

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 3.60
(ID # 28269)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

FROM : SHERIFF-CORONER-PA

SUBJECT: SHERIFF-CORONER-PA: Ratify and Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Service Agreement with Y Wang Forensic Pathology, Inc. for Forensic Pathologists Services without seeking competitive bids, to extend the contract period for one (1) additional year through June 30, 2026, and increase the annual Agreement amount from \$160,000 to \$260,000 plus up to \$26,000 in as-needed additional compensation. All Districts. [Total Cost up to \$260,000 plus up to \$26,000 in as-needed additional compensation] 100% Sheriff's Budget

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Service Agreement with Y Wang Forensic Pathology, Inc. for Forensic Pathologists Services without seeking competitive bids, to extend the contract period for one (1) additional year through June 30, 2026, and increase the annual Agreement amount from \$160,000 to \$260,000; and
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent, in accordance with Ordinance 459, based on the availability of fiscal funding and as approved to form by County Counsel to: (a) Sign amendments that exercise the options of the agreement including modifications of the statement of work, and (b) sign amendments to the compensation provisions that do not exceed \$26,000 in as-needed additional compensation; and
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the Amendment and direct the Clerk to retain one copy each and return two copies of each Agreement to the Sheriff's Office for distribution; and
4. Authorize the Purchasing Agent, or designee, to issue Purchase Orders for goods and/or services that do not exceed the total BOS approved amount.


ACTION:


Zachary Hall, ASSISTANT SHERIFF 7/21/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Medina and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: July 29, 2025
xc: Sheriff

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 260,000	\$ 0	\$ 260,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 260,000	\$ 0	\$ 260,000	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Sheriff's Budget			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 25/26	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BR#26-007

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 05/25/2021 3.26

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Coroner's Bureau proudly serves Riverside County, a vibrant region with over 2.4 million residents as of 2020, enjoying an impressive annual growth rate of 11%. Covering an expansive 7,400 square miles—an area comparable to the size of New Jersey—the bureau faces significant challenges in staffing its vital services.

As of April 2025, the bureau is equipped with a dedicated Chief Forensic Pathologist and one full-time Forensic Pathologist. In addition, it collaborates with eleven contract Forensic Pathologists; however, their availability is often limited, with some offering their expertise just once a month due to commitments in other counties.

The quest for qualified Forensic Pathologists continues to be a struggle, resulting in prolonged recruitment efforts that have spanned several years. This situation mirrors a nationwide crisis, as the United States grapples with a severe shortage of experienced Forensic Pathologists, making the recruitment of top talent a daunting task. The urgency of this issue not only highlights the importance of these professionals but also underscores the Bureau's commitment to serving the community with excellence and reliability.

This is a difficult to recruit position, and the four full-time staff positions have been vacant for one to two years. This not only increases the workload for the remaining Forensic Pathologists it displays the critical need for contract doctors. In 2023, 3,036 forensic examinations were performed (1,497 autopsies and 1,539 external autopsies). In 2024 those numbers continued to hold steady with 2,972 forensic examinations performed (1,711 autopsies and 1,261 external examinations). The ongoing complexities of modern death investigations, exacerbated by crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic and the fentanyl epidemic, highlight the vital role Forensic Pathologists play in determining the cause of death.

Due to the number of autopsies and external examinations that the Coroner's Bureau performs annually, it must retain qualified physicians on contract to meet the increasing demand. The National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) limits a single doctor to three (3) autopsies per day, counting two (2) external examinations as one (1) autopsy. The Coroner's Bureau performs on average nine (9) autopsies per day in a 353-day work year. The 353-day work year

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accounts for holidays, but not for vacations or sick leave. Further, each full-time forensic pathologist is required to have forty hours a year of certified medical examiner training. This results in the bureau working with one less Forensic Pathologist for a total of eight weeks each year. Each Forensic Pathologist takes one day per week to complete autopsy protocols, and at least one is testifying in court nearly every weekday. A single Forensic Pathologist reports to the Coroner's Bureau in Indio, regardless of how many autopsies are pending.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The Sheriff-Coroner's Bureau is seeking board-certified Forensic Pathologists to work on a case-by-case basis to support its full-time pathologist team. This arrangement aims to prevent delays in the return of remains to families and the reporting of autopsy findings in criminal cases.

