

Coroner Update

December 19, 2017

10:01 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, Commissioner Jackson, Coroner Warren McLeod

Guests: Natalie Johnson, Sharyn Decker

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Coroner Warren McLeod gave the following updates:

Budget: The Coroner's Office is coming in under budget for 2017. Four indigent cremations. Warren said there is talk of federal funding for mandatory accreditation.

Statistics: 800 deaths year-to-date (compared to a total of 762 in 2016) – two homicides, 25 suicides, 18 accidentals, nine undetermined, 12 pending, 62 autopsies year-to-date.

Accreditation: The Coroner's Office has received accreditation.

Pathologist contact: One pathologist has resigned, leaving one for 2018. The remaining pathologist will arrange coverage during his absence. He also will retire at the end of 2018. Warren said he has considered an interlocal agreement with Cowlitz County. Warren said he and two others will be learning how to perform "external view" exams. Warren said the retiring pathologist may be willing to perform consults.

Meeting ended at 10:21 a.m.