



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 10, 2026

DATE: January 23, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Dr. Laura D. Knight, Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the agreement between Washoe County and Mono County, California for forensic pathology services provided by the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office for a period of up to five years effective retroactively on February 1, 2026 with an estimated annual revenue of [\$25,000] (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The Regional Medical Examiner's Office requests that the Board approve the agreement between Washoe County and Mono County, California for forensic pathology services provided by the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office for a period of up to five years effective retroactively on February 1, 2026.

Washoe County Strategic Objectives supported by this item:

Innovative Services
Vulnerable Populations
Fiscal Sustainability

PREVIOUS ACTION

November 28, 2023 – Board approval of agreements for forensic pathology services with multiple Nevada and California counties
May 24, 2022 – Board approval of updated fee schedule for forensic pathology services
August 17, 2021 – Board approval of agreements for forensic pathology services with multiple California counties
March 23, 2021 – Board approval of agreements for forensic pathology services with multiple Nevada and California counties
January 26, 2021 – Board approval of agreements for forensic pathology services with Plumas County, California and the Nevada Department of Corrections
December 8, 2020 – Board approval of agreements for forensic pathology services with multiple Nevada and California counties

AGENDA ITEM # _____

December 10, 2019 – Board approval of updated fee schedule for forensic pathology services
January 8, 2019 – Board approval of agreement for forensic pathology services with Carson City, Nevada
November 27, 2018 – Board approval of agreement for forensic pathology services with Tehama County, California
December 12, 2017 – Board approval of agreement for forensic pathology services with Sierra County, California
September 12, 2017 – Board approval of agreements for forensic pathology services with multiple Nevada and California counties
June 27, 2017 – Board approval of agreements for forensic pathology services with multiple Nevada and California counties
March 14, 2017 – Board approval of updated fee schedule for forensic pathology services
April 8, 2014 – Board approval of agreements for forensic pathology services with multiple Nevada and California counties
March 11, 2014 – Board approval of agreement with the Nevada Department of Corrections for forensic pathology services
July 2008 – Board approval of agreements for forensic pathology services with multiple Nevada and California counties

BACKGROUND

The Regional Medical Examiner’s Office provides forensic autopsies, medical examinations, and medicolegal consultations to nineteen agencies outside of Washoe County. Since 2008, formal interlocal agreements have been created between Washoe County and these counties/agencies. The agreements were renewed in 2014, 2017, 2020, and 2023.

This agreement is retroactively effective on February 1, 2026 due to the time necessary for all parties to review and agree to terms.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Regional Medical Examiner’s Office anticipates revenues generated by all interlocal agreements to exceed \$1.6 million in Fiscal Year 2026. It should be noted that this is not new revenue. This is continuing revenue that has already been budgeted in Fiscal Year 2026 and beyond. Revenues received from these agreements will be deposited to C153010-460341|Medical Examiner Fees.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the agreement between Washoe County and Mono County, California for forensic pathology services provided by the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner’s Office for a period of up to five years effective retroactively on February 1, 2026 with an estimated annual revenue of [\$25,000]

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“Move to approve the agreement between Washoe County and Mono County, California for forensic pathology services provided by the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner’s Office for a period of up to five years effective retroactively on February 1, 2026 with an estimated annual revenue of [\$25,000]”*