



NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 13, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Shannan Moon, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator**

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing an Agreement for Forensic Pathology Services between the County of Placer and the County of Nevada for FY 2023-24 at a price not to exceed \$180,000 and provide for up to two (2) additional one-year extensions.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the resolution

FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$180,000 has been budgeted for FY 2023/24 and impacts the Sheriff's Office Operations budget. These services are mandatory. The contract begins on July 1, 2023 and is contingent upon the adoption of the FY 2023/24 County Budget.

BACKGROUND: The Placer County Sheriff's Office currently provides pathology services for the County of Nevada. Deaths under certain circumstances require the services of a Forensic Pathologist to perform autopsies and/or medical chart reviews to determine the cause of death. Nevada County does not have a morgue, nor does the Sheriff's Office employ a forensic pathologist, as the cost would be prohibitive. Our neighboring county, the County of Placer, does have a morgue and employs two forensic pathologists.

The County of Nevada has found it prudent to contract for pathology services with the County of Placer. We have been very happy with their services, as their forensic pathologists are experienced and reputable. Placer County has increased their pricing and changed the pricing structure for FY 2023/24. The amount paid by Nevada County will be a minimum of \$120,000 billed quarterly. However, the billing structure is no longer based on the number of cases (former contract was based on 120 cases) but rather a menu of services specified in Exhibit B to the Agreement. If in any quarter Nevada County uses services in excess of the quarterly allotment of \$30,000, then additional pricing/charges will be incurred. The total maximum contract of \$180,000 provides contingency in the event that additional services are required during the fiscal year.

The contract terms allow for two one-year options to renew the Agreement. Renewal terms include a five percent (5%) increase for each year the Agreement is extended.

Initiated by: Georgette Aronow
Approved by: Shannan Moon