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

On May 25, 2021 (M.O. 3.26) the Board of Supervisors approved the contract for the proposed Forensic Pathologist for five (5) years through June 30, 2025 for an annual amount of \$160,000.

In January 2024 the Purchasing Department on behalf of the Sheriff-Coroner's Office began releasing a Request for Qualifications (RFQu) each year for new Forensic Pathologists.

The Sheriff-Coroner's Office is requesting to extend current contracts with Forensic Pathologists who have already completed the qualification and background check process. The Sheriff-Coroner's Office proposes increasing the annual maximum contract amount from \$160,000 to \$260,000 for one (1) additional year. In that time, the Coroner's Bureau will come back to the Board with one consolidated list of pre-qualified Forensic Pathologists showing the total anticipated spend over the next five years.

The annual pay range for a full-time Forensic Pathologist IV position is \$215,004 to \$307,564, without benefits. It is important to note that contracting pathologists will be engaged only when necessary, without any guarantee of a total annual amount.

As Riverside County continues to experience robust population growth, the annual number of deaths is also on the rise, driving the demand for our dedicated Forensic Pathologists to new heights. With this increasing workload, the Coroner Bureau is seeking an annual budget of \$260,000 for this physician.

Recruiting qualified candidates for these specialized positions presents significant challenges, making it vital for the Department to enhance their staffing with contract professionals to effectively manage the growing demands. Moreover, the pool of board-certified Forensic Pathologists is limited nationwide, further underscoring the urgency of this request. The Coroner Bureau boasts fiscal flexibility, as there are no long-term contractual commitments to these doctors, ensuring a strategic approach within budget. The Board's support in this endeavor will help the Department meet the needs of the community and uphold the highest standards of service in the Coroner's Bureau.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A Dr. Wang Amendment No 1 AATF

Attachment B SSJ Amendment Wang 25-175

Melissa Curtis 7/15/2025 *Rebecca S Cortez* 7/21/2025
Melissa Curtis, Deputy Director of Purchasing and Fleet Rebecca S Cortez, Principal Management Analyst

Aaron Gettis 7/8/2025
Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel

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FOR FORENSIC PATHOLOGISTS SERVICES WITH
Y WANG FORENSIC PATHOLOGY, INC.

Original Contract Term:	01/15/2021 through 06/30/2025
Contract Term Extended To:	07/01/2025 through 06/30/2026
Effective Date of Amendment:	07/01/2025
First Year Original Annual Maximum Contract Amount:	\$80,000
Years 2 – 5 Annual Maximum Contract Amount:	\$160,000
Amended Annual Maximum Contract Amount:	\$260,000
Contract ID:	SHARC-95209-004-06/25

This Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Service Agreement for Forensic Pathologists Services is entered into by and between the County of Riverside, a political subdivision of the State of California, on behalf of its Riverside County Sheriff’s Office (“COUNTY”), and Y Wang Forensic Pathology, Inc., a California corporation (“CONTRACTOR”), effective July 1, 2025 (“Effective Date”). COUNTY and CONTRACTOR are collectively referred to herein as the “Parties”, and individually as the “Party”.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR entered into that certain Professional Service Agreement for Forensic Pathologists Services (Contract ID # SHARC-95209-004-06/25) for a term of January 15, 2021, through June 30, 2025 (“Agreement”);

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR now desire to amend the Agreement to extend the period of performance through June 30, 2026, and increase the maximum contract from one hundred and sixty thousand (\$160,000) to two hundred and sixty thousand (\$260,000) annually;

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR now desire to amend the Agreement and delete Exhibit B, Payment Provisions in its entirety and replace it with Amended Exhibit B-1, Payment Provisions;

WHEREAS, Section 4.1 of the Agreement permits modifications through written amendments signed by both Parties;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of their mutual covenants, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR agree to amend the Agreement according to the terms and in the manner set forth herein:

1. The above recitals are true and correct, and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. On page 3 of the Agreement, amend the first sentence of Section 2.1 to read as follows: This Agreement shall be effective as of January 15, 2021 and continues in effect through June 30, 2026, unless terminated earlier.
3. On page 3 of the Agreement, amend the second sentence of Section 3.1 to read as follows: Maximum payments by COUNTY to CONTRACTOR shall not exceed two hundred and sixty thousand (\$260,000) annually, including all expenses.

