

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the borough manager to enter into a contract with Thomas, Inc. to provide State Lobbying Services for \$45,000 plus expenses.

WHEREAS, the borough assembly adopted the FY16 operating budget with \$45,000 budgeted for a state lobbyist in Economic Development, Fund 23; and

WHEREAS, the borough solicited proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide lobbying services at the state level for the Haines Borough for the purpose of influencing legislative or administrative actions, as directed or requested by the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the borough manager received two proposals by the December 11, 2015 deadline; and

WHEREAS, the lowest cost proposal was submitted by Bill Thomas of Thomas, Inc. for \$45,000 plus expenses; and

WHEREAS, Thomas has experience as both a state lobbyist and a former member of the Alaska House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, as a lifelong resident of Haines, Thomas is keenly aware of the local dynamics and the community's needs, and has continued to advocate for Haines at every opportunity; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the \$45,000 professional & contractual funds in the economic development FY16 budget, there are sufficient supplies and travel funds in the budget to cover the reimbursable expenses customary to this type of professional services contract; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is intended to be for a period of one year with an option for an additional extension based upon a satisfactory review by the mayor and assembly of services provided, and subject to available funding,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY that the interim manager is hereby authorized to contract with Thomas Inc. to provide State Lobbying Services for \$45,000 plus expenses.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 29th day of December, 2015.

Attest:


Krista Kielsmeier, Interim Borough Clerk

Deputy Clerk for
J. Cozzi




Janice Hill, Mayor