PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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Medical Examiner Office		
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I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to receive and file: Three (3) original standard Interim Associate Medical Examiner Agreements for the Medical Examiner's Office with the following pathologists.

- A) Mark Shuman, M.D. for the period May 1, 2009 through October 30, 2009;
- A) Linda R. O'Neil, M.D. for the period May 1, 2009 through October 30, 2009;
- B) Jennifer Park, M.D. for the period May 1, 2009 through October 30, 2009;

Summary: Pursuant to Medical Examiner Ordinance # 2008-041, Section 4.C., the Medical Examiner may appointment Associate Medical Examiners as are reasonably necessarily to fulfill the duties set forth herein. The County may permit the Medical Examiner to employ, contract or agree independently with each Associate Medical Examiner and be responsible for their remuneration. Pursuant to Resolution R2001-0118, the Medical Examiner may enter into Interim Associate agreements for a term of no more than six consecutive months and the County Administrator has the authority to approve these agreements on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.

Countywide (DW)

C. Background and Justification: Dr. Michael Bell assumed the position of District Medical Examiner on March 1, 2005. He requires the services of Associate Medical Examiners to assure that services of the Medical Examiners Office are available 24 hours a day / 7 days a week. Associate Medical Examiners need to be "on-staff" with the remuneration of \$1,200 a day per diem and conditions of employment identified. Dr. Bell may require Interim Associate Medical Examiners due to physician staff shortages when an Associate Medical Examiner terminates employment with Palm Beach County, or during an extended leave of absence; and, during a disaster when existing personnel are not sufficient to meet the immediate staffing needs.

Attachments:

- 1. Interim Associate Medical Examiner Agreement with Mark Shuman, MD
- 2. Interim Associate Medical Examiner Agreement with Linda O'Neil, MD
- 3. Interim Associate Medical Examiner Agreement with Jennifer Park, MD
- 4. Resolution R2001-0118

Recommended by:	Windle Bell on	4/28/09
	Department Director	Date
Approved by:	tru Al Anvecto	4/29/09
	Assistant County Administrator	Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A.	rive year Summary of F	iscai Impact	•			
	Fiscal Years	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	Capital Expenditures Operating Costs	15,000	-0-	0	-0-	-0-
	External Revenues		***		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	Program Income (County) In-Kind Match (County)					
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	POSITIONS (Cumulative Is Item Included In Curren Budget Account No.: Fundament	t Budget? d <u>0001</u>	Yes			No_ Object <u>3431</u>
В.	Recommended Sources o	f Funds/Sun	nmary of Fisc	cal Impact:		
C.	Departmental Fiscal Rev	iew:				· ·
	· •	II. REVIE	W COMME	NTS		
A.	OFMB Fiscal and/or Con Payment for the contracts	itract Develo	opment and (—— Control Cor	nments: 's lapsed s	alaries.
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В.	Legal Sufficiency:					
	Assistant County A	ttorney	H30/09]		
C.	Other Department Review	w:				
	Department Director	or				
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(THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.)

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WHEREAS, the County Administrator, or his designee, has the authority to sign this Agreement on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners; and

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 - C. All charges billed to and paid by another Medical Examiner District for work performed by the INTERIM ASSOCIATE using Palm Beach County equipment or personnel.

8. Indemnification.

- A. The INTERIM ASSOCIATE shall indemnify and save harmless and defend the COUNTY, its agents, servants, and employees from and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, and/or causes of action which may arise from any negligent act or omission of the INTERIM ASSOCIATE, his/her agents, servants, or employees in the performance of services under this Agreement.
- B. The INTERIM ASSOCIATE further agrees to indemnify, save harmless and defend the COUNTY, its agents, servants and employees from and against any claim, demand or cause of action of whatsoever kind or nature arising out of any conduct or misconduct of the INTERIM ASSOCIATE, not included in the paragraph above and for which the COUNTY, its agents, servants or employees are alleged to be liable.

- C. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity by the COUNTY.
- D. This Indemnification and hold harmless section shall apply to the fullest extent permitted by law; however, notwithstanding the preceding provision of this paragraph, the INTERIM ASSOCIATE shall not be responsible for any indemnification to COUNTY for any claims, demands, liability, losses and/or causes of action attributable in any degree to the negligence of COUNTY, its agents, servants or employees.

