



OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER

Milwaukee County

Date: December 2, 2025

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Wieslawa Tlomak, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner

Subject: Passive Review Authorization for Contract with Washington County

REQUEST

From the Chief Medical Examiner, requesting a passive review of a professional service agreement with Washington County to provide autopsy support that will exceed \$100,000 but is less than \$300,000.

POLICY

Per Wis. Stat. §59.52(31)(b)1, any contract with a value of at least \$100,000, but not more than \$300,000, to which a county is a party and which satisfies any other statutory requirements, may take effect only if the board's finance committee does not vote to approve or reject the contract within 14 days after the contract is signed or countersigned by the county executive, or as described in subd. 2.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	§59.52(31)(b)1
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BACKGROUND

Milwaukee and Washington County each have responsibilities under Chapter 59 and Chapter 979 of the Wisconsin State Statutes regarding the investigation of deaths occurring in its respective counties. Washington County does not employ a board-certified Forensic Pathologist as its Medical Examiner and is requesting to contract with Milwaukee County to provide this support. This contract will be mutually beneficial to Washington County and Milwaukee County as the revenue generated by this contract offsets current fixed costs of the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office.

The contract is from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. Anticipated revenue generated from this contract is approximately \$150,000.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the strategic plan:

- 1B: Create and nurture an inclusive culture across County government
- 2A: Determine what, where, and how we deliver services to advance health equity
- 2B: Break down silos across County government to maximize access to and quality of services offered
- 3B: Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability

FISCAL EFFECT

A fiscal note form is attached.

TERMS

The contract is effective from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

PREPARED BY:

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APPROVED BY:

Wieslawa Tlomak, MD, Chief Medical Examiner

ATTACHMENTS:

Fiscal Note
Autopsy Agreement