



## COMMISSIONERS' COURT AGENDA ITEM

**Meeting Date:** 06/07/2010

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### **Description:**

Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the appointment of an interim medical examiner.

### **Background:**

At the special meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 2010, the Court asked HR Staff to secure some names for the Court to consider for appointing an interim medical examiner while the County works on a long term solution for providing the services. Staff began working on the matter that same afternoon and followed up on suggestions received. Staff spoke with Dr. Contin and medical examiner's office staff about any suggestions they had. HR also checked with the City to see if there are any medical doctors on staff that could possibly partner with the County during this time of need to no avail (they contract with local providers for specialized services).

The requirements for the appointment under Title 1 of the Code of Criminal Procedures, Chapter 49 state the appointment must be "a physician licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners" and "shall be appointed from persons having training and experience in pathology, toxicology, histology, and other medico-legal sciences."

Names of potential appointees will be provided at the meeting along with additional information.