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District 2 Supervisor Ronnie Lott
District 3 Supervisor Gerald Steen
District 4 Supervisor Karl Banks
District 5 Supervisor Paul Griffin

Subject: Authority to pay for burial of unclaimed body—Roger Ford

Gentlemen:

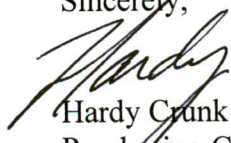
Roger Ford died recently at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland. No one has claimed the body. After diligent search, Madison County Coroner Alex Breland was unable to locate any of Mr. Ford's relatives.

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 day notice to the supervisors in whose district the person died, the board may approve the burial and payment of associated costs.

Per state statute, I notified John Bell Crosby, the supervisor in whose district the death occurred. Nick Branch will transport the body from the State Crime Lab to Canton and provide a burial container for the sum of \$300. This is the standard fee Madison County has paid in prior years.

I request that the Board authorize the aforementioned expenditure to Nick Branch and direct the Road Department to bury the body.

Sincerely,


Hardy Crunk
Purchasing Clerk