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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Dylan Reingold, County Attorney
DATE: April 20, 2022
SUBJECT: Medical Examiner's Office Facility Resolution

BACKGROUND.

On April 5, 2022, the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners voted to adopt a resolution concerning Indian River County's participation in the new facility for the District 19th Medical Examiner's Office. The resolution directs the County Administrator to enter into discussions with the other counties in the district (Martin, St. Lucie and Okeechobee), the Medical Examiner and the District Board of Trustees of Indian River State College leading to an agreement to conduct a needs assessment, design and construct a new medical examiner facility located on the campus of Indian River State College in Fort Pierce, Florida. Further, the resolution directs the County Administrator to support and submit requests for state and federal funding to assist in funding the cost of designing and constructing the new facility.

A copy of this resolution has been provided to the County Attorneys for St. Lucie County, Martin County and Okeechobee County and to Senator Harrell's office. St. Lucie County staff has drafted a similar resolution. The St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners discussed their draft resolution at an informal meeting on April 12th and approved their resolution on April 19th. Okeechobee County will also be considering a resolution similar to our draft resolution.

FUNDING.

To date, the current cost estimate ranges between \$16M - \$20M, with Indian River County's cost share being approximately 25%. The current budget does not include funding for the proposed building, however funding for the County's grant match cost share for design and engineering could be included in the upcoming FY 22/23 budget from Optional Sales Tax, with the County's grant match cost share for construction costs included in future years of the Capital Improvement Program.

RECOMMENDATION.

The County Attorney's Office recommends the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners vote to approve the draft resolution.

ATTACHMENT.

Draft resolution