



Contra
Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: David O. Livingston, Sheriff-Coroner
Date: July 14, 2020

Subject: Coroner's Inquest Hearing Contract

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Sheriff-Coroner or designee, to execute a contract containing modified indemnification language with Matthew Guichard for coroner's inquest hearing services, in an amount of \$49,575 for the term of May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$49,575 General Fund (Budgeted)

BACKGROUND:

Matthew Guichard is a nationally recognized trial lawyer that has been working with Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff's Coroner's Division since 2005. He is contracted to serve as a Hearing Officer in Coroner's Inquests. He conducts the jury, presents all the witnesses, questions all the witnesses and reads the jury instructions to the jury. The contract includes a change in the indemnification language to provide mutual indemnification.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Office of the Sheriff would be unable to contract with contractor and would need to

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **07/14/2020** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: July 14, 2020

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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search for an additional hearing officer which may delay cases.