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Legislation Text

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Employment agreement with Jaime L. Oeberst, M.D., to provide Forensic Pathology Services as Deputy Medical Examiner and Deputy District Coroner.

Recommended Action: Approve the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Background: The Pathology Division of the Regional Forensic Science Center is responsible for the investigation of death, including the determination of the cause and manner of death, in cases of sudden, traumatic, and unexplained or other types of deaths that fall under the jurisdiction of the District Coroner. To perform these duties, the Forensic Science Center is authorized three pathologists. Dr. Jaime L. Oeberst will fill one of these positions. The employment agreement is for a four-year term coinciding with the appointment term of the Deputy District Coroner.

Alternatives: Not engage the services of Dr. Oeberst. This would cause the Center to have an insufficient number of FTE's to handle the caseload required to be investigated by statute and not have the appropriate professional oversight of the medical functions of the Pathology Division.

Financial Considerations: Costs will be paid from 15006-110 (Autopsy Services). The annual salary outlined in the contract is \$185,000 annually. The prorated salary for the remainder of 2017 is \$120,961.53. It is anticipated that the 2017 RFSC budget should be able to accommodate this rate of pay.

Legal Considerations: The authority for this action is K.S.A. 19-101, et seq. and K.S.A. 22a-226. A simple majority vote is required.

Policy Considerations: None