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It is my honor to serve,

**Jerry Campbell | County Commissioner**  
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Commissioners,

Below is the wording for the legislative priority as discussed. Pam should be able to send out to the full e-mail list in the morning, but we wanted to get it to you today as one of your commissions is meeting tomorrow on legislative priorities. Feel free to share with your staff.

## **Planning and design of a new Medical Examiner building**

### **Description/Background:**

The current 9,244 sq. ft. Medical Examiner (ME) building was built in 1999, and despite additions throughout the years, has proven too small and inefficient and is not suited for long-term use. Additionally, expansion on the current site is not possible. The proposed new building will be 30,000 sq. ft. It will include a morgue and an administrative section and be expandable in the future. The ME Advisory Committee sent out an RFP for both land and a "build to suit" option. However, based on the

submissions that were received, the board determined that directly overseeing the construction was the most cost-effective way to proceed and rejected all the proposals. Two RFQs, one for architecture and one for a “construction manager at risk” went out on 8/9. A Financial/Cost analysis determined the project will cost \$29 million, which includes \$1.699 million in construction contingency costs. Marion County expects to take out a \$29 million bond to cover the costs. Regarding cost allocation, Marion County will be proposing that the cost be split by the population size of each county. Further, one possible site has been identified in the Summerfield area at the intersection of Hwy 301 & 42.

**Requests:** *On behalf of the Districts 5 & 24 Medical Examiner Advisory Committee, Marion County is requesting \$2.86 million for architectural and engineering design services for the new building.*

Thank you,

Rodney



**Rodney K. Mascho**

*Deputy Chief of EMS*

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