RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Request the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution approving the memorandum of understanding with John C. Fremont Healthcare District and the Mariposa County District Attorney’s Office, regarding services to draw blood on suspected DUI and drug cases, for the period of February 14, 2008, through February 13, 2009, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the MOU.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

This has been an ongoing memorandum of understanding with John C. Fremont Healthcare District and the Mariposa County District Attorney’s Office since 1996.

The new MOU will increase the cost for each blood draw from $60.00 to $120.00.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Negative action would result in having to locate a new facility to provide services for drawing blood on suspected DUI and drug cases.
March 6, 2008

Mr. Robert Brown
Office of the District Attorney
County of Mariposa
P.O. Box 730
Mariposa, CA 95338

Dear Mr. Brown:

The John C. Fremont Healthcare District (JCFHD) has a memorandum of understanding (MOU) regarding blood draws done at the Mariposa County Adult Detention Facility. After the meeting yesterday with Mr. Knight, Sheriff Muller and yourself the changes to the MOU at this time are in the cost of blood draws. See number two below.

John C. Fremont Healthcare District shall provide the following:

1. The JCFHD laboratory on-call Lab personnel shall be available by phone (966-3631, ext 264).
2. The cost shall be $120.00 per blood draw.
3. JCFHD shall bill the above-mentioned office accordingly and reimbursement shall be due 30 days from the billing date.
4. It is further understood that JCFHD emergency patients take priority over jail alcohol draws. Lab personnel will make every effort to arrive at the jail within 15 – 20 minutes. If there is an emergency at JCFHD and our lab personnel is delayed, lab will call the jail to see if an officer may bring the suspect(s) to the Emergency Department at JCFHD for the draw. There will be no ER charges incurred under these circumstances.

Mariposa County Adult Detention Facility shall provide the following:

1. A CHP Officer or Mariposa County Deputy Sheriff shall take suspect(s) to the County Jail.
2. Adequate space shall be provided for equipment, supplies and forms.
3. A specific area at the jail, which provides a safe environment for the Lab personnel and suspect(s), and to ensure that the blood may be drawn in the prescribed manner.

By your signatures and dates on page three JCFHD shall begin the new MOU. This understanding shall be reviewed on a yearly basis and shall be for the period February 14, 2008 through February 13, 2009.

Two copies of this understanding are provided. Please return one copy to us in the enclosed envelope. The other is for your files.

We look forward to continuing this relationship.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Jimmy M. Knight,
Interim Administrator/CEO

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Approved as to form:

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Thomas P. Guarino,
County Counsel

Agreed and accepted this 2nd day of APRIL, 2008

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Robert Brown, District Attorney

Agreed and accepted this 22nd day of April, 2008

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Chairperson, Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

Agreed and accepted this 3rd day of April, 2008

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California Highway Patrol Office

Agreed and accepted this 2nd day of April, 2008

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Sheriff's Office