

# RESOLUTION

## Resolution Authorizing the Contracts of Two Forensic Pathologists for The Purpose of Performing Autopsies (31)

**WHEREAS**, the McHenry County Coroner annually budgets for services such as Autopsies, Toxicology, and Transportation throughout fiscal years; and

**WHEREAS**, the McHenry County Coroner's Office budgets for these services based on the contracted rates, current needs, and outside factors that may affect demand for these services; and

**WHEREAS**, the McHenry County Coroner's Office has set higher standards by achieving accreditation through the International Association of Coroner's and Medical Examiners; and

**WHEREAS**, the current contracts are set to expire on December 1, 2024. Demand and costs for Forensic Pathologists have increased substantially over the past 5 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Coroner and Director of Procurement & Special Services have determined these services are professional in nature and performed only as needed.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois, that it hereby authorizes contracts with Dr. Kristen Escobar-Alvarenga and Dr. Mark Peters for the period of December 1, 2024, to November 30, 2027, with an option year from December 1, 2027 to November 30, 2028. These contracts will cover full autopsies, partial/external autopsies, and case consultations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois that the cost of said agreement has been accounted for and will be expensed from the Coroner's fiscal budget line item 416000-40-31-3100-100 (Autopsies – Coroner – 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, the County Auditor, the Chief Financial Officer and the County Administrator.

**DATED** at Woodstock, Illinois, this 19th day of November, A.D., 2024.

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Michael Buehler, Chairman  
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

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Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk

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**SUBJECT:** Resolution Authorizing the Contracts of Two Forensic Pathologists for The Purpose of Performing Autopsies (31)

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**Board / Committee Action Requested:**

Approve the contracts of two forensic pathologists for the purpose of performing autopsies

**Background and Discussion:** There is \$178,650 in the autopsy budget line. Although the cost of autopsies will be increasing in FY 2025 the number of autopsies performed by the Coroner's Office has been decreasing.

- 2021: 186 autopsies, total cost \$230,550
- 2022: 162 autopsies, total cost \$197,850
- 2023: 141 autopsies, total cost \$178,650
- 2024 (to date): 131 autopsies, total cost \$163,750

**Impact on Human Resources:** None

**Impact on Budget (Revenue; Expenses, Fringe Benefits):** Will be paid for out of general fund monies, per state statute, and already accounted for in FY 2025 budget.

**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:** Forensic Pathology is a professional service as confirmed by the Director of Procurement. The selection of these pathologists conforms to the County Purchasing Ordinance.