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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo**

MEETING DATE: June 22, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Clifford Newell

SUBJECT: Resolution approving a personal services renewal contract between the County of Nevada and Valley Toxicology Services Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$165,000.00 and authorizing the Chair of the Board to execute the contract for the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:
Adopt the resolution approving a three-year \$165,000.00 personal services contract.

FUNDING:
Penal Code section 1463.14 provides for collection of fines for each conviction of driving under the influence or reckless driving to establish a fund in the County to pay for the cost of toxicology services. A special revenue account has been established for these funds. These funds pay for a portion of these expenses. The District Attorney pays for California Highway Patrol ("CHP") toxicology services for arrests in Nevada County using these funds. If there are insufficient funds to cover the costs of collecting and forensic testing of blood, breath, and urine samples for CHP from the special revenue account, then the District Attorney's Office incurs this expense and general fund pays for the expense. According to the statute, the agency ordering the test shall bear the costs when the fund is exhausted. The funding for toxicology services for arrests by the Sheriff is provided by the general fund. Services are included in the Department's FY 2021/22 budget and there is no additional general fund required.

BACKGROUND:
Nevada County has contracted with Valley Toxicology Services, Inc. for (1) the laboratory analysis of blood and urine samples for alcohol or drugs; (2) administrative and logistical support of breath alcohol tests utilizing the intoxilyzer breath instrument, including all associated accessories and supplies; (3) provision and maintenance of intoxilyzer breath test instruments, including complete instrument repair services; (4) consultation and expert testimony on the technical aspects of all analysis performed including the interpretation of the results relative to

driving impairment and (5) blood draw services. The contract is for services for the District Attorney and the Sheriff's Office.

Valley Toxicology has agreed to maintain the fee schedule in the new contract for a three-year period, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024.

Item Initiated by: Denise Harben

Approved by: Clifford Newell

Submittal Date: June 8, 2021