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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 Interlocal Contract between Washoe County on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Director's Office for the retroactive term of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2030 for the provision of Forensic Science Services not to exceed \$600,000, \$650,000, \$700,000, and \$750,000 for Fiscal Years 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030 respectively and DNA Testing for NRS 176.0916 not to exceed \$60,000 for Fiscal Years 2027 through 2030, and a total contract not to exceed \$2,760,000 for Fiscal Years 2027 through 2030. 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 Interlocal Contract was developed for all testing services provided by the WCSO-FSD and updated based on the WCSO-FSD FY27 approved budget. This Interlocal Contract with the State of Nevada provides for Forensic Services including DNA Compact Offender testing per NRS 176.0916 and Toxicology testing in the northern part of Nevada.

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.

PREVIOUS ACTION

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office has contracted to provide forensic services for the northern part of the State of Nevada since 1993. The current contract with the State for the Forensic Services expires June 30, 2026.

On July 11, 2023, the Board approved Item 12, FY24-FY26 Interlocal Agreement State Forensic Services Tox Compact DNA.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

BACKGROUND

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office provides forensic services to Federal, State and Local Agencies throughout Nevada. The Nevada Department of Public Safety, Director's Office wishes to renew their agreement with the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to continue to perform the duties involved with Forensic Services including DNA Compact Offender testing per NRS 176.0916 and Toxicology testing in the northern part of Nevada. The State of Nevada presented Washoe County with the Interlocal Contract effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2030. The Washoe County Sheriff's Office will provide service as set forth in Attachment A Scope of Work DNA Testing – Per NRS 176.0916; Attachment B Scope of Work Forensic Analysis/Toxicology Analysis. The fees provided with this contract cover the cost of services.

Reason for Retroactive Submittal: The item was submitted to the first available BCC Meeting once the Interlocal Contract was received from the State of Nevada.

FISCAL IMPACT

The revenues from Attachment A for this contract will be posted in Internal Order 20003 (Genetic Marker Testing) in General Ledger Accounts 460314 (Genetic Marker Fees).

The revenues from Attachment B for this contract will be 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 Interlocal Contract between Washoe County on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Director's Office for the retroactive term of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2030 for the provision of Forensic Science Services not to exceed \$600,000, \$650,000, \$700,000, and \$750,000 for Fiscal Years 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030 respectively and DNA Testing for NRS 176.0916 not to exceed \$60,000 for Fiscal Years 2027 through 2030, and a total contract not to exceed \$2,760,000 for Fiscal Years 2027 through 2030.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve the Interlocal Contract between Washoe County on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the State of Nevada, Department of Public Safety, Director's Office for the retroactive term of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2030 for the provision of Forensic Science Services not to exceed \$600,000, \$650,000, \$700,000, and \$750,000 for Fiscal Years 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030 respectively and DNA Testing for NRS 176.0916 not to exceed \$60,000 for Fiscal Years 2027 through 2030, and a total contract not to exceed \$2,760,000 for Fiscal Years 2027 through 2030.