

Purchasing Department
Madison County Board of Supervisors
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Subject: Authorization for Road Department to bury unclaimed body and pay associated costs

Dear Board Members:

Beth A. Degraffenreidt died January 25 at Merit Health Madison Hospital. Ms. Degraffenreidt was indigent. Coroner Alex Breland has been unable to locate any relatives of the late Ms. Degraffenreidt.

Under Section 41-39-5 of the Mississippi Code, it is the responsibility of the county in which a person dies to bury said person if no one claims the body. Following five-days notice to the supervisor in whose district the person died, the board or coroner may bury the body and the board may pay the associated costs.

Supervisor David Bishop, in whose district Merit Health Madison Hospital is located, was notified on February 2. The required five-day waiting period will have been met on February 7.

I recommend that the board direct the Road Department to bury Ms. Degraffenreidt on or shortly after February 7 in the county-owned cemetery located on George Washington Avenue in Canton and authorize payment of \$150 to Robertson Removal Service for transportation of the body.

Sincerely,



Hardy Crunk
Purchasing Clerk