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September 19, 2023

Vanessa George, Town Manager
Town of White Springs, Florida
VIA EMAIL ONLY

RE: Transition of Town Attorney Services

Dear Vanessa,

This letter is sent in follow-up to our telephone conversation last week. As we discussed, for reasons unrelated to the Town or Council, I am reevaluating my practice and attempting to limit some of my out-of-town time commitments. I want to reassure you, the Mayor, the Council, and town staff that my reasons for stepping away are personal and should not be read to reflect on the Town in any way.

I will assist with the orderly transition of this position. I have taken the liberty of preparing a request for proposals that I recommend be immediately circulated to the Third Circuit Bar. I will also remain available to serve as counsel while the town identifies and hires a new attorney.

I am willing to continue representing the Town in the defense of the Greene v. Town of White Springs case. As you know, we continue to engage in motion practice hoping to determine what the Town is being sued for and who is alleged to be accountable for what. We anticipate the court will require the Plaintiff to file another amended complaint. If the Town wishes to instead engage other counsel to defend this case, please just let me know that and I will facilitate that substitution, too.

It has been my honor and privilege to assist you and the Council with all you have accomplished in “righting the ship” for the Town of White Springs since the end of 2020. I know these times have been turbulent for everyone involved, but you and the Council have weathered them well. The Town appears, at least to me, to be better off for all of it.

Please share this letter and attached draft request for proposal with the Mayor and Council. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours in service,

/s/ Joel Foreman
Joel F. Foreman

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386-365-4906

September 22, 2023

Ms. Vanessa George

Town Manager Town of White Springs, Florida

Dear Ms. George:

It was a pleasure meeting with you and your staff this Tuesday to discuss your professional accounting requirements and our firm serving the Town in meeting this need. As I discussed with you, my wife Marian Jones Powell CPA and I will exclusively provide our proposed services to the Town. Since our separation from the Powell & Jones CPA firm in November last year we will have no professional impairments in providing these services to the Town. From our forty years in providing audit and accounting services to Florida local governments we are fully qualified to provide these as well as any other requested accounting and budgetary services you might need in the future.

I have provided a summary of my understanding of the services we will provide in the attached schedule. This is based on my extensive conference with you and your staff and review of the duties listing with your present accounting firm.

You will note that we are proposing to price our more routine services at \$75 per hour and advanced services at \$125 per hour. Based on our conversations with you, we are comfortable with either billing the Town for actual hours each month or billing at \$3,500 per month, with a review and potential adjustment either up or down at the end of the first year for the next year's compensation level.

We believe this proposal is very advantageous to the Town in the following important areas:

1. Substantially all of the services will be performed by CPA's with extensive governmental auditing and accounting experience.
2. We will manage your financial records throughout the year so that they will be promptly available for audit in a timely manner after year end.
3. We are located in Lake City so a substantial amount of our services can be performed at the Town Hall in White Springs.
4. We are very familiar with Florida TRIM requirements and good budgeting practices so we can assist the Town in this important function.
5. We are very familiar with accounting for the types of grants the Town has and will be receiving in the future.



TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS

"On the Bank of the Suwannee River"

WELCOME TO WHITE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL

Citizen Comment Request Form

Date 10-10-23

Name Thomas Brazel Phone _____

Topic of Discussion: Fire Dept.

Citizens' Comments will be limited to **5 minutes**. Please return the form to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting. The Mayor/Vice-Mayor (presiding officer) will ask for those wishing to address the Council to do so at the appropriate time. Please approach the speaker's stand, state your name, and your address for the record, then discuss the topic of interest.

Please direct your comments solely to the Town Council.

We appreciate your interest in the community and hope you will come again!

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Citizen Comment Request Form

Date 10/10/23

Name SHARON LEE Phone 904-534 4417

Topic of Discussion: SBA announcement

2 questions.