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- A. This Agreement may be terminated by the COUNTY, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice from the DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER.
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- 10. **Assignment.** It is hereby agreed that any and all rights or obligations created by this Agreement may not be assigned or delegated by either party hereto, other than as expressly provided herein, this being a personal Professional Services Agreement.
- 11. **Conflict of Interest**. The INTERIM ASSOCIATE represents that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required hereunder, as provided for in Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes. The INTERIM ASSOCIATE further represents that no person having any interest shall be employed for said performance.

The INTERIM ASSOCIATE shall promptly notify the COUNTY and DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER in writing by certified mail of all potential conflicts for any prospective business association, interest or other circumstance which may influence or appear to influence the INTERIM ASSOCIATE=s judgment or quality of services being provided hereunder. Such written notification shall identify the prospective business association, interest, or circumstance, the nature of work that the INTERIM ASSOCIATE may undertake and request an opinion of the COUNTY and DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER as to whether the association, interest or circumstance would, in the opinion of the COUNTY, constitute a conflict of interest if entered into by the INTERIM ASSOCIATE. The COUNTY agrees to notify the INTERIM ASSOCIATE AND DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER of its opinion by certified mail within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification. If, in the opinion of COUNTY, the prospective business association, interest or circumstance would not constitute a conflict of interest by the INTERIM ASSOCIATE, the COUNTY shall so state in the notification. This paragraph does not, however, require notice for activities which are authorized or permitted by this Agreement.

INTERIM ASSOCIATE is, and shall be, in the performance of all work services and activities under this Agreement, an independent contractor, and not an employee, agent, or servant of the COUNTY. All work or services performed pursuant to this Agreement shall at all times, and in all places, be subject to the DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER=s sole direction, supervision, and control. The DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER shall exercise control over the means and manner in which the INTERIM ASSOCIATE performs the work,

and in all respects the relationship of the INTERIM ASSOCIATE to the COUNTY shall be that of an independent contractor and not as an employee or agent of the COUNTY.

- 13. **Authority.** The INTERIM ASSOCIATE does not have the power or authority to bind the COUNTY in any promise, agreement or representation other than specifically provided for in this Agreement and shall not pledge the COUNTY=s credit or make it a guarantor of payment or surety for any contract or indebtedness.
- 14. The INTERIM ASSOCIATE warrants that he/she has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the INTERIM ASSOCIATE to solicit or secure this Agreement and that he/she has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the INTERIM ASSOCIATE, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. Nothing contained in this provision shall prohibit INTERIM ASSOCIATE from engaging the services of an attorney on a non-contingent fee basis for assistance in the negotiation and execution of this Agreement.
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement on the day and year first entered above.

ATTEST: SHARON R. BOCK Clerk & Comptroller By: Deputy Clerk	PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: County Administrator
INTERIM ASSOCIATE: By:	Approved as to terms and conditions By: Michael D. Bell, M.D. DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY By: County Attorney	BARBARA ANN ROLLE Notary Public - State of Florida My Commission Expires Feb 8, 2010 Commission # DD 515947 Bonded By National Notary Assn.

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With a copy to:

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If sent to INTERIM ASSOCIATE:

Linda R. O'Neil, M.D. 7416 N.W. 51st Way Coconut Creek, Florida 33073

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By: Deputy Clerk	County Administrator
INTERIM ASSOCIATE:	Approved as to terms and conditions
By: Kull Glil	By: Michael D. Bell, M.D.
(Notary as to INTERIM ASSOCIATE)	DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY	LINDA B. MACAPAYAG Commission DD 645652 Expires May 3, 2011 Borded Thre Trey Fair Insurance 800-806-7019
By: County Attorney	

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PALM BEACH COUNTY INTERIM ASSOCIATE MEDICAL EXAMINER AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into on the <u>27th</u> day of <u>April</u>, 2009 by and between PALM BEACH COUNTY, a Political Subdivision of the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY, and JENNIFER PARK, D.O., INTERIM ASSOCIATE MEDICAL EXAMINER, hereafter referred to as the INTERIM ASSOCIATE.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County is a Charter County, pursuant to Article VIII, section 1 of the Florida Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County Code 13-1 provides that ASSOCIATES shall be entitled to such compensation and reasonable salary and fees as is established by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. R2001-0118, may enter into INTERIM ASSOCIATE Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator, or his designee, has the authority to sign this Agreement on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER for Palm Beach County has the authority to select ASSOCIATES and recommend their appointment; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto are desirous of entering into this Agreement for the purpose of contracting with INTERIM ASSOCIATEs and specifying the duties and obligations of each to the other.

