



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: January 8, 2019

**DATE:** November 22, 2018

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve agreement between Washoe County and Carson City for forensic pathology services provided by the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office for a period of up to two years effective retroactively on July 1, 2018 (All Commission Districts.)

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### SUMMARY

The Regional Medical Examiner's Office requests that the Board approve the agreement between Washoe County and Carson City for forensic pathology services provided by the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office for a period of up to two years effective retroactively on July 1, 2018.

### **Washoe County Strategic Objectives supported by this item:**

Safe, secure and healthy communities

Regional and community leadership

Proactive economic development and diversification

### PREVIOUS ACTION

November 27, 2018 – Board approval of agreement for forensic pathology services with Tehama County

December 12, 2017 – Board approval of agreement for forensic pathology services with Sierra County

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

March 11, 2014 – Board approval of agreement with Nevada Department of Corrections for forensic pathology services

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## **BACKGROUND**

The Regional Medical Examiner's Office provides forensic autopsies, medical examinations, and medicolegal consultations to twenty agencies outside of Washoe County. In 2008, formal Interlocal Agreements were created between Washoe County and each of these counties/agencies. The agreements were renewed in 2014 and 2017. In March 2017, the Board approved a new fee schedule for the services covered by these agreements. The agreement is retroactively effective on July 1, 2018 due to the time necessary for all parties to review the agreement and agree to terms.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Regional Medical Examiner's Office anticipates revenues generated by this interlocal agreement to be approximately \$180,000 in Fiscal Year 2019 which is included in the adopted FY19 budget. Revenues received from this agency will be deposited to C153010-460341|Medical Examiner Fees, C153010-460318|Toxicology Fees, and C153010-485127|PS Reimbursements.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the agreement between Washoe County and Carson City for forensic pathology services provided by the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office for a period of up to two years effective retroactively on July 1, 2018.

## **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve agreement between Washoe County and Carson City for forensic pathology services provided by the Washoe County Regional Medical Examiner's Office for a period of up to two years effective retroactively on July 1, 2018."