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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:

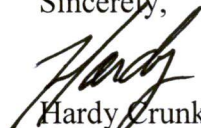
James G. Hinkle died February 14 at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland. According to Coroner Alex Breland, Mr. Hinkle was indigent and no one has claimed the body for burial.

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 Sheila Jones, in whose district Hospice Ministries is located, was notified on February 21. The required five-day waiting period will have been met on February 26.

I recommend that the board direct the Road Department to bury Mr. Hinkle on or shortly after February 26 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