August 20, 2019

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 329
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Coroner Fee Schedule Adjustment

Dear Board Members,

RECOMMENDATION: In cooperation with the Marin County Sheriff’s Office, it is recommended that your Board adopt the attached Resolution implementing the adjusted assessed Coroner fees.

SUMMARY: In January 2011, your Board approved the consolidation of the Sheriff and Coroner Departments. Since the consolidation, the coroner fees assessed have remained at $172 per case / transport. The Marin County Sheriff’s Office, Coroner Division conducted a survey of coroner fees assessed by the surrounding Bay area Counties (Solano; Napa; Sonoma; San Francisco; Contra Costa; San Mateo; Alameda; Santa Clara) to determine customary and regularly assessed and imposed coroner fees to encompass decedent transportation expenses. Fee’s imposed range from $210 - $676 per case / transport. It is proposed the aforementioned Marin County Sheriff’s Office, Coroner Division coroner fee structure be revised and escalated from $172 per case / transport, to $250 per case / transport. This assessment shall embody increased operating expenses assessed by the professional services contractor completing decedent transportation services, bringing the County into alignment with the surrounding Counties, and making the overall expenditure to the County cost neutral, while least impacting the families serviced.

FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT: There will be no increase in General Fund net county cost as a result of this action. The approved increase in assessed coroner fees will make ongoing decedent case / transport expenses cost neutral to the County. It is anticipated and expected the County

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will be reimbursed for expenses imposed by the professional services contract for services rendered.

REVIEWED BY:  [X] County Administrator   [ ] N/A
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               [ ] Human Resources       [X] N/A

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