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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 10, 2019

DATE: November 19, 2019
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Justin Norton, Regional Medical Examiner's Office
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THROUGH: Dr. Laura D. Knight, Chief Medical Examiner & Coroner
SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve agreement between Washoe County and Renown Regional Medical Center for performing autopsies in the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office with estimated annual revenue of [\$5,670] for a period of three years, effective January 1, 2020 (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The Regional Medical Examiner's Office requests that the Board approve the agreement between Washoe County and Renown Regional Medical Center for performing autopsies in the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office with estimated annual revenue of \$5,670 for a period of three years, effective January 1, 2020.

Washoe County Strategic Objectives supported by this item:

Regional and community leadership
Proactive economic development and diversification

PREVIOUS ACTION

January 9, 2018 – Board action to approve autopsy agreement for 2018-2019
September 12, 2017 – Board action to approve autopsy agreement for 2017

BACKGROUND

Hospitals often perform autopsies to determine specific causes of death for cases that are natural deaths that are outside the jurisdiction of local Medical Examiners and Coroners.

Occasionally, Renown performs these autopsies. Due to scheduling and limited space in the hospital, Renown pays to perform autopsies at the Washoe County Medical Examiner's Office facility. Agreements have been in place for several years to allow this service.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

FISCAL IMPACT

The Regional Medical Examiner's Office anticipates annual revenues generated by this agreement to be \$5,670. Revenues received from Renown will be deposited to 153010-483000 (Medical Examiner Administration-Rental Income).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the agreement between Washoe County and Renown Regional Medical Center for performing autopsies in the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office with estimated annual revenue of \$5,670 for a period of three years, effective January 1, 2020.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve agreement between Washoe County and Renown Regional Medical Center for performing autopsies in the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office with estimated annual revenue of \$5,670 for a period of three years, effective January 1, 2020."