

ANOKA COUNTY

AGENDA

INTERGOVERNMENTAL & COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE and Meeting of the Anoka County Board of Commissioners** Commissioners Reinert (Chair), Jeppson (Vice Chair), and Look

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023 MEETING

11:00 A.M. or Immediately Following
The Regional Railroad Authority Meeting, Whichever Is Later

Anoka County Government Center, Conference Room #710

Public comments are welcome at this time. In consideration of others wishing to speak, please limit comments to two minutes. Questions directed to the committee may not be answered immediately; however, whenever possible, all appropriate questions will be responded to in a timely and effective manner by county staff.

1. Consider recommending the county board accept a grant from the CDC Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) in the amount of \$100,000 to integrate real-time data exchange between Vertiq CME and the MN Department of Health's MR&C electronic death registration system. **See attached** worksheet.
2. Consider recommending the county board approve Contract #C0009851 with Bayfield`Wisconsin Coroner's Office for autopsy services. **See attached** worksheet.
3. Consider recommending the county board adopt Library Resolution #2023-IG02, Resolution Accepting Donations From Patrons. **See attached** resolution.
4. For informational purposes, the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office has been invited to participate in the National Center for Forensics program that provides pathology rotations for medical students that may have an interest in forensic pathology. **See attached** worksheet.
5. For informational purposes, consider an update on the Metro Sales Tax for transit.
6. For informational purposes, consider an update on JLEC legislation.
7. For informational purposes, consider department updates.

*** Actions taken by this Committee do not bind the County Board. In addition to the County Commissioners appointed to this committee, additional County Commissioners may attend. Non-committee Commissioners may choose to participate in the discussions and/or ask questions, but they will **not** vote on any item, nor will they agree to take a specific action on business conducted by the committee. If their attendance and limited participation in the committee meeting is considered a meeting of the County Board, this shall serve as notice of a County Board meeting. This shall also serve as notice of a County Board Meeting for any committee comprised of four or more members of the board.*



ANOKA COUNTY BOARD ACTION ITEM

IG Committee

DEPT NAME: Midwest Medical Examiner's Office

ACTION REQUESTED	Grant Funding from the CDC Foundation Anoka County dba Midwest Medical Examiner's Office has been offered up to \$100,000.00 in grant funding as part of the CDC Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR). If accepted, the funds from this program will be used to integrate real-time data exchanging between Vertiq CME and the MN Department of Health's MR&C electronic death registration system.
BACKGROUND	The CDC Foundation is issuing grant funding opportunities that aim to modernize the medicolegal death investigation system. The FHIR program is a standard that achieves bi-directional exchange of data between medical examiner/coroner systems and data sharing partners such as death certificate registration, toxicology, and other laboratory information. The purpose of the initiative is for MDI officers to work collaboratively to improve the efficiency of data transmission and to reduce manual data entry. The grant award must have deliverables met by 07/31/2023 with final report materials 08/15/2023.
SOLUTIONS	
FUNDING SOURCE (Levy dollars, IT fund, building fund, asset preservation, carryover dollars, etc.)	All funds will be provided by the CDC Foundation to improve data sharing between record management systems and reduce errors by eliminating manual entry.
CONCLUSION	If the grant is accepted, the death certificate filing process on all assumed/autopsy cases will be integrated and filed with the MN Department of Health in an accelerated fashion which will assist in vital statistic reporting. There will also be labor cost savings as staff will no longer have to perform manual data entry of death records in the MR&C platform.
RECOMMENDATIONS	Accept the Medicolegal Death Investigation FHIR Implementation Collaborative (MDI FIC) grant award of \$100,000.



February 14, 2023

Dear Midwest Medical Examiner's Office,

The CDC Foundation is pleased to inform you that you have been selected as an MDI FIC award recipient under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant: Medical Examiner and Coroner Data Modernization Implementer's Group.

Through this opportunity, funds should be used to work collaboratively with other MDI offices, data sharing partners and FHIR subject matter experts to pilot the use of FHIR to improve the efficiency of data transmission between MDI offices and other data sharing partners.

