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District 1 Supervisor Sheila Jones
District 2 Supervisor Trey Baxter
District 3 Supervisor Gerald Steen
District 4 Supervisor David Bishop
District 5 Supervisor Paul Griffin

Subject: Authorization for Road Department to bury unclaimed body and pay associated costs

Dear Board Members:

Robert Quinn died July 7 at Merit Health Madison, located in Canton. Coroner Alex Breland has been unable to locate any relatives that are willing to claim the body and assume the responsibility of burial. Mr. Breland has also been unable to locate any monetary funds belonging to the late Mr. Quinn.

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 July 12. The required five-day waiting period will have been met on July 17.

I recommend that unless someone claims the body from Mr. Breland by July 17, that the Road Department be directed to bury Mr. Quinn on or shortly after July 17 in the county-owned cemetery located on George Washington Avenue in Canton and that the board authorize payment of \$125 to F&M Transport for transportation of the body for burial.

Sincerely,



Hardy Crunk
Purchasing Clerk