



Ocean County Board of Commissioners

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Board Meeting Agenda

Date: December 17, 2025 - 4:00 PM
Location: Administration Building
Room 119
101 Hooper Avenue
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Agenda: Awarding Professional Services Contracts to Elizabeth A. Rouse, M.D. (Forensic Medicine Specialists LLC); Dante Ragasa M.D.; Karabi Sinha, M.D. (Pathology Consultation Services LLC); and Peter Mazari, M.D. to provide Forensic Pathology Services for the OC Medical Examiner's Office, for the period of 1/1/2026 through 12/31/2026, in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00, contingent upon adoption of the 2026 Temporary County Budget and the 2026 County Budget. (QP2025-112)

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Meeting Date	12/17/2025
Introduced Date	12/17/2025
Adopted Date	12/17/2025
Agenda Item	k-10
CAF #	
Purchase Req. #	QP2025-112
Result	Adopted

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Kelly	✓				✓		
Sadeghi	✓				✓		
Arace	✓			✓	✓		
Bacchione	✓		✓		✓		
Haines	✓				✓		

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS DOCUMENT IS A TRUE, COMPLETE AND ACCURATE COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION, ADOPTED BY OCEAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, NJ AT THE MEETING REFERENCED THEREON

Michelle I. Gunther

Clerk Of The Board

RESOLUTION

December 17, 2025

WHEREAS, there exists a need to provide the Ocean County Medical Examiner's Office with **FORENSIC PATHOLOGY SERVICES**; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ocean has publicly solicited a Request for Qualifications for such work in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the responses received by the County of Ocean were reviewed by the Evaluation Committee designated in the RFQ in accordance with the criteria approved by the Ocean County Board of Commissioners for the evaluation of the same; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Consultant Selection Review Committee, based upon the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee, has recommended the award of a Professional Services Agreement for Forensic Pathology Services to: PETER MAZARI, M.D.; ELIZABETH A. ROUSE, M.D. (Forensic Medicine Specialists, LLC.), DANTE RAGASA, M.D., and KARABI SINHA, M.D. (Pathology Consultation Services, LLC), for the period of one (1) year, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Medical Examiner has advised that all such contracts are required to be executed by the individual performing such services and not their respective professional associations; and

WHEREAS, funding for these services shall be made available in Account No. 016-286-4414, contingent upon the adoption of the 2026 Temporary County Budget with the balance to be available contingent upon adoption of the 2026 County Budget, at which time the Department of Finance will notify the appropriate County official when funds have become available; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement is awarded in compliance with the provisions of the N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (a) of the Local Public Contracts Law and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq., the New Jersey "Pay to Play" Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of the COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

1. The Director and Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute Professional Service Agreements with ELZABETH A .ROUSE, M.D.(Forensic Medicine Specialists, LLC.); DANTE RAGASA, M.D.; KARABI SINHA, M.D.(Pathology Consultation Services, LLC); and

PETER MAZARI, M. D., all whom have been submitted by the Ocean County Medical Examiner and approved by the State Medical Examiner to perform forensic autopsies and homicide autopsies as a Pathologist for the Ocean County Medical Examiner for the period set forth above.

2. These Agreements are awarded as Professional Services in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law because the Pathologists are licensed physicians authorized by law to practice the profession of medicine.
3. A notice of this action shall be published once as required by law.
4. The respective contract numbers must be placed on all papers, documents, invoices and vouchers pertaining to said contracts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution shall be made available to the Ocean County Comptroller, County Auditor, County Medical Examiner, County Counsel, Elizabeth A. Rouse, M.D. (Forensic Medicine Specialists, LLC.), Dante Ragasa, M.D., Peter Mazari, M. D., and Karabi Sinha, M.D. (Pathology Consultation Services, LLC).