Total funding awarded is \$100,000 per your budget allocations and is contingent on budget and workplan final approval via the contract process. The award and contract will begin once executed and end 7/31/2023 (with final report materials due 8/15/2023).

If you have any questions, please contact Gina Wisner, gwiser@cdcfoundation.org.

Sincerely,

Gina Wisner, MPH

Project Manager, Noninfectious Disease
CDC Foundation



Anoka County Action Item

Intergovernmental Committee

ACTION REQUESTED	Anoka County Contract: C0009851 Consider approval of an agreement between Anoka County dba Midwest Medical Examiner's Office and the Bayfield County, Wisconsin Coroner's Office for autopsy services.
Background/description	In March of 2023, the Bayfield County, WI Coroner contacted the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office indicating they are interested in contracting with this office for future referral autopsy cases.
Amount of contract	If approved, the Bayfield County Coroner will pay per autopsy along with additional neuropathology and cardiac pathology (when appropriate) as indicated in the 2023 Anoka County Fee Schedule.
County Contract Number	C0009851
Other	If approved, the Bayfield County Coroner expects to pay for 5-8 autopsies (\$10,000 - \$16,000) per year.

RESOLUTION #2023-IG02

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS FROM
PATRONS**

WHEREAS, patrons of the Anoka County Library, the Fridley Lions Club, the Spring Lake Park Lions, League of MN Poets, Marvel Drain, and the Friends of Anoka County Library have donated the following totaling \$10,927.35 for the months of October, November, December 2022 and January, February 2023 in cash to the Anoka County Library:

Donna Tomczak for books by mail	\$200.00
George and Bernadette Aldcroft	\$200.00
Fridley Lions Club for 2 benches at Mississippi	\$2500.00
Goodwill Donation Box/Book Carts	\$2516.35
Yolanda and Erling Fugelso	\$200.00
Catherine Slusar	\$1000.00
Catherine Karie	\$100.00
Cindy Schramm	\$250.00
Marvel Drain	\$500.00
League of MN Poets	\$250.00
Friends of Anoka County Library	\$2500.00
Kristen Bergerson	\$15.00
Spring Lake Park Lions	\$150.00
Sale of Kennedy Medallions	\$540.00
Anonymous	\$6.00

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat 465.03 requires the county to accept donations by resolution expressed in terms prescribed by the donor:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby accept the donations of cash.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby wishes to extend grateful appreciation to the Friends of Anoka County Library, Fridley Lions Club, Spring Lake Park Lions Club, League of MN Poets, Marvel Drain, and patrons for their generous cash donations to the Anoka County Library.



ANOKA COUNTY BOARD ACTION ITEM

IG Committee

DEPT NAME: Midwest Medical Examiner's Office

ACTION REQUESTED	Informational Item Anoka County dba Midwest Medical Examiner's Office has been invited to participate in the National Center for Forensics program that provides pathology rotations for medical students that may have an interest in forensic pathology.
BACKGROUND	The American Society for Clinical Pathology is offering rotations for pathology students across the U.S. with a focus on non-major metropolitan areas. Their overall goal is to increase the number of forensic pathologists in the U.S.
SOLUTIONS	<p>The pathology students will perform at least one rotation at the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office alongside a forensic pathologist. They will have opportunities to observe forensic autopsies, medicolegal death investigations, and gain a better understanding of all the roles and responsibilities within the medical examiner system.</p> <p>The forensic pathologists at the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office are eager and willing to assist in this project.</p>
FUNDING SOURCE (Levy dollars, IT fund, building fund, asset preservation, carryover dollars, etc.)	There will be no cost to the Anoka County for assisting with the pilot program. All student lodging/travel/expenses are funding by grants through the American Society for Clinical Pathology.
CONCLUSION	There are less than 500 Forensic Pathologists in the U.S. This opportunity may help increase enrollment in forensic medicine, thereby improving the ability to offer forensic autopsy services in more areas.
RECOMMENDATIONS	Information Only