

# RESOLUTION

## **Resolution Authorizing the McHenry County Coroner Office and Autopsy Suite Renovation Project, approving a Budget and Authorizing a Contract with Stuckey Construction of Waukegan, Illinois and Apex Integrated Distribution (31)**

**WHEREAS**, in December 2020, Dr. Michael Rein, D.C. was sworn into office as McHenry County Coroner; and

**WHEREAS**, since taking office, Dr. Rein has worked with the McHenry County Board, County Board Chairman, County Administrator, Director of Facilities, and Director of Procurement to determine that the McHenry County Coroner's office and autopsy suite needed upgrading and remodeling; and

**WHEREAS**, funding was allocated in the Capital Plan for this project and in accordance with the McHenry County Purchasing Ordinance, the Procurement and Special Services Department issued Bid #25-7892 to solicit bids for the renovations and alternates; and

**WHEREAS**, Stuckey Construction of Waukegan, Illinois and Apex Integrated Distribution submitted the lowest responsible bid for the lump sum amount of \$1,655,063 including alternates 2, 4 and 5 on the attached summary which have been deemed essential and/or prudent to the project; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, \$293,815 is estimated for other project costs and project contingency bringing the total expected cost to \$1,948,878; and

**WHEREAS**, the total expected project cost of \$1,948,878 is included in the approved FY25 budget in Main Account 607000-60-90-9000-400 (Building Improvements – Capital Fund); and

**WHEREAS**, additional alternates for ballistic glass and large format wall tile identified as alternates 3 and 6 on the attached summary totaling \$91,000 have been requested for consideration by Dr. Rein but are not included in the above total; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administrative Service Committee and Finance & Audit Committee have reviewed this resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois, that it hereby authorizes the commencement of the McHenry County Coroner Office and Autopsy Suite Renovation Project with an approved budget of \$1,948,878; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by this County Board that the Director of Procurement and Special Services is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Stuckey Construction and Apex Integrated Distribution in accordance with their submitted bid including certain alternates in the amount of \$1,655,063; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of Facilities Management is hereby authorized to approve changes and/or change orders as may be reasonably necessary to keep the project schedule as intended so long as the aggregate total of the project cost does not exceed the approved project budget; 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 Director of Procurement and Special Services, the Facilities Director, the Chief Financial Officer, and the County Administrator.

**DATED** at Woodstock, Illinois, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D., 2025.

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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 McHenry County Coroner Office and Autopsy Suite Renovation Project, approving a Budget and Authorizing a Contract with Stuckey Construction of Waukegan, Illinois and Apex Integrated Distribution (31)

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**Board / Committee Action Requested:**

To approve a resolution authorizing the McHenry County Coroner Office and Autopsy Suite renovation project, approving a budget and authorizing a contract with Stuckey Construction of Waukegan, Illinois and Apex Integrated Distribution.

**Background and Discussion:** When Dr. Michael Rein was duly elected to the office of McHenry County Coroner in 2020, it was his priority to upgrade all aspects of the McHenry County Coroner's Office and operations. Preliminary accomplishments include addressing issues and deficiencies with the fleet, operational equipment and fixtures, and training - largely without utilizing general fund money.

Paramount to the list of accomplishments is becoming the 3<sup>rd</sup> Coroner's office in Illinois and 37<sup>th</sup> in the nation to be accredited by the International Association of Coroners & Medical Examiners. This is a high honor for McHenry County and was funded through a \$113,000 Department of Justice grant which did not require any matching funds.

Now the focus has turned to much needed improvements in the office and autopsy/morgue space which has seen little upgrading since the building was constructed in 1986. In addition to needed renovations for functionality and improvements to the working environment, the coolers and freezers are no longer adequately sized to meet the current service capacity for the County and need to be expanded.

In April 2024, the McHenry County Board authorized WOLD Architects and Engineering to design the necessary renovations and develop corresponding bid specifications which included a base bid for construction and morgue equipment along with several alternates. In January 2025, the project was bid and Stuckey Construction of Waukegan Illinois was the lowest responsible bidder. Stuckey's base bids and alternates deemed to be essential and/or prudent for the project which include new flooring in certain areas (alternate #2), new kitchen cabinets (alternate #4) and an upgraded backup generator to meet the increase in electrical load (alternate #5), came in at \$1,655,063. Please see the attached project investment summary for a breakdown in base and alternate pricing. Other project costs, including morgue rental space during construction, body removal, other morgue tools, FFE (furniture, fixtures and equipment),

testing, construction administration services and project contingency, are estimated to be an additional \$293,815 for a total construction and renovation cost of \$1,948,878.

Between 2024 and 2025, funding was allocated in the Capital Budget for this project. To date, approximately \$50,000 has been spent on the architectural design and bid phase so the total project cost is expected to be \$1,998,878 which is well under the original capital budget amount.

Although not included in the above cost amounts, McHenry County Coroner Dr. Rein would like to include the ballistic glass (alternate #3) and the large format porcelain tile (alternate #6) in this project for a combined total of \$91,000. Dr. Rein intends to present this to the Committees for your consideration. If the Committees are supportive of adding these upgrades in, then the resolution will need to be amended accordingly.

Please note alternate #1 for an upgraded air handling unit is not needed and removed from project consideration altogether.

**Impact on Human Resources:** N/A

**Impact on Budget (Revenue; Expenses, Fringe Benefits):** This project has been contemplated in the Capital Plan and is sufficiently funded in the FY25 budget in Main Account 607000-60-90-9000-400 (Building Improvements – Capital Fund). There will be a slight increase in the building's electrical costs due to the larger coolers and freezers which will need to be accounted for in future budgets.

**Impact on Capital Expenditures:** This project has been included in the capital plan and will result in an expenditure of approximately \$2M of capital funds. Since this project has been programmed, it does not impact the County's ability to proceed with any other planned capital project.

**Impact on Physical Space:** This project will significantly improve the functionality and service level of the Coroner's Office and autopsy/morgue area.

**Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies:** The Coroner's Office will work with Kane County to use their morgue while ours is under construction.

**Conformity to Board Ordinances, Policies and Strategic Plan:** This project and process conform with the McHenry County Purchasing Ordinance. In addition, the increase in morgue capacity aligns with the McHenry County Strategic Plan Leadership and Governance Goal #10: *Improve Resiliency to Emergencies and Disasters.*