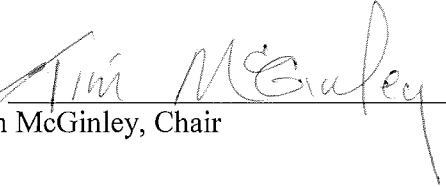
Adopted by County Council, this 14th day of December, 2021.

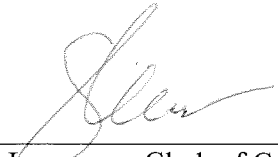
ROLL CALL VOTE (10-0) with (1) Abstention

YES: Griffith, Haas, Houck, McDermott, McGinley, Perry, Radle, Saidman, Schnee and Vough

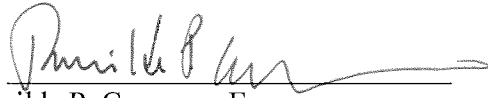
ABSTAINED: SJ Urban

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: 
Tim McGinley, Chair

Attest: 
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

LUZERNE COUNTY MANAGER

By: 
Romilda P. Crocamo, Esq.
Acting County Manager