



# Saint Louis County

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **County Board approves contract with Midwest Medical Examiner's Office**

St. Louis County Commissioners have given unanimous approval to a contract with the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office for services beginning July 1, and to appoint Angelique Quinn Strobl, M.D. as the new St. Louis County Chief Medical Examiner. Following careful consideration, the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office and Dr. Strobl were determined to have the best business model to serve the County's needs. Their proposal includes the use of a team of on-site, on-call medical examiner investigators in order to maintain a local presence and ensure as rapid a response as possible to assist law enforcement, emergency responders, and families.

Dr. Strobl is a certified forensic pathologist and is the chief medical examiner for Anoka County. The Midwest Medical Examiner's facility is owned by and located in Anoka County, and provides medical examiner services to 17 counties in Minnesota.

"The Midwest Medical Examiner's Office has considerable experience working with counties – including in greater Minnesota. Their business model and commitment to maintain a local presence is the best option and gives me confidence moving forward," said Kevin Gray, St. Louis County Administrator.

Since 1998, St. Louis County has contracted with Dr. Thomas Uncini of Lakeland Pathology, P.A., for medical examiner services. Earlier this year Dr. Uncini indicated he was no longer interested in serving as chief medical examiner. He agreed to a short term contract extension to give the County time to research and secure an alternative provider. With his contract expiring June 30, commissioners praised Dr. Uncini for his dedicated years of service.

Noting the limited choices for medical examiner services in the state, commissioners also briefly discussed the need for forensic pathologists to serve this region and the state, and working

with the University of Minnesota to establish such a program at the Duluth campus.

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