

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-09

ON THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2012, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS are duly assembled at a regular meeting of such County Commissioners for the purpose of transacting business on behalf of Jackson County, Kansas and the general welfare and supervision of county employees.

**WHEREAS**, the current County Commissioners would like to implement a procedure to dispose of bodies that are unclaimed.

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED**, if a body is deemed to be unclaimed, the county coroner or officer in charge of the body shall immediately notify the University of Kansas Willed Body Program and offer the body for donation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if the University of Kansas Willed Body Program accepts said unclaimed body, the County shall transport said unclaimed body to the University of Kansas Willed Body Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if the University of Kansas Willed Body Program rejects said unclaimed body, the County shall be responsible for the burial or cremation of said unclaimed body. The County shall use the services alternating between Mercer's Funeral Home of Holton, Kansas or Chapel Oak's Funeral Home of Holton, Kansas.

Dated: March 19, 2012



Attest:

*Brenda Hawley Deputy*  
Kath Mick, Jackson County Clerk

Board of County Commissioners,  
Jackson County, Kansas

*Larry Fenske*  
Larry Fenske, Chairman

*Ed Kathrens*  
Ed Kathrens, Member

*Roger Coverdale*  
Roger Coverdale, Member

TO: Kansas Coroners, Law Enforcement Agencies, District Attorneys, County Clerks, County Commissions, Funeral Directors, Hospitals

FROM: Frontier Forensics, PA Tel: 913-299-1533  
First Call Morgue

**We are pleased to announce an arrangement that eliminates added body transportation costs caused by our office shift from Topeka to Kansas City.**

August 26, 2011, Frontier Forensics, P.A., moved to the First Call Facility in Kansas City, KS. With the move came an increase in transportation costs to many of the counties we serve. Recognizing the financial burden, we have found a solution that eliminates the added costs of transporting the bodies to Kansas City. Effective immediately, Capital City Mortuary Services, a facility in Topeka, KS, equipped with a 16 body capacity cooler, is available as a transfer point for cases enroute to the First Call Morgue in Kansas City. Once delivered to the Capital City Mortuary cooler in Topeka, bodies will be quickly and professionally transported to the First Call Morgue for autopsy **at no charge to you**. Upon request after postmortem examination, remains can be returned from Kansas City to the Capital City cooler in Topeka **at no additional charge to you**. Funeral Homes have the option to pick-up the remains from First Call in Kansas City or from Capital City Mortuary in Topeka at their convenience.

Capital City Mortuary Services is conveniently located near I-70 and K-75 Highways at 3936 NW 16<sup>th</sup> St., Topeka, KS (map enclosed). Capital City has served the funeral industry with transportation, embalming, and cremation services for over 16 years and currently provides coroner case transport for many counties.

Chain of custody documentation will be maintained by transport staff upon delivery of bodies to the cooler. Documentation to maintain the security and integrity of the body will be provided. As in the past, bodies should arrive at Capital City with an affixed identification band in a new labeled body bag that is secured with a one-time lock, per the long-standing standards promulgated by Frontier Forensics, P.A. As before, bodies improperly transported without a body bag will be bagged at Capital City and costs billed to the county of origin.

Our trained and professional staff will continue to serve you, our customers, with the high quality, cost effective forensic services you have received for nearly 20 years. We continue to explore means to meet your needs in a cost effective manner and welcome suggestions you may have to improve our service.

Please feel free to contact our office any time, day or night. It is our pleasure to discuss any questions or concerns with you.



Erik K. Mitchell, M.D.



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Chris Berry, COO

April, 5, 2012