

# Sheriff's Department county of tulare AGENDA ITEM

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<b>AGENDA</b>	DATE:	June 28,	2011
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#### SUBJECT:

Approve an Amendment to Agreement 24140 with Microcorre Diagnostic Laboratory.

#### REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1. Approve an Amendment to Agreement 24140 with Microcorre Diagnostic Laboratory for pathology services for the period of July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013.
- 2. Authorize the Chairman to sign four copies of the Agreement.

### **SUMMARY:**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 27491, the County is obligated to investigate and determine the circumstances, manner and cause of death in cases that involve homicide, suicide, accident and where no medical history is known (natural deaths). Unexpected deaths from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) also come under the Government Code, as well.

The Sheriff's Department has had a long-term contractual relationship with Microcorre Diagnostic Laboratory which provides forensic pathology services to the Coroner's Office. It is our desire to retain the vendor for another two years.

A prior agreement, identical except for the time period, was approved as to form by

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County Counsel on July 21, 2009. There were no deviations from the County contract protocol included in the prior agenda item. The proposed renewal agreement does not include any deviations from the County contract protocol.

The change from the original contract, as amended to date, is revising the agreement dates.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The fee for this agreement will be a \$22,000 flat rate per month. This flat rate includes all consultation and up to 340 medical inspections, full autopsies with or without microscopic examination, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) cases and full forensic homicide cases per year. Any case above the cap of 340 inspections will be billed at a rate of \$800 per month. These fees will be included in the Sheriff's 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 operating budget.

### LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Safety and Security Initiative to effectively and fairly investigate arrest, prosecute and punish individuals who engage in criminal behaviors. The Microcorre Diagnostic Laboratory Agreement will support the initiative by providing forensic homicide information that is essential in criminal investigations.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

N/A.

### **INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:**

N/A.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

Sheriff-Coroner Undershield

Cc: Auditor/Controller

County Counsel

County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment – Microcorre Diagnostic Laboratory Agreement

## BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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OARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD	
, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:	
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ATTEST: JEAN M.ROUSSEAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	
BY:	
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