



MEMORANDUM

TO: County Council

FROM: Tyler Schroeder, Deputy Executive
Through: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

RE: New Medical Examiner contract between Whatcom County and Hunt Forensics

DATE: November 29, 2021

Enclosed is a contract amendment between Hunt Forensics and Whatcom County for Medical Examiner (ME) services.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

In June of 2021, Whatcom County solicited for a new Medical Examiner due to the impending retirement of our current ME. After a successful interview process, Dr. Allison Hunt doing business as Hunt Forensics was chosen to fill the role of Whatcom County ME. This contract is for the provision of Medical Examiner services for Whatcom County.

January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022 \$588,400 + (6-month transition staff \$38,000)
January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023 \$600,168 includes 2% annual adjustment
January 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2024 \$612,171 includes 2% annual adjustment

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The funding source is the General Fund.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

This contract is similar to the historical agreement the county previously had with Dr. Goldfogel for over three decades with exception to some expanded language in the scope of services. The compensation is aligned with the Hunt Forensics budget proposal and our previous Medical Examiner service agreements.

Please contact Tyler Schroeder at extension 5207, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.