



**II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS**

**A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Fiscal Years	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Capital Expenditures						
Operating Costs						
External Revenues	<u>( 20,000 )</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>
Program Income (County)						
In-Kind Match (County)						
Net Fiscal Impact	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>
# Additional FTE Positions (Cumulative)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Is Item Included in Current Budget:	YES		NO	X		
Budget Account No.:	Fund	Agency	Org		Object	
		Reporting Category				

**B. Recommended Sources of Funds / Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

The \$40,000 is included in the FY2009 Budget Request to offset the Medical Examiner's operating costs.

**III. REVIEW COMMENTS**

**A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Administration Comments:**

atwillhite 5.8.08  
OFMB 5/7/08

Contract Administration  
5/8/08

CN 5/6/08

**B. Legal Sufficiency:**

Assistant County Attorney  
5/13/08

**C. Other Department Review:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING FEES FOR EXPERT WITNESS TESTIMONY BY THE MEDICAL EXAMINER OF DISTRICT 15, PALM BEACH COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter §406, Florida Statutes entitles the District and Associate Medical Examiners to bill and collect expert witness fees generated during conferences, depositions, trials and other sworn testimony that arises from civil litigation involving Palm Beach County Medical Examiner cases; and

**WHEREAS**, these fees will be used to offset expenses of Medical Examiner operations in Palm Beach County; and

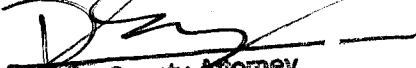
**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County approved a budget strategy to reduce the cost of medical examiner operations by increasing revenues generated by expert witness fees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that the expert witness fee of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) per hour be effective April 1, 2008.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Addie L. Greene	_____
John F. Koons	_____
Karen T. Marcus	_____
Robert J. Kanjian	_____
Mary McCarty	_____
Burt Aaronson	_____
Jess R. Santamaria	_____

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY  
BY   
County Attorney

## EXPERT WITNESS FEE SURVEY

CONDUCTED March 25, 2008

District -	Counties Service	Fee Charged	Amount
1 -	Escambia Okaloosa Santa Rosa Walton	Yes Civil & Criminal	\$ 400 hourly \$ 200 hourly
2 -	Franklin Gadsen Leon Liberty Jefferson Taylor Wakulla	Yes Civil & Criminal	\$ 440 hourly \$ 170 hourly
3 -	Columbia Dixie Hamilton Lafayette Madison Suwanee	Covered by Districts 2, 4, and 8	
4 -	Duval Nassau Clay	The doctors privately charge for their services.	
5 -	Citrus Hernando Lake Marion Sumter	Yes Civil only	\$ 300 hourly for telephone conference & court testimony \$ 400 hourly for conferences \$ 250 hourly for pre-deposition conference \$ 600 first hour of deposition, \$ 300 per hour thereafter
6 -	Pinellas Pasco	Yes Civil only	\$ 300 hourly
7 -	Volusia	Yes Civil only	\$ 300 hourly for doctors \$ 50 hourly for all other staff
8 -	Alachua Baker Bradford Gilchrist Levy Union	Yes Civil only	\$ 400 hourly

9	-	Orange Osceola	No, considering charging for Civil only.		
10	-	Hardee Highlands Polk	Yes	Civil Criminal	\$ 400 hourly \$ 100 hourly
11	-	Dade	Yes	Civil & Criminal	\$ 300 hourly
12	-	DeSoto Manatee Sarasota	No		
13	-	Hillsborough	Yes	Civil only	\$ 400 hourly
14	-	Bay Calhoun Gulf Jackson Washington Holmes	No		
16	-	Monroe	The Medical Examiner charges privately for services.		
17	-	Broward	Yes	Civil only	\$ 300 hourly
18	-	Brevard	The doctors charge privately for their services.		
19	-	Indian River Martin Okeechobee St. Lucie	Yes	Civil only	\$ 300 hourly
20	-	Collier	Yes	Civil & Criminal	\$ 200 first hour, \$ 100 every 30 minutes thereafter
21	-	Glades Hendry Lee	Yes	Civil & Criminal	\$ 350 hourly (prepaid) for all services but court testimony \$ 400 hourly for court testimony
22	-	Charlotte	Yes	Civil & Criminal	\$ 500 for first hour of depositions and court deposition \$ 125 per 15 minutes thereafter \$ 400 hourly for all other services
23	-	Flagler Putnam St. Johns	The Medical Examiner charges privately for services.		
24	-	Seminole	Covered by District 7		