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### **County Board approves short contract extension with medical examiner**

The St. Louis County Board has given its support to extend its current contract with Lakeland Pathology, P.A., and Dr. Thomas Uncini for medical examiner services through June 30, 2015. The contract extension provides the county time to research and consider options as it seeks proposals for medical examiner services. Uncini has provided medical examiner services to St. Louis County since 1998, however has indicated he is no longer interested in serving that role.

At today's County Board meeting in Duluth, several commissioners commented they hope a solution can be found that will keep these services local. Currently there are only three other providers of medical services in the state, and all are based in the Twin Cities. Commissioners noted that the added distance would create hardship for grieving families, funeral directors, law enforcement and others.

The scope and terms of the contract extension include the same rates as were paid in the 2014 contract.

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