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Memorandum

To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners
From: Dave Feldpausch, EMS Director
Date: 07/22/2022
Re: Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Sparrow of Pathology
To Provide Medical Examiner and Forensic Pathology

The purpose of the RFP is to secure medical examiner services and competitively award a contract that will provide these services for the next three years. Below is a recap of the bid evaluation.

The County is currently under contract with the University of Michigan Department of Pathology for these services. The contract will expire on September 1, 2022. An RFP was originally issued in March 2022, and the University of Michigan was the only respondent at that time. The UofM bid price was \$601,758.40, payable in 12 equal monthly payments. The County requested clarification of their costs, and asked for pricing that both included and excluded Medical Examiner Investigator (MEI) services. Because UofM would not exclude MEI services, and due to the high cost of their response, the decision was made to rebid the services.

The RFP was again publicly posted on two websites, and additional outreach efforts were made in an attempt to receive more responses. Again, only one response was received, this time from Sparrow Forensic Pathology.

The Sparrow response was received within the timeline outlined in the RFP. The Evaluation Committee independently reviewed and scored the proposal. Based on an estimated 160 autopsies per year, Sparrow bid \$459,071. Additional clarification was requested regarding autopsy reporting by Sparrow, and it was determined that Sparrow follows the National Association of Medical Examiner standards for autopsy reporting, and typically meets or exceeds that standard.

Based on the above, the evaluation committee recommends award to Sparrow Forensic Pathology pending Board of Commissioners approval.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact me.