

Coroner Update

May 14, 2024

11:30 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Coroner Warren McLeod, Samantha Schaffer

Guest(s):

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Coroner Warren McLeod introduced his new Chief Deputy: Chief Deputy Coroner Samantha Schaffer.

Warren provided year-to-date updates regarding death investigations:

- Total number of cases: 332
- Homicides: 2
- Suicides: 6
- Confirmed accidental deaths: 9
- Possible accidental deaths (pending toxicology): 7
- Undetermined: 2

Warren said his office has been involved with 27 autopsies and 30 “externals.”

Warren said in-house decedent removals have been going well. He said that by taking over the process, the Coroner’s Office has reduced the cost from \$500 per removal to roughly \$178 per removal.

Meeting ended at 11:41 a.m.