JAMIE SCARDINA
Sheriff - Coroner

September 13, 2022

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

SUBJECT: Adoption and approval of a resolution proclaiming to increase the currently imposed-assessed coroner fees

Dear Board Members,

RECOMMENDATION: In cooperation with the Marin County Sheriff’s Office, it is recommended that your Board (1) adopt the attached Resolution implementing revised assessed coroner fees, and (2) rescind any resolutions or other actions previously establishing a schedule of coroner fees to be backdated and effective on September 01, 2022.

SUMMARY: In January 2011, the Board approved the consolidation of the Sheriff and Coroner Departments. Since the consolidation, the coroner fees were reassessed and increased in 2019, due to operational cost increases and have remained at $300 per case / transport since. Due to continually rising costs experienced by the contractor, it is proposed that the current Marin County Sheriff’s Office - Coroner Division coroner fee structure be revised and escalated from $300 per case / transport, to $360 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 served. This three-year agreement for services with the provider totals $367,500 over the lifespan of the contract. This total includes $10,500 to fund an additional 30 decedent transports to satisfy language contained within Exhibit B (In the event the contractor transports more than 50 decedents in a calendar month, the contractor shall be compensated at $350.00 for each additional decedent transported) such as in a mass fatality / casualty incident.

FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT: 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 will be reimbursed for expenses imposed by the professional services contractor for services rendered.

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RESOLUTION OF THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ESTABLISHING A NEW CORONER FEE SCHEDULE, AND RESCINDING ANY PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS OR OTHER ACTIONS PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF CORONER FEES.

THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HERBY RESOLVES THAT:

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2022, the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Government Code 24272 (If authorized by the county Board of Supervisors by ordinance, the coroner, whenever he or she takes custody of a dead body pursuant to law, may charge and collect from the person entitled to control the disposition of the remains, as specified in Section 7100 of the Health and Safety Code, the actual expense incurred by the coroner in removing the body from the place of death and keeping the body until its release to the person responsible for its interment.) shall establish a revised coroner fee schedule and rescind the previously established coroner fee schedule, backdated and effective on September 01, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby adopts this resolution confirming the newly established coroner fee schedule, which shall be set at a baseline of $360 per case/transport.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held on this 13th day of September 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS Judy Arnold, Dennis Rodoni, Damon Connolly, Katie Rice, Stephanie Moulton-Peters
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

ATTEST: ________________________________

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CLERK