

AGREEMENT FOR MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES
(Cass County, Missouri)

THIS AGREEMENT, by and between Jackson County, Missouri, a Constitutional Home Rule Charter County of the State of Missouri, hereinafter called "Jackson County," and Cass County, Missouri, a County of the First Class of the State of Missouri, hereinafter called "Cass County," is made and entered into this 9th day of December, 2015.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Cass County, Missouri, a county of the first class, pursuant to sections 58.700 and 58.705, RSMo, desires to appoint a physician duly licensed by the Missouri State Board of Healing Arts as Cass County's medical examiner; and,

WHEREAS, section 58.765, RSMo, authorizes any two or more counties to, by contract, join in the appointment of a county medical examiner to serve all such counties and requires the counties' governing bodies to approve the contract, administer the appointment, and allocate the costs among the counties; and,

WHEREAS, Diane Peterson, M.D., the duly appointed Acting Medical Examiner of Jackson County, is fully qualified, ready, and willing to serve as Cass County's Medical Examiner; and,

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Medical Examiner and administration and Cass County have agreed on an equitable arrangement for the continued funding of a joint medical examiner's office located at the site of the current Jackson County Medical Examiner's facility; and,

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COUNTY CLERK

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of both Jackson and Cass Counties that the counties cooperate in the joint funding and operation of a single medical examiner's office; now therefore,

In consideration of the above and foregoing and the promises and covenants herein contained, it is agreed by and between the parties as follows:

1. Jackson County Acting Medical Examiner Diane Peterson, M. D., shall serve as the Cass County Medical Examiner.

2. Jackson County shall provide and otherwise make available to Cass County all resources of the Jackson County Medical Examiner's Office, for the purpose of allowing Dr. Peterson to discharge all responsibilities of the Cass County Medical Examiner as set out in Chapter 58, RSMo, as amended, in accordance with the standards of the National Association of Medical Examiners, in the same manner as for Jackson County cases, and to further provide actual, physical response to law enforcement inquiries for assistance related to suspicious death cases within two (2) hours from the time of initial contact for said assistance by any law enforcement agency authorized to initiate death case investigations in the County of Cass, on the condition that the Jackson County Medical Examiner's Office is immediately notified of any death as soon as it is discovered.

3. Jackson County shall be responsible for maintaining and storing all records of medical examiner cases relating to cases investigated by the Jackson County Medical Examiners Office arising on or after January 1, 2004, the date on which Jackson County began providing Medical Examiner services to Cass County. Cass

County shall be responsible for maintaining and storing all of its records relating to cases arising before that date.

4. Jackson County shall be responsible for ensuring the availability of medical examiners employed by the Jackson County Medical Examiner's Office to provide testimony as necessary in any Cass County death cases involving investigations or other relevant data produced by the Jackson County Medical Examiner's Office arising on or after January 1, 2016.

5. For the services set out above, Cass County will pay Jackson County the sum of **\$120,884.00**, for the year 2016, in quarterly installments of \$30,221.00. The initial installment shall be due on January 1, 2016, with the remaining installments due, respectively, on the first day of each succeeding calendar quarter after this Agreement shall have commenced. All payments shall be made to Jackson County's Director of Finance and Purchasing.

6. The payments set out in paragraph above shall constitute the entire amount that Cass County is obligated to pay for medical examiner services described in paragraphs 2, 3, 4, and 5 except that any fees billed for court appearances, travel, professional fees, and document preparation by independent contract pathologists or other experts retained by Jackson County, or former employees of the Medical Examiner's Office, with regard to Cass County death cases shall be the additional responsibility and cost of Cass County.

7. Cass County shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Jackson County and all of its agents, agencies, and employees, from all claims of every kind and nature whatsoever, arising out of or resulting from Cass County death cases and

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals on the date first above written.

JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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By W. Stephen Nixon
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County Counselor

By Paul Campo
County Counselor Paul Campo

By Michael D. Sanders
Michael D. Sanders
County Executive

By Jeff Cox
Presiding Commissioner Jeff Cox

ATTEST:

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By Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino
Clerk of the County Legislature

By Mike Vinck
County Clerk Mike Vinck

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify as follows:

1. That there is a sufficient unencumbered balance appropriated to satisfy in full the financial obligation imposed by this Contract; and
2. That there is a sufficient cash balance available in the treasury to satisfy in full the financial obligation imposed by this Contract.

Ryan Wescoat
Cass County Auditor Ryan Wescoat