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To: Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator
From: Edward Rivers, Director

RE: Request to Increase Medical Examiner Fees for Follow-up Documentation

Attached you will find an amended fee schedule for Medical Examiner services.

The Memorandum of Agreement signed by the Board of Supervisors and the Medical Examiner for the current period of appointment contained a schedule which established a fee for follow-up documentation by the Medical Examiner and Deputy Medical Examiner when a Medical Examiner Investigator performs the field investigation and forwards the information to the Medical Examiner. Since the use of Medical Examiner Investigators on the schedule had not previously been employed, this fee was based on models found in similar contracts in other areas.

After several months of experience, Dr. Barbara Harre has indicated that the fee does not properly compensate the Medical Examiner and Deputy Medical Examiner for the follow-up work required, and requests an increase to \$205 for the Medical Examiner, and \$185 for Deputy Medical Examiners. The total fee for work by the Medical Examiner, Deputy Medical Examiner, and Medical Examiner Investigators per case will thus equal the fee paid when the Medical Examiner and Deputy Medical Examiners handle the entire case.

I ask that this amended fee schedule be placed on the May 30, 2017 Committee of the Whole Agenda.

Scott County Medical Examiner Fee Schedule
June 2017-December 2018

| Service | Fee per Case |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Investigation by Medical Examiner | \$280 |
| Investigation by Deputy Medical Examiner | \$260 |
| Investigation by Medical Examiner Investigator | \$75 |
| Case follow-up by Medical Examiner/ Deputy Medical Examiner following investigation by Medical Examiner Investigators | \$400 <u>\$205</u> |
| <u>Case follow-up by Deputy Medical Examiner following investigation by Medical Examiner Investigators</u> | <u>\$185</u> |

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES
THAT THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY
APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON

DATE

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

R E S O L U T I O N

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

June 1, 2017

APPROVAL OF AMENDED FEE SCHEDULE FOR MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

- Section 1. That the amended Scott County Medical Examiner Fee Schedule effective through December 2018 is hereby approved.
- Section 2. That the chairman is hereby authorized to sign said agreement.
- Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.