

Coroner's Office Update

November 7, 2023

11:32 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Warren McLeod, Stephen Wilson, Becky Butler

Guest(s): None

Recorder: Tammy Martin

Public comment: None.

Year-to-date cases: Warren McLeod said the Coroner's Office has responded to 748 deaths year to date, including:

- 4 homicides
- 17 suicides
- 49 accidental deaths
- 39 drug-related deaths
- 3 undetermined cases
- 1 pending testing
- 74 autopsies

Warren discussed the cost breakdown of an overdose case. The average cost is \$107,952 and 2024 projected costs are \$118,720.

Becky Butler and Warren discussed how Warren is working with WACME and WACO for potential opioid funding.

Warren said there are 4 veteran remains that will be interred on Friday at Tahoma National Cemetery. The procession will leave at 8 a.m. from the Veterans Memorial Museum.

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.