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From the Medical Examiner, Office of the Medical Examiner, requesting authorization to execute an Agreement with Kenosha County to provide autopsy support for the period effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (Milwaukee) and Kenosha County (Kenosha) each have responsibilities under Chapters 59 and 979, Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes), regarding the investigation of deaths occurring in its respective counties; and

WHEREAS, Kenosha does not employ a board-certified Forensic Pathologist as its Medical Examiner, and has contracted for this service with Milwaukee since 2011; and

WHEREAS, these agreements mutually benefit Kenosha and Milwaukee, as these agreements generate revenue that offsets current fixed costs of the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner’s Office (MCMEO); and

WHEREAS, MCMEO’s 2023 Requested Budget includes revenue generated from the proposed 2023 to 2027 Agreement for autopsy services, consulting, external exams, and testimony; and

WHEREAS, MCMEO estimates receiving \$50,000 each year from Kenosha during the 2023 to 2027 Agreement for autopsy services, consulting, external exams, and testimony, resulting in an estimated \$250,000 total contract value; and

WHEREAS, MCMEO has provided similar services to Kenosha since 2011, and the agreements for autopsy services between the parties have an aggregate value greater than \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, Section 59.52(31)(c), State Statutes, requires approval by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) of a contract when the group of contracts between the same parties, which generally relate to the same transaction have an aggregate value of more than \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, Adopted File No. 19-348’s audit recommendations included that the County Board should approve MCMEO’s autopsy fee; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of July 21, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-866 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office to enter into an Agreement for autopsy services, consulting, external exams, and testimony with Kenosha County from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2027, for a cost of \$1,800 per-autopsy, \$900 per-external exam, and \$500 per-hour for testimony, a copy of which has been attached to and made a part of this file; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, the aforementioned Agreement shall only be executed after review and approval by Corporation Counsel, Risk Manager, the Comptroller, and the County Executive.

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