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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: August 25, 2026

DATE: Tuesday, August 25, 2026

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Steven Johnson, Director, Forensic Science Division
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the FY27 fee schedule for services provided by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office – Forensic Science Division (WCSO-FSD) and the Forensic Support Services Agreement between Washoe County on behalf of Washoe County Sheriff's Office and various Local Law Enforcement Agencies: Carson City Sheriff's Office, Churchill County Sheriff's Office, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Elko County Sheriff's Office, Elko Police Department, Eureka County Sheriff's Office, Fallon Police Department, Lander County Sheriff's Office, Lovelock Police Department, Lyon County Sheriff's Office, Mineral County Sheriff's Office, Mono County District Attorney's Office, North Las Vegas Police Department, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Police Department, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Reno Police Department, Sparks Police Department, Storey County Sheriff's Office, University of Nevada, Reno, University Police Department-Northern Command, Washoe County School Police Department, West Wendover Police Department, White Pine County Sheriff's Office, and Winnemucca Police Department for the retroactive term of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 for the provision of Forensic Science Services. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

Washoe County via Washoe County Sheriff's Office - Forensic Science Division (WCSO-FSD) provides Forensic Science Services to various Law Enforcement Agencies. The fee schedule listed in the Forensic Support Services Agreements was developed for all testing services provided by the WCSO-FSD and updated based on the WCSO-FSD FY27 approved budget.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability: Sustainable fiscal planning, accountability and transparency in the management of public funds, assets, programs and services.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

PREVIOUS ACTION

On July 14, 2026, the Board approved Item 7.E.2, Forensic Support Services Agreements – Reno Police Department.

On March 10, 2026, the Board approved Item 7.G.1, Forensic Support Services Agreements – Sparks Police Department.

On March 10, 2026, the Board approved Item 7.G.2, Forensic Support Services Agreements for various outside agencies.

On November 18, 2025, the Board approved Item 8.G.1., a fee schedule for Forensic Support Services Agreements to be retroactive to July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for the Reno and Sparks Police Departments.

On July 8, 2025, the Board approved Item 14., Forensic Support Services Agreements for various outside agencies.

On July 8, 2025, the Board approved Item 7.I.1., Forensic Support Services Agreements for various outside agencies.

On June 24, 2025, the Board approved Item 6.J.5., Forensic Support Services Agreements for various outside agencies.

On June 24, 2025, the Board approved Item 6.J.4., Forensic Support Services Agreements for various outside agencies.

On June 24, 2025, the Board approved Item 6.J.3., Forensic Support Services Agreements for various outside agencies.

On June 17, 2025, the Board approved Item 6.H.1., Forensic Support Services Agreements for various outside agencies.

On June 10, 2025, the Board approved Item 7.G.3., Forensic Support Services Agreements for various outside agencies.

On June 10, 2025, the Board approved Item 15., Forensic Support Services Agreements for various outside agencies.

On April 8, 2025, the Board approved Item 14., Forensic Support Services Agreements for various outside agencies.

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office provides forensic services to Federal, State, and Local agencies throughout northern Nevada via Forensic Support Service Agreements. Services covered include all in-house laboratory analysis and field investigation. Fees are based upon the cost for testing activities performed by WCSO-FSD.

Reason for Retroactive Submittal: The item was submitted to the first available BCC Meeting once the FY27 fees schedule could be finalized based on the approved WCSO-FSD FY27 budget.

The attached Forensic Support Service Agreements are for:

Carson City Sheriff's Office, Churchill County Sheriff's Office, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Elko County Sheriff's Office, Elko Police Department, Eureka County Sheriff's Office, Fallon Police Department, Lander County Sheriff's Office, Lovelock Police Department, Lyon County Sheriff's Office, Mineral County Sheriff's Office, Mono County District Attorney's Office, North Las Vegas Police Department, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Police Department, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Reno Police Department, Sparks Police Department, Storey County Sheriff's Office, University of Nevada, Reno, University Police Department-Northern Command, Washoe County School Police Department, West Wendover Police Department, White Pine County Sheriff's Office, and Winnemucca Police Department

FISCAL IMPACT

The fees schedule and agreements were anticipated and as such, sufficient revenue and expenditure budget authority is included in the FY27 adopted budget. Actual revenues posted in Cost Center 150650 (Crime Lab) in General Ledger Account 460162 (Services to Other Agencies) and in Cost Center 150651 (Forensic Toxicology) in General Ledger Account 460318 (Toxicology Fees).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the FY27 fee schedule for services provided by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office – Forensic Science Division (WCSO-FSD) and the Forensic Support Services Agreement between Washoe County on behalf of Washoe County Sheriff's Office and various Local Law Enforcement Agencies: Carson City Sheriff's Office, Churchill County Sheriff's Office, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Elko County Sheriff's Office, Elko Police Department, Eureka County Sheriff's Office, Fallon Police Department, Lander County Sheriff's Office, Lovelock Police Department, Lyon County Sheriff's Office, Mineral County Sheriff's Office, Mono County District Attorney's Office, North Las Vegas Police Department, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Police Department, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Reno Police Department, Sparks Police Department, Storey County Sheriff's Office, University of Nevada, Reno, University Police Department-Northern Command, Washoe County School Police Department, West Wendover Police Department, White Pine County Sheriff's Office, and Winnemucca Police Department for the retroactive term of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 for the provision of Forensic Science Services.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve the FY27 fee schedule for services provided by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office – Forensic Science Division (WCSO-FSD) and the Forensic Support Services Agreement between Washoe County on behalf of Washoe County Sheriff's Office and various Local Law Enforcement Agencies: Carson City Sheriff's Office, Churchill County Sheriff's Office, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Elko County Sheriff's Office, Elko Police Department, Eureka County Sheriff's Office, Fallon Police Department,

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