

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Public Safety & Justice Committee
INITIATED BY

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SUBMITTED BY



Randy Terronez
DRAFTED BY

August 30, 2021
DATE DRAFTED

**AMENDING THE 2021-2025 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH
DANE COUNTY FOR MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution #20-12A-130 on December
- 2 17, 2020 which continued Rock County’s relationship with Dane County to provide Medical Examiners
- 3 services, contained within an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) from 2021 through 2025; and,
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- 5 **WHEREAS**, Dane County has been providing professional and administrative services to Rock County
- 6 since the transition from a coroner system to a medical examiner system in late 2014; and,
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- 8 **WHEREAS**, Dane County needs to increase the compensation for the staff forensic pathologists to
- 9 remain competitive and results in an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement.
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- 11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
- 12 assembled this 9th day of September, 2021 approves the amendment to the Dane County
- 13 Intergovernmental Agreement that increases costs as follows:
- 14 2022 - \$11,553,
- 15 2023 - \$11,620,
- 16 2024 - \$8,544 and
- 17 2025 - \$8,783.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

/s/Mary Beaver
Mary Beaver, Chair

s/Brian Knudson
Brian Knudson, Vice Chair

Absent
Ron Bomkamp

/s/Danette Rynes
Danette Rynes

/s/Jacob Taylor
Jacob Taylor

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

FISCAL NOTE:

These costs will need to be included in future budgets.

/s/Sherry Oja

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.

s/Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

Executive Summary

Amending the Intergovernmental Agreement with Dane County for Medical Examiner Services

In 2015, Rock County replaced the elected coroner's system with an appointed medical examiner system 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. The current IGA covers the period from 2021 to 2025 which was approved at the December 17, 2020 County Board meeting.

Dane County has been having trouble remaining competitive with forensic pathologist staff compensation. To reflect market conditions, Dane County has adjusted the compensation for the staff forensic pathologists resulting in the need to amend the IGA by the following amounts for the remainder of the multi-year contract:

2022	\$11,553.20
2023	\$11,619.53
2024	\$ 8,544.22
2025	\$ 8,783.19

As a result, the 2022 contract cost would increase from \$350,372.07 to \$361,925.27 or 3.3%.

This resolution would amend the IGA to reflect the increased costs which are listed in Schedule A of the agreement and would be incorporated into future Medical Examiner budgets.