



**DeWight Dopslauf, C.P.M., CPPO**  
**Harris County Purchasing Agent**

August 31, 2022

Commissioners Court  
Harris County, Texas

**RE: Personal Services Exemption - Local Government Code § 262.024 (a)(4)**

Members of Commissioners Court:

Please approve the attached Order(s) authorizing the County Judge to execute the attached Third Amendment to the Agreement(s) for the following:

**Description:** Medical Examiner Services for the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences

**Vendor(s):** ML Forensic Consulting LLC

**Amount:** \$132,000 previously approved funds for the term 03/22/2022 - 03/21/2023  
100,000 additional funds for the term 03/22/2022 - 03/21/2023  
\$232,000

**Reviewed By:** • Harris County Purchasing • Institute of Forensic Sciences

The Amendment increases funding for services provided under the Agreement. Purchase order(s) will be issued upon Commissioners Court approval.

Sincerely,

DeWight Dopslauf  
Purchasing Agent

MM  
Attachment(s)  
cc: Vendor(s)

**FOR INCLUSION ON COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**



**THIRD AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN HARRIS COUNTY  
AND ML FORENSIC CONSULTING LLC**

THE STATE OF TEXAS     §  
  §  
COUNTY OF HARRIS     §

This Third Amendment to Agreement Between Harris County and ML Forensic Consulting LLC is entered into by and between Harris County (the "County"), a body corporate and politic under the laws of the State of Texas, acting by and through the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences ("Department"), and ML Forensic Consulting LLC ("Contractor").

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 2022, the County and Contractor entered into an agreement (the "Agreement") for the Contractor to provide medical examiner services for the County, including medicolegal exams of decedents requiring autopsies;

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement was previously amended to clarify the payment arrangements and to remove the restriction on the number of autopsies the Contractor is allowed to perform each month;

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement was amended a second time to extend the time for providing autopsy reports and provide for payment of 90% of the Contractor's fee following completion of an autopsy; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties wish to amend the Agreement a third time to appropriate an additional \$100,000.00 to pay for services provided by the Contractor under the terms of the Agreement.

**THEREFORE**, County and Contractor hereby agree to amend the Agreement in the following respects:

**I.**

Paragraph 6) A) under the heading "Limit of Appropriation" is hereby modified to read as follows:

- A) Contractor understands and agrees, said understanding and agreement also being of the absolute essence of this Agreement, that the total maximum compensation that Contractor may become entitled to for the Services performed under this Agreement, and the total maximum sum that the County shall become liable to pay to Contractor under this Agreement, shall not under any conditions, circumstances, or interpretations thereof exceed the sum of Two-Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand and

No/Dollars (\$232,000.00). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, or that may be construed to the contrary, the County's liability under the terms and provisions of this Agreement is limited to this sum.

**II.**

Attachment 1-B affixed to this Third Amendment shall replace Attachment 1-A to the Agreement.

**III.**

All other terms and provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

ML FORENSIC CONSULTING LLC

HARRIS COUNTY

By:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
DR. MARY ANZALONE  
President

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
LINA HIDALGO  
County Judge

Date: 8-19-2020

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
CHRISTIAN D. MENEFE  
COUNTY ATTORNEY

By:   
\_\_\_\_\_  
Nick Turner  
Assistant County Attorney

ORDER OF COMMISSIONERS COURT

Authorizing Execution of Third Amendment to Personal Services Agreement with ML Forensic Consulting LLC for the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences

The Commissioners Court of Harris County, Texas, met in regular session at its regular term at the Harris County Administration Building in the City of Houston, Texas, on \_\_\_\_\_, with all members present except \_\_\_\_\_.

A quorum was present. Among other business, the following was transacted:

**ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ML FORENSIC CONSULTING LLC TO PROVIDE MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES FOR THE HARRIS COUNTY INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC SCIENCES**

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ introduced an order and moved that Commissioners Court adopt the order. Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion for adoption of the order. The motion, carrying with it the adoption of the order, prevailed by the following vote:

Vote of the Court	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Judge Hidalgo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Ellis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Garcia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Ramsey, P.E.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comm. Cagle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The County Judge thereupon announced that the motion had duly and lawfully carried and that the order had been duly and lawfully adopted. The order adopted follows:

**IT IS ORDERED** that County Judge Lina Hidalgo be, and she is hereby authorized to execute, for and on behalf of Harris County, the Third Amendment to Agreement Between Harris County and ML Forensic Consulting LLC to appropriate an additional \$100,000.00 to pay the contractor for services provided under the Agreement.

All Harris County officials and employees are authorized to do any and all things necessary or convenient to accomplish the purpose of this Order.