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**AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR
MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES WITH BROWN COUNTY**

Earlier this year, Brown County sought to enlist the services of the Dane County Medical Examiner’s Office in order to meet the demands present in its county. Brown and Dane County have negotiated an intergovernmental agreement (“IGA”) in which the Dane County Medical Examiner’s Office provides administrative, case review and autopsy services in exchange for fees that will result in additional revenue in the Medical Examiner’s Office.

The initial term of the IGA will begin on January 1, 2016 and run through December 31, 2017. The IGA includes an option to renew for an additional term by mutual agreement of the parties. Under the terms of the IGA, the Dane County Medical Examiner’s Office shall provide autopsy medicine and case review oversight. Based upon a projected number of autopsies to be performed on an annual basis, these services will generate approximately \$170,300 in 2016 and \$197,948 in 2017. The agreement allows for a negotiation based on autopsy caseload between 2016 and 2017.

All required transportation, lodging and meals shall be reimbursed, and will result in another \$77,825 in 2016 and \$81,252 in 2017. The administrative services provided by the Director of Operations or designee will average twenty-three hours per week through June of 2016, and approximately 16 hours a week thereafter. The IGA fully reimburses for the Director’s time, and includes an overall administrative fee of 3% that is applicable to all services provided under the agreement. Revenue generated under the agreement may amount up to \$406,114 in 2016 and \$348,206 in 2017.

The IGA will further position Dane County as a leader in forensic pathology services throughout the state. As more and more counties look towards regional partnerships to overcome recent legislative action limiting their ability to raise revenue in the face of ever-increasing demand for medical examiner services, Dane County will have the infrastructure and expertise in place to benefit from the push for more regional partnerships while at the same time generating additional revenue to meet the needs of its own citizens.

The County Executive’s proposed 2016 Budget includes the budget adjustments necessary to implement this agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors approves an Intergovernmental Agreement with Brown County to provide administrative, case review and autopsy services beginning on January 1, 2016; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that County officials are authorized to take appropriate actions to implement the terms of this Resolution.