

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: February 7, 2024

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

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

Subject: Request for authorization for the Medical Examiner to execute an Autopsy Agreement with Racine County to provide autopsy support in 2024

Policy Issue

Per Wis. Stat. §59.52(31), contracts with an aggregate value of more than \$300,000 may take effect only if the contract is approved by a vote of the County Board. In accordance with this statute, the Medical Examiner is requesting County Board approval of a contract to provide autopsy support to Racine County.

Background

Milwaukee and Racine 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. Racine County does not employ a board-certified Forensic Pathologist as its Medical Examiner and has contracted with Milwaukee County since 2012 to provide this support. This contract will be mutually beneficial to Racine 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, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Anticipated revenue generated from this contract is approximately \$180,000.

Milwaukee County provided similar services to Racine County from 2018 to 2023. The aggregate value of these transactions between the same parties exceeds \$300,000, requiring full County Board authorization.

Recommendation

This Autopsy Agreement is submitted for County Board approval. The revenue generated by this contract is included in the Medical Examiner's 2024 Adopted Budget.

Virtual Meeting Invites

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