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Citizen Comment Request Form

Date 10-10-23

Name GRIPPIN Phone 386 397 2951

Topic of Discussion: LAKELAND CITY RELOCATION
ARTISTS

AS FAR AS I KNOW THE COUNCIL
HAS NOT DISCUSSED THE LEGAL
ACTIVITIES OF THE TOWN & COUNCIL

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TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS



Committee Application

Name of Committee: PLANNING + ZONING BOARD

Date: 9/26/23

Name: RENEE D. GAMSAY Phone: 201-470-2142

Mailing Address: 16370 CAMP AVE. WHITE SPRINGS, FL 32096

Physical address: SAME

E-Mail: RENEE.GAMSAY@GMAIL.COM

Are you a registered voter in Hamilton County? YES.

1. Why do you want to serve on this committee?

I would love to have the opportunity to not only help White Springs grow, but to do so in an appropriate way that will support + be in the best interest of the town, its residents, the land + the wildlife.

2. What qualifications do you have to assist you in serving on this committee?

I am detail oriented, work well with others, and communicate well.

3. What goals do you hope to accomplish by serving on this committee?

To protect the residents of our town from any decision that does not have them in their best interest, to help W.S. grow in a way that will be positive in the long run, not just immediate future.

Thank you for your application. The Town Council of the Town of White Springs, Florida reserves the right to accept or reject any committee application provided by the Charter provisions Section 8.00 General, the Town Council shall by October 1 of each year nominate qualified persons to serve on boards and committees for the ensuing fiscal year. You will be notified in writing of their decision.

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Committee Application

Name of Committee: Planning and Zoning Board

Date: 9/25/2023

Name: Robert Gamsby Phone: 551-275-1807

Mailing Address: 16370 Camp Ave white Springs Florida

Physical address: Same

E-Mail: rgamsby@hotmail.com

Are you a registered voter in Hamilton County? Yes

1. Why do you want to serve on this committee?

To help white Springs plan for the future.

2. What qualifications do you have to assist you in serving on this committee?

I have experience reading and writing technical documents, organizing large data sets, streamlining processes, meeting deadlines, and managing complex systems.

3. What goals do you hope to accomplish by serving on this committee?

To ensure that zoning regulations are in the best interest of white Springs and our whole community.

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Committee Application

Name of Committee: PLANNING & ZONING

Date: 9/21/2023

Name: BETH DANIEL Phone: 904 707 7053

Mailing Address: PO Box 423 WHITE SPRINGS FL 32096

Physical address: 4663 SPRING ST WHITE SPRINGS FL 32096

E-Mail: ebdeta@bellsouth.net

Are you a registered voter in Hamilton County? YES

1. Why do you want to serve on this committee?

I moved to White Springs at the end of 2019 and I love this town! In order for the town to thrive we need concerned citizens to be involved / have input to ensure a reasonable and fair plan for growth in the community. Controlled and reasonable growth are critical to maintain the community's charm while allowing more tax revenue.

2. What qualifications do you have to assist you in serving on this committee?

I have been involved Homeowners Associations when I lived in Fernandina Beach for over 20 years. Also worked for a large construction/development firm for 23 years (in marketing). For 10 years I worked for a non-profit providing services for at-risk girls and their families.

3. What goals do you hope to accomplish by serving on this committee?

I'd like to see the Town have the resources to provide essential services to the entire community while respecting everyone's wishes for retaining the community's charm. Managed growth and safe spaces for everyone!

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Committee Application

Name of Committee: Planning + Zoning Board
 Date: 9/12/2023
 Name: Gretchen Fouchecourt Phone: 401-419-1743
 Mailing Address: 11888 3rd Street White Springs FL 32096
 Physical address: Same
 E-Mail: gmf1673@yahoo.com
 Are you a registered voter in Hamilton County? Yes

1. Why do you want to serve on this committee?
I would like to have a say in the future of White Springs. I would like to see White Springs grow into its full potential as a small, rural town.

2. What qualifications do you have to assist you in serving on this committee?
Having lived in various states, large cities and small towns, plus having a father who has environmentally minded, I bring a unique perspective of how to protect & preserve the natural environment while making forward.