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NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and the mutual covenants herein set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which the parties hereto expressly acknowledge, the COUNTY and INTERIM ASSOCIATE agree as follows:

- 1. **Term.** The term of this Agreement shall commence upon the 1st day of May, 2009.
- 2. INTERIM ASSOCIATE; Obligations and Responsibilities. During the term of this Agreement, the INTERIM ASSOCIATE shall be responsible to the DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER for any and all Medical Examiner services required by the DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER on the assigned work days. In particular, the INTERIM ASSOCIATE shall comply with all requirements of Chapter 406 of the Florida Statutes, Chapter 11G, Florida Administrative Code, the Practice Guidelines for Florida Medical Examiners and the National Association of Medical Examiners Forensic Autopsy Performance Standards and shall perform all duties specified therein in a professional manner. In addition:
 - A. Notwithstanding paragraph 1 above, the INTERIM ASSOCIATE shall serve at the pleasure of the DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER. The work activities of the INTERIM ASSOCIATE including scheduling and day to day supervision shall be the responsibility of the DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER.

- B. The COUNTY shall provide professional liability insurance to the INTERIM ASSOCIATE, and their agents, servants or employees (if any) during their service to the COUNTY.
- 3. **Outside Activities**. The INTERIM ASSOCIATE may, with the approval of the DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER, engage in teaching activities, forensic consultations, and expert testimony on matters not arising out of official duties hereunder so long as such activities do not otherwise interfere with the duties prescribed herein. The INTERIM ASSOCIATE may receive and retain compensation for such matters. The INTERIM ASSOCIATE agrees to give the highest priority to performance under this Agreement during the assigned work days, and any private practice or teaching shall be subordinate to the function as INTERIM ASSOCIATE. It is contemplated by the parties hereto that the INTERIM ASSOCIATE will be devoting substantially all working time to the performance of duties as INTERIM ASSOCIATE during the assigned work days.
- 4. **Facilities and Equipment**. During the term of this Agreement, it is hereby understood that any facilities, equipment, supplies and support staff provided to the DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER by the COUNTY shall be utilized for the INTERIM ASSOCIATE=s official duties, and same may not be used for any other purpose without the prior express written authorization of the DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER and the County Administrator.
- 5. **Compensation**. The INTERIM ASSOCIATE shall be entitled to receive compensation and fees as follows:

- A. A fee of One Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) per diem. Payment shall be made to the INTERIM ASSOCIATE on a monthly basis. The INTERIM ASSOCIATE may have any monies or compensation due herein paid to any professional association (PA) or corporation formed by the INTERIM ASSOCIATE. In the event of termination of this Agreement, or the termination of the Agreement with the DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER, or during any period of suspension, payment under this Agreement shall cease upon the effective date of the termination or suspension.
- B. All fees received for testifying as an expert witness when such testimony is required as a result of knowledge gained in the performance of the official duties as INTERIM ASSOCIATE.
- C. Additional compensation for the services of the INTERIM ASSOCIATE in the event of a declared disaster, localized mass casualty or other similar unpredicted incident, will be established by the Board of County Commissioners on an incident-by-incident basis.
- 6. The INTERIM ASSOCIATE shall receive no additional compensation for performance under this Agreement without prior approval of the Board of County Commissioners. The COUNTY shall not be obligated to provide INTERIM ASSOCIATE with any fringe benefits. The COUNTY shall not be obligated to withhold U.S. income tax, withholding or social security tax, unemployment, or workers= compensation payments, and any similar withholdings. It is expressly understood that the INTERIM ASSOCIATE is not entitled to participate in the State Retirement Program.

- 7. The INTERIM ASSOCIATE shall pay or transmit to the COUNTY, by check or by other COUNTY approved manner, on a monthly basis:
 - A. All fees received for the making of copies of certificates, slides, documents, reports, photographs and other reproducible items.
 - B. All fees or payments received from State agencies for work performed by the INTERIM ASSOCIATE, excluding expert witness fees.
 - C. All charges billed to and paid by another Medical Examiner District for work performed by the INTERIM ASSOCIATE using Palm Beach County equipment or personnel.

