

# Dane County Medical Examiner 2025 Budget

# County Executive Requirements

- No additional reliance on GPR beyond personnel and contractual costs
- Apply revenue to any shortfall of GPR in other expenditure lines
- Limited capital spending
- Increase revenue

# Overview

- MEDX-MEDX-1: Personnel and Operations budget
- MEDX-MEDX-2: Contractual Obligations
- MEDX-MEDX-3: Cremation Permit Increases
- MEDX-MEDX-3: Cremation Permit Fee Increase
- MEDX-MEDX-4: Adjustment to Rock County IGA

# MEDX 1– Adjustment to Personnel and Operational Budget expenses

- Adjustment to more accurately reflect expenses
- Increase of \$97,169 (revenue) to meet budget needs:
  - Overtime, Limited Term Employees, Pre-employee Physicals
    - Salary increases (COLA)
    - Longevity credits
    - Holidays/accrued vacations – increase with staff retention



# MEDX 2-Contractual Obligations

- NMS (Toxicology)
  - 3% - increase in cost in 2025; increasing complexity of cases and novel substances
- St. Mary's Hospital (SSM) Testing-
  - Department of Public Health (DPH)/Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH) no longer accepting postmortem samples, except to confirm/determine cause of death; required to pursue permission from DPH for each other case
    - \$100 per COVID test
- Conveyances – Funeral Home transportation to morgue
  - 5% cost increase per transport following contract-based service

# MEDX-3 Cremation Permits

- Conservatively estimate increase of 116 paid cremation permits
  - Wisconsin Funeral and Cemetery Aids Program (WiFCAP)

- [BadgerCare Plus](#) — Refer to section 1.3 of the [Wisconsin Funeral and Cemetery Aids Program Manual](#)
- [Wisconsin Works \(W-2\)](#) — Paid placement only
- [Medicaid for Elderly, Blind, or Disabled \(EBD\)](#) — Categorically needy recipients
- [Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waiver](#) — Groups A, B and B+
- [Family Care](#)
- [Tuberculosis-related Medicaid](#)
- [Katie Beckett Medicaid](#)
- [Supplemental Security Income in Wisconsin](#)
- [Supplemental Security Income](#) — State Supplemental Program
- [Supplemental Security Income](#) — Medicaid recipient who was a Wisconsin resident

- Cremation continues to rise in popularity as means of final disposition
- New ecologically sound cremation methods (“flameless cremation”, “chemical cremation”) is expected to attract more families in future
- WiFCAP-State funded assistance program; fee waiver for qualified applicants

Anticipated 2025 revenue: \$40,453

# MEDX-3 Cremation Permit Fee Increase

- Increase fee by \$12
  - Anticipated revenue increase \$45,630.00
  - Work with PP&J to propose an ordinance amendment for this increase
  - Anticipated **increase** : \$86,083
- §59.36 enacted in 2015
  - Allows a fee increase based on the increase or decrease in CPI (consumer price index)
  - Per § 979, deaths must be investigated before cremation permit
    - Documentation of injuries, recent surgical procedures, medical record review and follow-up, physician case review
    - Ensure accuracy of death certificate data
    - Associated costs of travel to funeral homes, wages, personal protective equipment (PPE), mileage, vehicle and equipment expenses

# MEDX-4 Adjustments to Rock County Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)

- IGA adjustment resulting in a base **increase** of \$11,085 dollars
- Minor adjustments to revenue – admin salary, physician
  - COLA increase
  - Doctors salary & administrative oversight



# Summary

- Meet the 2025 Budget Guidelines:
  - No increase in general purpose revenue outside personnel and contractual obligations
  - With ordinance amendment will increase revenue
  - Revenue applied to other expenditure lines
  - No new capital improvements

# Thank you

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