3. What goals do you hope to accomplish by serving on this committee?
I would like to see all vacant properties re-zoned and a 50yr plan developed to help guide future development in our town.

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Committee Application

Name of Committee: Planning & Zoning

Date: 8/14/2023

Name: Nicole Williams Phone: 356-209-6488

Mailing Address: 16797 Mill St

Physical address: _____

E-Mail: msebayerchampaigne@aol.com

Are you a registered voter in Hamilton County? Yes

1. Why do you want to serve on this committee?

2. What qualifications do you have to assist you in serving on this committee?

3. What goals do you hope to accomplish by serving on this committee?

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Committee Application

Name of Committee: Comprehensive Land-Use Plan Committee

Date: 9/12/2023

Name: Gretchen Fouche cont Phone: 4014191743

Mailing Address: 11888 3rd Street White Springs FL 32096

Physical address: _____

E-Mail: gmf1473@yahoo.com

Are you a registered voter in Hamilton County? yes

1. Why do you want to serve on this committee?
I would like to help ~~and~~ guide ~~the~~ White Springs future growth in a way that makes sense, and work within the realistic capability that the town has.

2. What qualifications do you have to assist you in serving on this committee?
I have experience w/ budgets, finances and reading laws in my current job, that could be helpful.

3. What goals do you hope to accomplish by serving on this committee?
I would like to see White Springs develop a 5/10/20/50 Year plan for Growth and Development, that doesn't ~~cause~~ cause any issues for the current population.

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Committee Application

Name of Committee: COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE COMMITTEE

Date: 9/25/23

Name: ROBERT GANSBY Phone: 551-275-1807

Mailing Address: 16370 CAMP AVE. WHITE SPRINGS, FL 32076

Physical address: SAME

E-Mail: Rgansby@hotmail.com

Are you a registered voter in Hamilton County? yes

1. Why do you want to serve on this committee?

To help White Springs plan for the future.

2. What qualifications do you have to assist you in serving on this committee?

I have experience reading + writing technical documents, organizing large data sets, streamlining processes, meeting deadlines, + managing complex systems.

3. What goals do you hope to accomplish by serving on this committee?

To ensure that zoning requests are in the best interest of White Springs + our whole community.

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Committee Application

Name of Committee: Land Comprehensive

Date: 8-12-2022

Name: Nicole Williams Phone: 386-209-6418

Mailing Address: 16797 Mill St

Physical address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Are you a registered voter in Hamilton County? yes

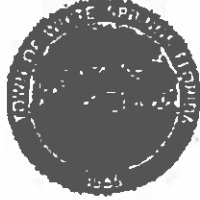
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Committee Application

Name of Committee: Special Events

Date: 8-12-2022

Name: Nicole Williams Phone: 386-209-6418

Mailing Address: 16797 Mill St

Physical address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Are you a registered voter in Hamilton County? Yes

1. Why do you want to serve on this committee?

WANT to help

2. What qualifications do you have to assist you in serving on this committee?

3. What goals do you hope to accomplish by serving on this committee?

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Committee Application

Name of Committee: Plan Recreation

Date: 8/12/2023

Name: Nicole Williams Phone: 386/209-6449

Mailing Address: 16297 Mill St

Physical address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Are you a registered voter in Hamilton County? Yes

1. Why do you want to serve on this committee?

2. What qualifications do you have to assist you in serving on this committee?

3. What goals do you hope to accomplish by serving on this committee?

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Committee Application

Name of Committee: Board of Adjustment

Date: 8/12/2023

Name: Nicole Williams Phone: 386-209-6418

Mailing Address: 16797 Mill St

Physical address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Are you a registered voter in Hamilton County? yes

1. Why do you want to serve on this committee?

WHAT TO HELP

2. What qualifications do you have to assist you in serving on this committee?

3. What goals do you hope to accomplish by serving on this committee?

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