8. Indemnification.

- A. The INTERIM ASSOCIATE shall indemnify and save harmless and defend the COUNTY, its agents, servants, and employees from and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, and/or causes of action which may arise from any negligent act or omission of the INTERIM ASSOCIATE, his/her agents, servants, or employees in the performance of services under this Agreement.
- B. The INTERIM ASSOCIATE further agrees to indemnify, save harmless and defend the COUNTY, its agents, servants and employees from and against any claim, demand or cause of action of whatsoever kind or nature arising out of any conduct or misconduct of the INTERIM ASSOCIATE, not included in the paragraph above and for which the COUNTY, its agents, servants or employees are alleged to be liable.

- C. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity by the COUNTY.
- D. This Indemnification and hold harmless section shall apply to the fullest extent permitted by law; however, notwithstanding the preceding provision of this paragraph, the INTERIM ASSOCIATE shall not be responsible for any indemnification to COUNTY for any claims, demands, liability, losses and/or causes of action attributable in any degree to the negligence of COUNTY, its agents, servants or employees.

9. Termination.

- A. This Agreement may be terminated by the COUNTY, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days written notice from the DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER.
- B. In the event of termination, the INTERIM ASSOCIATE=s appointment as INTERIM ASSOCIATE shall automatically expire without further action by the parties hereto, upon the effective date of termination.
- 10. **Assignment.** It is hereby agreed that any and all rights or obligations created by this Agreement may not be assigned or delegated by either party hereto, other than as expressly provided herein, this being a personal Professional Services Agreement.
- 11. **Conflict of Interest**. The INTERIM ASSOCIATE represents that it presently has no interest and shall acquire no interest, either direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner with the performance of services required hereunder, as provided for in Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes. The INTERIM ASSOCIATE further represents that no person having any interest shall be employed for said performance.

The INTERIM ASSOCIATE shall promptly notify the COUNTY and DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER in writing by certified mail of all potential conflicts for any prospective business association, interest or other circumstance which may influence or appear to influence the INTERIM ASSOCIATE=s judgment or quality of services being provided hereunder. Such written notification shall identify the prospective business association, interest, or circumstance, the nature of work that the INTERIM ASSOCIATE may undertake and request an opinion of the COUNTY and DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER as to whether the association, interest or circumstance would, in the opinion of the COUNTY, constitute a conflict of interest if entered into by the INTERIM ASSOCIATE. The COUNTY agrees to notify the INTERIM ASSOCIATE AND DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER of its opinion by certified mail within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification. If, in the opinion of COUNTY, the prospective business association, interest or circumstance would not constitute a conflict of interest by the INTERIM ASSOCIATE, the COUNTY shall so state in the notification. This paragraph does not, however, require notice for activities which are authorized or permitted by this Agreement.

INTERIM ASSOCIATE is, and shall be, in the performance of all work services and activities under this Agreement, an independent contractor, and not an employee, agent, or servant of the COUNTY. All work or services performed pursuant to this Agreement shall at all times, and in all places, be subject to the DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER=s sole direction, supervision, and control. The DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER shall exercise control over the means and manner in which the INTERIM ASSOCIATE performs the work,

and in all respects the relationship of the INTERIM ASSOCIATE to the COUNTY shall be that of an independent contractor and not as an employee or agent of the COUNTY.

- 13. **Authority.** The INTERIM ASSOCIATE does not have the power or authority to bind the COUNTY in any promise, agreement or representation other than specifically provided for in this Agreement and shall not pledge the COUNTY=s credit or make it a guarantor of payment or surety for any contract or indebtedness.
- 14. The INTERIM ASSOCIATE warrants that he/she has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the INTERIM ASSOCIATE to solicit or secure this Agreement and that he/she has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the INTERIM ASSOCIATE, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. Nothing contained in this provision shall prohibit INTERIM ASSOCIATE from engaging the services of an attorney on a non-contingent fee basis for assistance in the negotiation and execution of this Agreement.
- 15. **Non-Discrimination**. The INTERIM ASSOCIATE warrants and represents that all of his/her employees (if any) are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, or gender identity or expression.
- 16. Authority to Practice. The INTERIM ASSOCIATE hereby represents and warrants that he/she has and will continue to maintain all licenses, designations, certifications, and approvals required and that he/she will at all times conduct his/her activities in accordance with highest professional standards.

