



# Yuba County Sheriff's Department

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TO: YUBA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FR: STEVEN L. DURFOR, SHERIFF-CORONER *sld*

RE: AGREEMENT FOR PATHOLOGICAL SERVICES

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the agreement with Placer County Sheriff/Coroner's Office for the provision of pathological services to begin July 1, 2014.

**BACKGROUND:**

For nearly fifty years, autopsies and other pathological services have been performed primarily by a local physician, Dr. Charles Clement. Dr. Clement continues to serve Yuba County well as he has since Sheriff John Dower hired him in 1955; however, knowing he will one day retire, we have been exploring our alternatives.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Placer County Coroner's Office operates their own morgue and employs two full-time pathologists. They have the capacity to perform all of our pathological services in addition to their own and have offered to enter into an agreement with us for such services. The agreement provides for them to conduct up to 120 autopsies and related pathological services and requires that we transport bodies to Auburn for the provision of services.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

We do not anticipate any additional impact to the General Fund. The unit cost for an autopsy is higher than we were paying Dr. Clement; however, we believe we will be doing fewer autopsies under the new agreement. Further the Yuba County Sheriff-Coroner's Office and Administrative Services Department recently released an RFP for local mortuaries to provide pick and transportation services for deceased persons in Yuba County which includes transportation to Auburn as well as indigent cremation services. The proposals received will result in savings in pick up and transportation services and indigent cremations over what we are currently paying. All costs considered, we anticipated our overall costs for mortuary and pathological services will be close to the amount that has been budgeted for the coming fiscal year.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

The item was presented to the Law and Justice Committee on March 13, 2014, and is recommended to the full Board for approval.

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