

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION awarding a contract for the furnishing of DNA profiling services as required by the Unidentified Remains and Forensic Equipment Replacement Project grant, for use by the Medical Examiner's Office to Othram, Inc., of Houston, TX, at an actual cost to the County not to exceed \$739,830.00, as a sole source purchase.

RESOLUTION NO. 21844, January 27, 2025

INTRODUCED BY Jalen Anderson, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the Medical Examiner's Office is in need of Forensic Genetic Genealogy (FGG) services, a new DNA profiling technology, to identify the numerous unidentified remains in its care; and,

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 5898, dated November 4, 2024, the Legislature did accept the Unidentified Remains and Forensic Equipment Replacement Project Grant, in the amount of \$963,000.00, for the period of March 9, 2024, through March 31, 2028, awarded by the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant, to provide funding for the needed FGG services; and,

WHEREAS, Othram, Inc., is the only provider of FGG that has the advanced capabilities to provide end-to-end in-house services from DNA extraction, enrichment, and repair through DNA sequencing and genetic genealogy analysis, including personally reaching out to potential family of unknown individuals to obtain confirmatory DNA samples; and,

WHEREAS, for these reasons and pursuant to section 1030.1 of the Jackson County Code, 1984, the Director of Finance and Purchasing recommends the award of this

contract to Othram, Inc., of Houston, TX, as a sole source purchase, at a total cost to the County not to exceed \$739,830.00, over the life of the contract; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that award be made as recommended by the Director of Finance and Purchasing and Medical Examiner, and that the Director be and hereby is authorized to execute for the County any documents necessary for the accomplishment of the award; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Finance and Purchasing is authorized to make all payments, including final payment, on the contract, to the extent that sufficient appropriations to the using spending agency are contained in the then current County budget.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Covinsky
Bryan Covinsky (Jan 23, 2025 09:57 CST)
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21844 of January 27, 2025, was duly passed on February 3, 2025 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 7

Nays 1

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

2.3.2025
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

There is a balance otherwise unencumbered to the credit of the appropriation to which the expenditure is chargeable and there is a cash balance otherwise unencumbered in the treasury to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made each sufficient to provide for the obligation herein authorized.

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 010 2001 56080
ACCOUNT TITLE: Grant Fund
Medical Examiner
Other Professional Services
NOT TO EXCEED: \$739,830.00

Date

Chief Administrative Officer

Marietta McConnell

From: Samantha Joslin
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 11:58 AM
To: Marietta McConnell
Subject: Fw: Chief Administrative Officer

Marietta,

Here is the email send by Caleb!

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From: Caleb Clifford <CClifford@jacksongov.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 11:49 AM
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Cc: Dawn C. Hickman <DHickman@jacksongov.org>; Gina M. Sciara <GSciara@jacksongov.org>
Subject: Re: Chief Administrative Officer

Mary Jo,

Thank you for reaching out. In light of the Legislature's decision to move forward with numerous pieces of legislation—including some that the Administration and/or County Counselor were holding or did not approve—we want to clarify that the Administration will no longer be "approving" legislation. Our intent is to ensure there is no misunderstanding or public perception that these legislative actions have been endorsed by the Administration when they have not.

We'd be happy to discuss the best way to move forward procedurally to ensure the necessary processes remain in place. Please let us know a time that works for you to discuss.

Best,

Caleb Clifford
Chief of Staff



JACKSON COUNTY MISSOURI

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From: Mary Jo Spino <MSpino@jacksongov.org>

Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 3:50 PM

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Please advise who will be signing legislation while the Chief Administrative Officer is on leave? Also I sent an email to Sylvia regarding who should be entered in Granicus as an approver since Troy Schulte is no longer with the Administration but have not received a response.

Thanks!

Mary Jo Spino

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