17. **Notice.** Whenever any party desires to give notice to the other, same must be in writing and shall be directed to:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR 301 N. Olive Avenue, Suite 1101 West Palm Beach, FL 33401 And

Michael D. Bell, M.D. District Medical Examiner 3126 Gun Club Road West Palm Beach, FL 33406

With a copy to:

County Attorney's Office 301 North Olive Avenue, 6th Floor West Palm Beach, FL 33401

If sent to INTERIM ASSOCIATE:

Jennifer Park, D.O. 22657 Meridiana Drive Boca Raton, Florida 33433

- 18. Availability of Funds. The COUNTY=s performance and obligations under this Agreement is contingent upon an annual appropriation for its purpose by the Board of County Commissioners.
- 19. **Severability**. If any term or provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall, to any extent, be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such terms or provision, to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or

unenforceable, shall not be affected, and every other term and provision of this Agreement shall be deemed valid and enforceable to the extent permitted by law.

- 20. **Public Entity Crimes**. As provided in FS 287.132-133, by entering into this Agreement or performing any work in furtherance hereof, the INTERIM ASSOCIATE certifies that he/she, his/her affiliates, suppliers, subcontractors and consultants who will perform hereunder, have not been placed on the convicted vendor list maintained by the State of Florida Department of Management Services within the 36 months immediately preceding the date hereof. This notice is required by FS 287.133(3)(a).
- 21. **Entirety of Agreement**. The COUNTY and INTERIM ASSOCIATE agree that this Agreement embodies the total agreement between the parties hereto, and that there are no promises or understanding other than those stated herein. None of the provisions, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement may be added to, modified, superseded or otherwise altered except by written instrument executed by the parties hereto.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement on the day and year first entered above.

ATTEST: SHARON R. BOCK Clerk & Comptroller	PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
By: Deputy Clerk	County Administrator
INTERIM ASSOCIATE:	Approved as to terms and conditions
By: Jennifer Park DO.	By: Mull Bell Michael D. Bell, M.D.
(Notary as to INTERIM ASSOCIATION	VERONICA M. LAMAR Notary Public - State of Florida Notary Public - State of Florida Notary Public - State of Florida
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY	Commission # DD 536274 Bonded by National Notary Assn.
By: County Attorney	

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RESOLUTION R-200 -0118

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO INTERIM AGREEMENTS WITH ASSOCIATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE CONTINUITY OF MEDICAL EXAMINER OFFICE COVERAGE.

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2000, the Board of County Commissioners appointed Lisa M. Flannagan, M.D., as the District Medical Examiner for Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute Chapter 406, under which Dr. Flannagan is employed, requires her to select such Associate Medical Examiners as are reasonably necessary to provide Medical Examiner services; and

WHEREAS, it is Palm Beach County's responsibility to remunerate and contract independently with each Associate Medical Examiner selected by the Medical Examiner; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Flannagan requires the services of Associate Medical Examiners starting January 10, 2001; and

WHEREAS, an "Interim Associate Medical Examiner's Agreement" has been developed to assure that Dr. Flannagan has available immediate coverage of a sufficient number of Associate Medical Examiners primarily to cover weekends and holidays; and

WHEREAS, the "Interim Associate Medical Examiner's Agreement" is for a term of no more than six months, and provides for the immediate contractual employment of associate medical examiners until a full-time Associate Medical Examiner can be hired.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

- 1. The Interim Associate Medical Examiner Agreement shall be for a term of no more than six consecutive months.
- 2. The County Administrator shall have the authority to sign Interim Associate Medical Examiner Agreements on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.
- 3. Each fully signed and executed Interim Associate Medical Examiner Agreement shall be forwarded to the Minutes Department for receipt and filing.

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its adoption.	The motion was seconded by C	ommissioner	McCarty	and upon
being put to	a vote, the vote was as follows:			
	Warren H. Newell Carol A. Roberts Karen T. Marcus Mary McCarty Burt Aaronson Tony Masilotti Addie L. Greene	Absent Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye Aye		
The Chairma January, 200	an thereupon declared the resoluti	on duly passed a	nd adopted this _	9th day of
LEGAL SUF	AS TO FORM AND FICIENCY Attorney	BY ITS BO COMMISS DOROTHY H.	ACH COUNTY, FOARD OF COUNTIONERS WILKEN, CLERK Peputy Clerk	ГҮ