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## Legislation Text

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### **A Resolution to authorize destruction of Regional Forensic Science Center (RFSC) Records (DISP 2017-282 1995-2014).**

**Recommended Action:** Approve the resolution, authorize the Chairman to sign, and direct the RFSC Director and the Records Manager to destroy the records.

This records disposal follows the same model as disposals previously approved by the Commission and applies the Records Management Policy approved in 1998. Kansas law (K.S.A. 45-404(c)) requires that destructions of County records be authorized by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). Approval of this routine disposal will allow Records Management Services to shelve boxes from County offices and keeps the County in compliance with state law.

Records proposed for destruction total 15 boxes of cremation permits, activity report records, and accounts payable and receivable records for the period 1995-2014. A detail inventory is available and will be maintained permanently by Records Management as part of the documentation for the destruction case in hard copy and both PDF and MS-Excel digital formats. All boxes are currently shelved in the Courthouse Records Center (CRC).

County Records Management Policy is to destroy at the earliest opportunity records identified (1) as eligible under State law, and (2) that lack continuing value adequate to offset costs to retain and make accessible. Custodian for the records proposed for destruction, RFSC Director Dr. Timothy Rohrig, has determined they have no continuing administrative value for operation of the RFSC. Chief Financial Officer Lindsay Poe Rousseau has determined that they have no continuing fiscal value for County operations. The Records Manager has confirmed they are eligible for disposal by destruction, consistent with State retention schedules, and finds that they lack identifiable research value adequate to offset costs. Wichita Public Library Genealogy/Special Collections Manager Michelle Enke, who serves as an independent reviewer for archival value, agrees they lack substantive research value and concurs in the recommendation to destroy. The County Counselor has confirmed these records no longer are needed to represent the County's legal interests.

Due to the fact that these records contain personal information of deceased individuals, including a copy of the death certificate, the Records Manager recommends that these records be destroyed by shredding.

The resolution also would authorize the RFSC Director and the Records Manager to destroy any records or duplicates, regardless of format or media, that may be found in the future that can be identified as the records series listed on the inventory and that fall within the time periods listed or previous.

**Alternatives:** These records could continue to be retained, either in whole or in part, which would also continue associated costs to store and make accessible.



**Financial Considerations:** One-time fees for the commercial vendor to destroy will be \$42.00. Finance has identified funds available within 15001-110 sufficient to pay destruction fees.

**Legal Considerations:** The authority for this action is K.S.A. 45-401 et seq. A simple majority vote is required.

**Policy Considerations:** The recommended action would apply existing policy.