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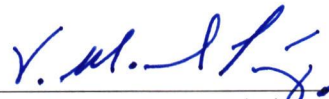
4. Exhibit B, Payment Provisions, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with Amended Exhibit B-1, Payment Provisions, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.
5. Effective Date. This Amendment No. 1 shall be effective as of July 1, 2025.
6. Miscellaneous. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.
7. USE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES: This amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be an original, but all of which together will constitute one instrument. Each Party of this amendment agrees to the use of electronic or digital signatures, such as a digital signature that meets the requirements of the California Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (“CUETA”) Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1633.1-1633.17), for executing this Agreement. The Parties further agree that the electronic or digital signatures of the Parties are intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures. Electronic signature means an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with an electronic record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the electronic record pursuant to the CUETA as amended from time to time. The CUETA authorizes use of an electronic signature for transactions and contracts among parties in California, including governmental agencies. Digital signature means an electronic identifier, created by computer, intended by the Party using it to have the same force and effect as the use of a manual signature, and shall be reasonably relied upon by the parties. For purposes of this section, a digital signature is a type of "electronic signature" as defined in subdivision (h) of Section 1633.2 of the Civil Code.

{Signature page to follow}

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Amendment No. 1.

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, a political subdivision of the State of California

By: 
V. Manuel Perez, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Dated: JUL 29 2025

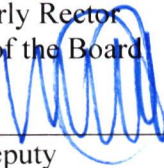
Y WANG FORENSIC PATHOLOGY, INC., a California corporation

By: 
Yulai Wang, M.D.
License No. A 65072

Dated: 06/20/2025

ATTEST:

Kimberly Rector
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

County Counsel
Minh C. Tran

By: *Amrit P. Dhillon*
Amrit P. Dhillon
Deputy County Counsel

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AMENDED EXHIBIT B-1
PAYMENT PROVISIONS

Payment will be made on a monthly basis for all completed autopsies.

Each invoice shall include the decedent's name, the Sheriff-Coroner's case number, and the date of the autopsy for each charge. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain employee and expense records in accordance with standard accounting practices. Such records shall be available upon request by the COUNTY to verify the CONTRACTOR's invoices.

Rates for services provided from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 are as follows:

1. Basic Autopsy- Includes performance of full autopsy, uncomplicated case (natural, overdose, traffics) including full autopsy examination, completion of an autopsy report, interpretation of further testing including completion of a histology report if needed, determination of cause of death and any additional work as required by the case. **\$1,250.00- per autopsy**

2. Homicide or suspicious death autopsy – Includes performance of full autopsy, complicated case (trauma, homicide) including full autopsy examination, completion of an autopsy report, interpretation of further testing including completion of a histology report if needed, determination of cause of death and any additional work as required by the case. **\$1,800.00 – per autopsy**

3. External Examinations – Includes external of the body, review of x-rays, reports, medical records, completion of external exam report and finalizing the cause of death and any additional work as required by the case. **\$550.00 – per case**

4. Partial Autopsy Services – Includes performance of a head only, including partial autopsy examination, completion of an autopsy report, interpretation of further testing, including completion of a histology report if needed, determination of cause of death, and any additional work as required by the case. **\$875.00 – per autopsy**

New Services

1. Basic Autopsy – Includes performance of full autopsy, complicated case (therapeutic/surgical complications, infant natural), including full autopsy examination, completion of an autopsy report, interpretation of further testing including completion of a histology report if needed, determination of cause of death and any additional work as required by the case **\$1,500.00 – per autopsy**

