

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING: June 28, 2011 - Consent	AGENDA NO.: 31
SUBJECT: Approve and authorize the Contracts/Purchasing Officer to execute Amendment No. 2 to Professional Services Agreement A11139 with Dr. John Hain for conducting postmortem examinations through the Coroner's Office not to exceed the amount of \$320,000.	
DEPARTMENT: Sheriff's Office	

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the Contracts/Purchasing Officer to execute Amendment No. 2 to Professional Services Agreement A11139 with Dr. John Hain for conducting postmortem examinations through the Coroner's Office not to exceed the amount of \$320,000.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION

The Board approved the previous contract with Dr. Hain in July 2008 with a term running from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011 and the amount was set at \$360,000 per year as the maximum amount payable under the contract.

The Sheriff's Office wishes to extend the agreement with Dr. John Hain for the provision of postmortem examinations. This agreement is being proposed for extension for a one year term with new payment provisions. Under the existing agreement, Dr. Hain has been compensated at the rate of \$30,000 per month. It is proposed with the amendment that Dr. Hain would be compensated at the rate of \$1,000.00 per post mortem examination. Based on data collected for the last eight years, Dr. Hain has performed an average of 303 post mortem examinations annually. While it is not possible to accurately predict the number of examinations that will be required during the term of this agreement, had the newly proposed terms been in place over the last eight years, the County would have incurred over \$450,000 less in costs associated with this service.

During the term of this agreement, the Sheriff's Office intends to work with Dr. Hain to explore the potential benefits of creating an independent Medical Examiner position and achieving certification by the National Association of Medical Examiners. The results of this study will be brought to the Board in the near future for their consideration.

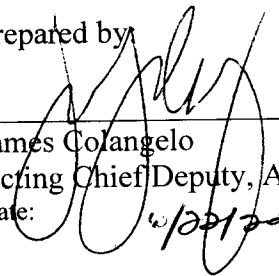
OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

The Auditor-Controller's Office has reviewed the amendments. County Counsel has approved the amendment as to form and Risk Management and the County Administrative Office have reviewed the report. Risk Management has raised the same concerns regarding insurance requirements and indemnity language for this extension as they did for the original agreement.

FINANCING

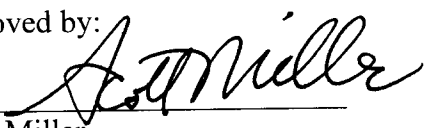
There is no increase in the Net County Cost expected from the original contract as a result of this recommendation.

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Date: 6/22/2011

Approved by:



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Sheriff-Coroner
Date: 6/22/2011

Attachment "A": Amendment #2