

1 **2014 RES-342**

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3 **AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES**
4 **WITH ROCK COUNTY**
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6 The Dane County Medical Examiner's Office has been providing autopsy and forensic services to
7 Rock County since 2011. Earlier this year, the Rock County Board voted to abolish the Office of
8 Coroner and replace it with a Medical Examiner's department. The change will become effective
9 on January 5, 2015. To fulfill the responsibilities of this department, Rock County and Dane County
10 have negotiated an intergovernmental agreement under which the Dane County Medical
11 Examiner's Office will provide medical examiner services, office oversight and management, and
12 autopsy medicine services to Rock County. This resolution approves the terms of that agreement.
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14 The initial term of the agreement will begin on January 5, 2015 and run through December 31,
15 2016. The agreement includes an option to renew the agreement for an additional term by mutual
16 agreement of the parties. During this time, the Dane County Chief Medical Examiner and Deputy
17 Medical Examiner will serve as the Rock County Medical Examiner and Deputy Medical Examiner.
18 The Medical Examiner's Director of Operations will oversee and manage the day to day operations
19 of the Rock County Medical Examiner's Department and staff.
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21 The agreement includes individual case review for each Rock County death investigation and
22 provides for a projected number of autopsies to be performed on an annual basis. The autopsy
23 medicine and case review oversight will generate approximately \$112,600 in 2015 and \$119,700 in
24 2016 along with approximately \$19,000 for transportation services in each year. The agreement
25 allows for negotiation to take place based on the actual number of autopsies conducted if the
26 actual number varies significantly from the projections.
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28 The administrative services provided by the Director of Operations will average twenty hours per
29 week through June of 2015 and then decrease to an average of approximately twelve hours per
30 week thereafter. The agreement fully reimburses the Director's time and generates \$48,260 in
31 2015 and \$41,980 in 2016.
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33 The County Executive's proposed 2015 Budget includes the budget adjustments necessary to
34 implement this agreement.
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36 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors approves the
37 Intergovernmental Agreement with Rock County to provide Medical Examiner services beginning
38 on January 5, 2015; and
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40 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that County officials are authorized to take appropriate actions to
41 implement the terms of this resolution.