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2. Pediatric Case – Includes pediatric case (suspicious) including full autopsy examination, completion of an autopsy report, interpretation of further testing including completion of a histology report if needed, determination of cause of death and any additional work as required by the case. **\$2,750.00 – per autopsy**

3. Private Autopsy Services, family request -Includes performance of full autopsy examination, completion of an autopsy report, interpretation of further testing, including completion of a histology report if needed, determination of cause of death, and any additional work as required by the case. **\$2,000.00 – per autopsy**

4. Case Review – Includes review of the case file and previously done autopsy and testing, preparation of histology report if needed and writing of a case summary and opinion statement as well as any additional work as required by the case. **\$500.00 per case**











Dr. Wang Amendment No 1.6.19.25

Final Audit Report

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SSJ No.: RivcoPRO SSJ Requisition Exception #114395313 approved on 2/16/2021

Amendment No.: 1

Date: Thursday, June 5, 2025

From: Amanda Bennett, Deputy Director of Administrative Services

To: Board of Supervisors

Via: Alison Poole, Administrative Services Manager II

Subject: Request for Single Source Procurement Amendment for Board Certified Pathologist Services

Supporting Documents: indicate which are included in the request from the list below.

- Supplier Quote Supplier Sole Source Letter Final draft agreement
 Final draft Form 11 H-11 approved by RCIT/TSOC Grant Agreement
 Other: _____

1. Supplier Name: Y Wang Forensic Pathology, Inc.

Supplier ID: 0000241777

2. Reason or Justification for the Amendment: The Coroner's Bureau collaborates with a dedicated team of experienced forensic pathologists who have undergone comprehensive qualifications and background checks. To acknowledge their invaluable expertise, we are extending their current contracts through an amendment. Additionally, in 2024, the Sheriff's Office began to release an annual Request for Qualifications (RFQu) on Public Purchase to invite new talent in forensic pathology, ensuring we maintain the highest standards of service. Once this SSJ Amendment ends, this vendor will go through the RFQu process in order to standardize the hiring process of all pathologists.



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3. Please include the initial costs from the prior reviewed assigned SSJ in the table below:

Description:	FY <u>20/21</u>	FY <u>21/22</u>	FY <u>22/23</u>	FY <u>23/24</u>	FY <u>24/25</u>	Total
Forensic Pathologist Services	\$80,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$720,000
Total Costs	\$80,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$720,000

a. Amended goods and/or services costs must be identified below (If applicable):

Description:	FY <u>25/26</u>	Total
Forensic Pathologist Services	260,000	260,000
10% Contingency	26,000	26,000
Total Costs	286,000	286,000

4. Period of Performance: 07/01/2025 through 06/30/2026

Ratify Start Date (if applicable): N/A

Initial Term Start Date: 07/01/2025 End Date: 06/30/2026

Number of renewal options: None

Aggregate Term/ End Date: 06/30/2026

5. Projected Board of Supervisor Date (if applicable): 06/24/2025

[Signatures on Following Page]



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By signing below, I certify that all contractual and legal requirements to do business with the selected supplier has been fully vetted and approved.

Misty Reynolds MISTY REYNOLDS 6/5/25
 Chief Deputy Signature Print Name Date
 (or designee)

Zach Han Zach Han 6/5/25
 Assistant Sheriff Signature Print Name Date
 (or designee)

Amanda Bennett *Amanda Bennett* 6/5/25
 Print Name Department Head Signature Date
 (Executive Level Designee)

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PCS Reviewed:

John J. Farrar *John J. Farrar* 06/05/2025
 Print Name Signature Date

Note: Once signed by the Department Head and PCS (signature lines above), the PCS will e-mail completed SSJ form with supporting documents to psources@rivco.org, and cc: Supervising PCS. Please reach out to your assigned PCS with any questions.

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The section below is to be completed by the Purchasing Agent or designee.

Purchasing Department Review and Comments: _____

Stacy Orton 6/25/2025 25-175
 Purchasing Agent Signature Date Tracking Number
 (Reference on Purchasing Documents)