

# RESOLUTION

## Resolution Authorizing a Three-Year Agreement with Compassion Funeral Services (31)

**WHEREAS**, on November 30, 2024, the contract will expire with Compassion Funeral Services; and

**WHEREAS**, this was one of the first contracts agreed upon once Dr. Michael Rein officially took office as the new McHenry County Coroner for the removal of decedents that were brought back for autopsies in suspicious death cases and used for other transportation needs; and

**WHEREAS**, after going through a one-year and a multi-year contract with Compassion Funeral Services, the Coroner's Office felt that signing a new multi-year contract is in the best interest of the office and McHenry County; and

**WHEREAS**, after reaching out to various body removal services, i.e. ambulance services, funeral homes, and reaching estimates from another company that investigates cooperative purchasing options, it is discovered that Compassion Funeral Services is the best-qualified company specializing in this type of service at this time in McHenry County; and

**WHEREAS**, though the McHenry County Coroner Office has worked diligently to reduce autopsies performed, the increase in fees, number of removals, and a focus on transparency, the contract could exceed the \$30,000 threshold for this contract in any given fiscal year.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois, that it hereby authorizes the Director of Procurement and Special Services to execute an agreement for the fiscal years 2025, 2026, 2027 with the optional year of 2028 for body removal services with Compassion Funeral Services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the funding for this agreement will be included in the FY2025-2028 approved budgets in 416100-31-3100-100 (Autopsy Transportation-General Fund); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Coroner, Director of Procurement & Special Services, County Auditor, Chief Financial Officer, and County Administrator.

**DATED** at Woodstock, Illinois, this 20th day of August, A.D., 2024.

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Michael Buehler, Chairman  
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

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Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk



**McHenry County Board**

County Board Room  
Woodstock, IL 60098

Meeting: August 20, 2024  
Department: Coroner  
Prepared By: Dr. Michael Rein

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**SUBJECT:** Resolution Authorizing a Three-Year Agreement with Compassion Funeral Services (31)

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**Board / Committee Action Requested:**

To approve a contract with Compassion Funeral Services for body removal services from fiscal years 2025, 2026, 2027 with an option year of 2028.

**Background and Discussion:** See Attachment

**Impact on Human Resources:** None

**Impact on Budget (Revenue; Expenses, Fringe Benefits):** Estimated slight increase of the General Budget but dependent on how many removals are needed during any given year.

**Impact on Capital Expenditures:** None

**Impact on Physical Space:** None

**Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies:** None

**Conformity to Board Ordinances, Policies and Strategic Plan:** Yes