



NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 9, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shannan Moon, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Forensic Pathology Services between the County of Placer and the County of Nevada for Fiscal Year 2025/26 at a price not to exceed \$300,000. (Res 24-507)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the resolution

FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$236,250 has been budgeted for Fiscal Year 2025/26 consistent with prior year activity/trends. The \$300,000 is a maximum not to exceed amount and if actual costs exceed budgeted amounts, the Sheriff's Office will seek a budget amendment at that time. This activity impacts the Sheriff's Office Operations budget and are mandatory services.

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 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 increased their pricing and changed the pricing structure in Fiscal Year 2023/24 and in Fiscal Year 2024/25, the Sheriff's Office entered a contract that allowed for two one-year options to renew. Amendment No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2025/26 is the first one-year renewal option and rates were increased by 5%, as allowed by the contract. The amount paid by Nevada County will continue to be a minimum of \$120,000 a year, billed on a quarterly basis. However, as the billing structure is based on 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 \$300,000 provides a contingency if additional services are required during the fiscal year. Prior year expenditures totaled \$206,218.

The contract terms allowed for two one-year options to renew the Agreement. Amendment No. 1 is the first contract renewal. Renewal terms included a five percent (5%) increase for each year the Agreement is extended.

Initiated by: Georgette Aronow
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