NEVADA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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SHERIFF/CORONER
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: February 22, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shannan Moon, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing a Renewal Agreement for Forensic Pathology

Services between the County of Placer and the County of Nevada for two years from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2023 at a price not to exceed \$110,000 for 120 cases and \$1,250 per case above 120 for each year of the contract

with a total contract price of \$220,000.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the resolution

FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$110,000 has been budgeted for FY 2021/2022 and impacts the Sheriff's Office Operations budget and no budget amendment is required. Funding in the amount of \$110,000 for base services will be included in 2022-23 budget for the second year of the contract. No additional General Fund is required. These services are mandatory.

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. We also feel we are receiving services at a very reasonable cost of \$110,000 per year for up to 120 coroner cases. Cases above 120 cases will be charged at a rate of \$1,250 per case. Total base contract price will be \$220,000 for the two-year term.

This resolution will result in a renewal agreement for two years. The contract term will be from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2023.

Initiated by: Rolf Kleinhans **Approved by:** Shannan Moon