



# County of El Dorado

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## Legislation Text

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Sheriff's Office recommending the Board authorize the Chair to sign retroactive contract 5521 with Green Valley Mortuary for Morgue Technician services for the period March 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021 in the not to exceed amount of \$75,000.

**FUNDING:** General Fund.

### **DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND**

In January 2020, the Sheriff's Office (SO) and Green Valley Mortuary entered into a short-term agreement following the opening of the morgue at the Sheriff's Public Safety Facility. This agreement allowed for Green Valley Mortuary to provide a morgue technician to the Sheriff's Office on an as needed basis until a County classification of Morgue Technician could be established through Human Resources. The agreement was in place since January 2020 with an extension through February 28, 2021.

During this time, the SO has been pursuing grants that could possibly fund a full-time equivalent position in the Public Safety Facility Morgue. The Sheriff's Office was not awarded the Federal Paul Coverdale Forensic Science Improvement grant that we hoped would fund a full time Morgue Technician. However, the Sheriff's Office has been working with Human Resources to define a new classification and we will be proposing an addition of a Morgue Technician and a deletion of a vacant Sheriff's Technician position in our Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget. Any increases to net county cost due to the add/delete will be off-set with revenue from our Morgue contracts with Alpine County and Amador County.

This contract is for an eight-month period within which we expect to have this full-time position in place. This contract is retroactive to March 1, 2021 because the Sheriff's Office made a mistake in the internal contracts expiring tracking log and we were not aware it was expiring. Corrections to the log have been made.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

The Sheriff's Office will be without staff to properly operate the Morgue until a full time position is established.

### **PRIOR BOARD ACTION**

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### **OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

County Counsel and HR have reviewed and approved this agreement.

### **CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS**

Approve as recommended.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

These costs are accounted for in the Sheriff's Office FY 20/21 budget, therefore, there is no increase to net county cost. We will be exploring alternatives to funding this position in FY 2021/22 with an Add/Delete of a position which will offset, or be of a minimal impact to the Net County Cost.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS**

Please return signed agreement to the Sheriff's Office for processing.

**STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT**

Providing services to the community enhances public safety.

**CONTACT**

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