

Resolution 2025-98
Kootenai County Coroner Emergency Expenditure

WHEREAS, the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners and Coroner, each elected directly by the County voters, exercise executive powers in their respective offices; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Idaho Code §31-2801A, the Kootenai County Coroner has the statutory duty to determine or certify the cause and manner of death for those deaths properly under his jurisdiction. In furtherance thereof, the Kootenai County Coroner and his predecessors have contracted with Spokane County for the provision of medical examiner services for decades; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code §67-2808(1)(a) provides that a board of county commissioners may declare that an emergency exists and that the public interest and necessity demand immediate expenditure of public money; and

WHEREAS, upon making such an emergency declaration, sums required in the emergency may be expended without compliance with formal bidding requirements per Idaho Code §67-2808(1)(b); and

WHEREAS, the Kootenai County Coroner has advised the Board that the Spokane County Medical Examiner has unilaterally terminated the Agreement for Medical Examiner Services as of January 1, 2026. The Agreement had been long-standing, and the Kootenai County Coroner is now working diligently to secure alternate services. The Kootenai County Coroner advises that the absence of appropriate medical examiner services directly impacts his ability to perform statutorily-required investigations and that the services are necessary to safeguard life, health, or property as contemplated in Idaho Code §67-2808(1)(a).

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that an emergency exists and that the public interest and necessity demand the immediate expenditure of public money; and that the Kootenai County Coroner be permitted to procure interim emergency medical examiner services, without compliance with formal bidding requirements.

Upon a motion to adopt the text of the foregoing Resolution made by Commissioner Eberlein, seconded by Commissioner Duncan, the following vote was recorded:

Commissioner Duncan:	Aye
Commissioner Eberlein:	Aye
Chairman Mattare:	Excused

Upon said roll call, the text of the foregoing was duly enacted as a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Kootenai County, Idaho on the 30th day of December, 2025.

KOOTENAI COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Leslie Duncan, Commissioner - Signed 12/30/2025



Marc Eberlein, Commissioner - Signed 12/30/2025

ATTEST:
JENNIFER LOCKE, CLERK



Teri Johnston, Deputy Clerk - Signed 12/30/2025