



NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 23, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

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

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Agreement for forensic pathology services between the County of Placer and the County of Nevada to extend the agreement by one year from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the resolution

FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$110,000 is for FY 2020/2021 and impacts the Sheriff's Office Operations budget. General Fund monies have been budgeted for FY 2020/2021. 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

This resolution will allow for an amendment to extend the renewal agreement for one year, without any other changes. The contract extension will be from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Initiated and Approved by: Shannan Moon