



Legislation Text

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Agenda Item Name:

Budget Amendment for Medical Examiner

Presenter:

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Description:

Budget amendment for the Medical Examiner increase to cover the final FY19 invoice. Requested increase is \$63,700. FY18/19 invoices total \$1,174,320, which is \$63,700 above the budgeted amount of \$1,110,620. This is a mandated service per Florida Statute 406.

Recommended Action:

Approve budget amendment increasing the Medical Examiners budget by \$63,700

Prior Board Motions:

August 28, 2018 1st Amendment

Fiscal Consideration:

001.29.2906.527.34.00 increases by \$63,700

Journal 2019-4631 reduces 001.29.2960.564.12.00 and 001.29.2960.564.49.00 each by \$31,850 to cover the additional costs.

Background:

The Medical Examiners expenses for FY18/19 has exceeded its adopted budget of \$1,110,620. Each year the Medical Examiner and the University of Florida, College of Medicine submit a budget to the County for Administrative expenses and cost associated with autopsies. This budget is based on estimates of the number of autopsies that are anticipated to be performed as well as accompanying required tests. While a portion of the Medical Examiner's budget is for fixed operational expenses, approximately fifty percent of the budget is dependent on professional services costs including the number of deaths in the County and the number of tests required to make a final determination of cause of death.

Chapter 406 of the Florida Statutes requires the Board of County Commissioners in each Medical Examiner's District to establish and pay reasonable salaries, fees and expenses to the District Medical Examiner and his/her associates.