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**AGREEMENT FOR MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES**  
**(Platte 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 Platte County, Missouri, a County of the First Class of the State of Missouri, hereinafter called "Platte County," is made and entered into this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, Platte County, Missouri, a county of the first class, is required by sections 58.700 and 58.705, RSMo, to appoint a physician duly licensed by the Missouri State Board of Healing Arts as Platte 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 Platte County's Medical Examiner; and,

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

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**MARY JO SPINO**  
**COUNTY CLERK**

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of both Jackson and Platte 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 Medical Examiner Diane Peterson, M. D., shall continue to serve as the Platte County Medical Examiner.

2. Jackson County shall provide and otherwise make available to Platte County all resources of the Jackson County Medical Examiner's office, for the purpose of allowing Dr. Peterson to discharge all responsibilities of the Platte 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.

3. Jackson County shall be responsible for maintaining and storing all records of the Platte County Medical Examiner relating to cases investigated by that office arising on or after January 1, 1993, the date on which Jackson County began providing Medical Examiner services to Platte County. Platte County shall be responsible for maintaining and storing all of its medical examiner records relating to cases arising before that date.

4. Jackson County shall be responsible and provide all resources of the Jackson County Medical Examiner's Office, for the purpose of handling all mass fatality incidents that occur in Platte County. The responsibility of requesting outside local, state or federal resources to assist with the recovery, identification, processing and

releasing of decedents will fall under the authority of the Chief Medical Examiner of Jackson County, Missouri.

5. For the services set out above, Platte County will pay Jackson County the sum of **\$92,293.00**, for the year 2016, in quarterly installments of \$23,073.25. 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 5 above shall constitute the entire amount that Platte County is obligated to pay for medical examiner services described in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4, 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 by former employees of the Medical Examiner's Office, with regard to Platte County death cases shall be the additional responsibility and cost of Platte County.

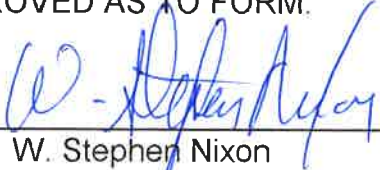
7. Jackson County shall be responsible for ensuring the availability of medical examiners employed by the Jackson County Medical Examiner's Office to provide testimony as necessary in any Platte County death cases involving investigations or other relevant data produced by the Jackson County Medical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


8. Platte 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 Platte 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**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By   
W. Stephen Nixon  
County Counselor

By   
Frank White, Jr.  
County Executive

ATTEST:

By   
Mary Jo Spino  
Clerk of the County Legislature

**PLATTE COUNTY, MISSOURI**

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By   
County Counselor

By   
Presiding Commissioner

ATTEST:

By   
County Clerk



**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.

  
Platte County Auditor 



# PLATTE COUNTY COMMISSION

BEVERLEE ROPER  
1ST DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

RON SCHIEBER  
PRESIDING COMMISSIONER

DUANE SOPER  
2ND DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

## County Commission Court Order: 2016 - CO - 07

Department: County Commission

Prepared By: Dana Babcock

### IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF PLATTE COUNTY, MISSOURI

AN ORDER APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN PLATTE COUNTY, MISSOURI AND Jackson County, Missouri FOR THE PURPOSE OF Medical Examiner Services.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of Platte County that the County enter into a contract with Jackson County, Missouri for the purpose of Medical Examiner Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. **CONTRACT APPROVAL** The COUNTY is hereby authorized to enter into a Contract with Jackson County, Missouri for the purpose of Medical Examiner Services.

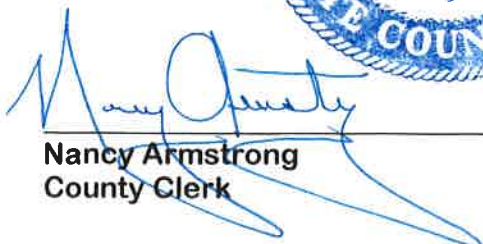
2. **EXECUTION OF CONTRACT.** The Presiding Commissioner and the County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Contract in substantially the form of the proposed Contract attached hereto, together with any and all other documents as needed to carry out the intent of this Order.

This Order shall be effective immediately upon passage.

Done this 19th day of January, 2016 at Platte City, Missouri.



ATTEST:

  
Nancy Armstrong  
County Clerk

  
Ron Schieber  
Presiding Commissioner

  
Beverlee Roper  
1st District Commissioner

  
Duane Soper  
2nd District Commissioner