

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Public Safety & Justice Committee  
INITIATED BY

Public Safety & Justice Committee  
SUBMITTED BY



Randy Terronez  
DRAFTED BY

October 30, 2018  
DATE DRAFTED

**APPROVING 2019-2020 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH DANE COUNTY FOR MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution #16-10A-131 on October 13,  
2 2016 which continued Rock County's relationship with Dane County to provide Medical Examiners  
3 services, contained within an intergovernmental agreement; and  
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Intergovernmental Agreement expires on December 31, 2018; and,  
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7 **WHEREAS**, Dane County has been providing professional and administrative services to Rock County  
8 since the transition from a coroner system to a medical examiner system in late 2014; and,  
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10 **WHEREAS**, Dane County is agreeable to another two-year agreement to provide professional and  
11 administrative services which have been incorporated into the preliminary 2019 budget.  
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13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly  
14 assembled this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018 approves the Dane County Intergovernmental  
15 Agreement that delineates the roles and responsibilities of each county for the period January 1, 2019  
16 through December 31, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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Mary Beaver, Chair

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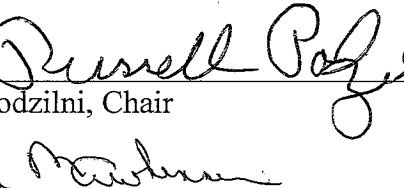
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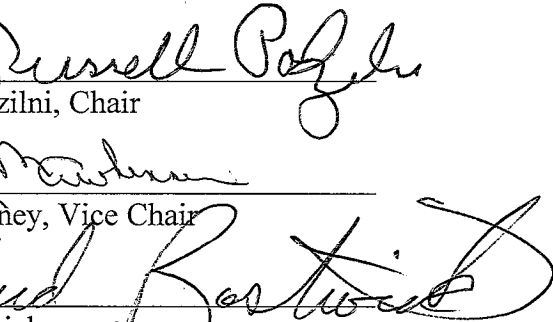
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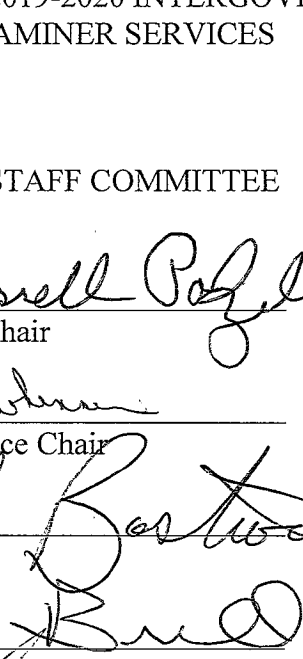
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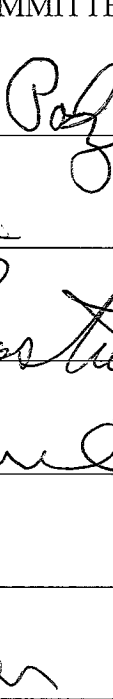
  
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ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.  
  
Josh Smith  
County Administrator

FISCAL NOTE:


Funds were included in the 2019 Recommended Budget for these services.



Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01, 59.51 and 66.0301, Wis. Stats.

  
Richard Greenlee  
Corporation Counsel

## Executive Summary

### Approving the Intergovernmental Agreement with Dane County for Medical Examiner Services

Effective in 2015, Rock County replaced the elected coroner's system to an appointed medical examiner system in order to operate a more efficient, professional manner that would ensure the highest quality of services to the residents of Rock County. Beginning in late 2014, Rock County has contracted with Dane County via an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) to provide professional and administrative services for two-year periods.

The proposed IGA will be the third such agreement with Dane County covering the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020. Specifically the IGA calls for Dane County to provide:

1. Office Administrative oversight (via the Dane County Director of Operations, under the direction of the Dane County Medical Examiner, acts as the Director of Operations for Rock County).
2. Autopsy service, External Exams, Forensic Case Review, Management of Pathologists, Autopsy Medicine (via Chief Medical Examiner, the Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, and the Deputy Medical Examiner of Dane County acting in their capacity for Rock County).
3. Transportation to/from the Rock County morgue and the Dane County morgue.

Please note that Rock County employs full-time and part-time field staff (called Medicolegal Investigators) and a part-time office person.

A schedule of charges is included in the Intergovernmental Agreement and includes:

|                                    | Caseload  |           | Budget         |                |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
|                                    | 2019      | 2020      | 2019           | 2020           |
| A. Office Admin./Oversight         | 12 hrs/wk | 12 hrs/wk | \$ 46,420      | \$ 48,049      |
| B. Forensic Case Review            | 900       | 900       | \$ 39,016      | \$ 40,376      |
| C. Management - Pathologists       | 2 hrs/wk  | 2 hrs/wk  | \$ 14,623      | \$ 15,081      |
| D. Autopsy Medicine                | 152       | 152       | \$ 166,408     | \$ 171,152     |
| E. Transportation - Autopsies      | 304       | 304       | \$ 37,108      | \$ 37,980      |
| F. External Exams                  | 10        | 10        | \$ 4,085       | \$ 4,224       |
| G. Transportation - External Exams | 20        | 20        | \$ 2,441       | \$ 2,499       |
| <br>Total - IGA Services           |           |           | <br>\$ 310,101 | <br>\$ 319,361 |
| H. Autopsy Fee - Additional        |           |           | \$ 1,339       | \$ 1,376       |
| I. External Exam - Additional      |           |           | \$ 835         | \$ 854         |