

RESOLUTION 2022-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS LEADING TO AN AGREEMENT TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT A NEW MEDICAL EXAMINER FACILITY TO BE LOCATED ON THE CAMPUS OF INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE IN FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; SUPPORTING REQUESTS FOR STATE AND FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, effective October 1, 2018, the District 19 Counties (collectively Indian River County, Martin County, Okeechobee County and St. Lucie County) entered into a Second Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement ("Agreement") that provides for cost sharing of medical examiner services and related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Examiner for District 19 has declared a need for a new facility to properly complete her statutory duties; and

WHEREAS, Section 406.08(5), Florida Statutes, provides that autopsy and laboratory facilities utilized by the district medical examiner or his or her associates may be provided on a permanent or contractual basis by the counties within the district; and

WHEREAS, a Medical Examiner's Advisory Task Force that included representatives from the District 19 Counties was created to review the Medical Examiner's request for a new facility; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Task Force has reviewed and supports the Medical Examiner's request for a new facility; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Examiner's facility is a regional resource that supports services in the four counties within District 19; and

WHEREAS, Section 406.02(4)(c), Florida Statutes, provides that the Medical Examiners Commission shall oversee the distribution of state funds for the medical examiner districts, and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Trustees of Indian River State College ("Trustees") has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the District 19 Medical Examiner wherein the Trustees have agreed to negotiate a long-term lease of 2 acres of Trustees owned land for the construction of a new Medical Examiner's facility; and

WHEREAS, Indian River County supports requesting state and federal funding to assist in financing the cost of designing and constructing a new medical examiner facility; and

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WHEREAS, this Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Indian River County, Florida to support funding sources for the design and construction of a new medical examiner facility as set out above.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA that:

1. This Board adopts and ratifies those matters set forth in the foregoing recitals.
2. The County Administrator is directed to enter into discussions with the other District 19 Counties, the Medical Examiner and the Trustees leading to an agreement to conduct a needs assessment, design and construct a new medical examiner facility to be located on the campus of Indian River State College in Fort Pierce, Florida.
3. The County Administrator is directed to support and submit requests for state and federal funding to assist in funding the cost of designing and constructing a new medical examiner facility.
4. This resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

This resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner _____, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Chairman Peter D. O'Bryan	_____
Vice Chairman Joseph H. Earman	_____
Commissioner Susan Adams	_____
Commissioner Joseph E. Flescher	_____
Commissioner Laura Moss	_____

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2022.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Peter D. O'Bryan, Chairman

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Approved by BCC: _____

ATTEST: Jeffrey R. Smith, Clerk of
Courts and Comptroller

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved as to form and
legal sufficiency:

By: _____
Dylan Reingold
County Attorney

Approved:

By: _____
Jason E. Brown
County Administrator