

**TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY:** Your County Administration Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners entered into an agreement with the Western Michigan University Homer Stryker, M.D. School of Medicine (WMed) to provide all the services required of a County Medical Examiner and appointed Joyce deJong, D.O. as the County Medical Examiner, while her staff serve as Deputy Medical Examiners; and

**WHEREAS**, the agreement expired December 31, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorized a 90-day contract extension while County staff negotiated the terms of the next contract; and

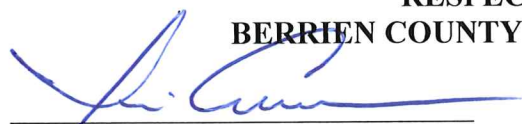
**WHEREAS**, with the renewal of a three-year agreement, WMed will provide all services required of the County Medical Examiner including but not limited to, the investigation, post-mortem examinations (including toxicology and all other special testing such as neuropathology, cardiac pathology, anthropology, and entomology), and certifications of all persons whose deaths are within the jurisdiction of the County's Medical Examiner as described; and

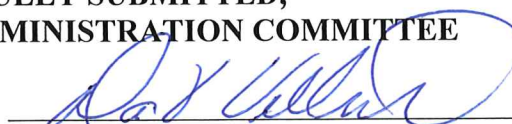
**WHEREAS**, the financial requirements of the agreement are as follows:  
2023 - \$175, 422; 2024 - \$180,446; 2025 - \$185,617; 2026 - \$190,938; and

**WHEREAS**, the agreement has been reviewed and approved by Corporate Counsel.

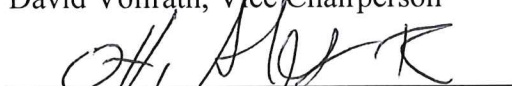
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves the three-year agreement with WMed for medical examiner services through December 31, 2026 at the rates described above and authorizes the Chairperson or his designee to execute the related agreement.



**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

  
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Jim Curran, Chairperson

  
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David Vollrath, Vice Chairperson

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Julie Wuerfel

  
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Alex R. Ott

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrator 	Date <u>3-10-23</u>
Comments Attached _____	
Corporate Counsel 	Date <u>3/15/23</u>
Comments Attached _____	