



**Board of Commissioners**  
**Resolution**  
B2022-163

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**Sponsor:** Safety and Justice, Medical Examiner

**Meeting Date:** 7/12/2022

**Title:** Joint Powers Agreement with Washington County to provide Medical Examiner Services

**File Number:** 2022-373

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**Background and Rationale:**

The Ramsey County Medical Examiner Office currently has a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with Washington County to provide medical examiner services, which was executed in March 2011. With several changes that have occurred within the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office since 2011, an updated JPA was created to incorporate the changes.

On November 23, 2021, Ramsey County appointed Kelly Mills, M.D. as Medical Examiner which has been reflected in the agreement. The JPA also updates the payment calculation for each autopsy, provides a list of direct and indirect cost that Washington County will pay on a pro rata percentage. At the request of Washington County, the agreement will also renew automatically for up to four one-year periods. At the end of the four-year period a new agreement will need to be established.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement with Washington County to provide medical examiner services.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreement.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Reinhardt, seconded by Commissioner McDonough.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Carter, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

Absent: - 1: Frethem

By:   
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Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board