

**Update with Coroner**

**March 12, 2019**

**4:30 p.m.**

Present: Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, Budget Services Manager Becky Butler, Coroner Warren McLeod, County Manager Erik Martin (4:43 p.m.)

Guest: Linda Williams

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Warren McLeod discussed factors that led to the need for a 2018 amendment, including greater-than-anticipated decedent removals, glucose tests, genetic tests and x-rays. He said the changes in line items in Munis also caused hardship.

He said decedent removals totaled 169 in 2018 and had been budgeted at 144.

Erik Martin joined at 4:43 p.m.

Warren said Dawn Harris has taken over bill-paying responsibilities.

Warren said autopsy costs will change for 2020 as the pathologist is retiring. He said he's working with the PA's Office to draft a Request for Proposals (RFPs) for autopsies in 2020.

Warren said he also is working with the PA's Office for decedent removal bids. He noted that removal costs total roughly \$40,000 annually.

Warren said he has not yet determined how much the raises he awarded will affect the \$44,000 authorized in his budget. Warren said he may have to be on call to offset the costs.

Commissioner Stamper noted that the BOCC had been unaware of the raises Warren awarded.

Becky suggested Warren give updates on decedent removal costs and extra help costs monthly.

Warren noted that uniforms no longer can be deducted from personal taxes and that he therefore would be including uniforms in his upcoming budget.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.