

**RESOLUTION**

**AUTHORIZATING STATE'S ATTORNEY TO ENGAGE OUTSIDE  
COUNSEL FOR PURPOSES OF REPRESENTATION AND LITIGATION  
AND TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR REPRESENTATION**

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2025, an action was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, with Plaintiffs being Integrity Investment Fund, LLC, Integrity Investment REO Holdings, LLC, and Abbott Portfolio, LLC, all Illinois Limited Liability Companies, and the case is docketed as 3:25 CV 1122-DWD; and,

WHEREAS, Franklin County, the County Treasurer and County Clerk, along with the State of Illinois (Department of Revenue), and sixty-three other Illinois counties (and respective treasurers and county clerks) were named as party-defendants in the matter; and,

WHEREAS, the pending action deals with the property tax system utilized in the State of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, based on the nature of the litigation, and based on discussions between the Franklin County State's Attorney and other state's attorneys from counties named in the matter, it has been determined that it is necessary and proper that Franklin County engage outside counsel to represent Franklin County, the County Treasurer and County Clerk in this matter; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Franklin County Board that the Franklin County State's Attorney is hereby authorized to engage outside legal counsel for purposes of representing Franklin County and the Treasurer and County Clerk in the matter described herein and litigating same, and the Franklin County State's Attorney is hereby further authorized to execute any necessary documents or instruments on behalf of Franklin County, the Treasurer, and the County Clerk to effectuate said engagement and legal representation; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer shall pay such sums for said representation and litigation from such necessary and applicable funds as presented by claim and as approved by the Board, from time to time.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Franklin County Board this 21st day of July, 2025.

APPROVED BY:

AYES	<u>8</u>
NAYS	<u>0</u>
ABSENT	<u>1</u>

Kevin D. Weston  
KEVIN D. NEIL HARGIS, Chairman → Vice -  
Weston Franklin County Board  
County of Franklin, State of Illinois

ATTEST:

K. Wilson

KEVIN WILSON, County Clerk  
Clerk of the County Board  
County of Franklin, State of Illinois

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