

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BEE



**ORDER REGARDING DISPOSITION OF
THE BODY OF DECEASED PAUPERS**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Bee County, Texas, convened in a regular meeting on the 13th day of August, 2018, in the Commissioners Courtroom with proper notice given and a quorum of the Court present; and

WHEREAS, the matter of adopting a policy regarding disposition of the body of deceased paupers came before the Court; and

WHEREAS, the Court desires to adhere to the guidelines set out in the Texas Health and Safety Code, §694.002, §711.002, § 691.023, §691.024 and other applicable statutes to provide for disposition of remains of indigent persons in Bee County, Texas.

NOW THEREFORE, on a motion made by Commissioner DeWitt, seconded by Commissioner Haggard, and adopted by the vote indicated below, the Commissioners Court of Bee County, Texas, does hereby adopt the following policy to be effective from this date forward:

- a) Bee County ("the County") shall accept no responsibility, financial or otherwise, for the disposition of a decedent's remains if there is found to exist any surviving relative or other person listed in §711.002 or §691.024 of the Texas Health and Safety Code;
- b) In the event no person listed in §711.002 or §691.024 is found to exist, the County will pay reasonable costs for the disposition of the remains by cremation;
- c) The County Judge's Office will make determination of indigency;
- d) Remains of veterans and unidentified persons that meet the above criteria will be buried in the County cemetery;
- e) The Commissioners' Court of Bee County hereby limits cost for disposition of remains to \$1,000.00.
- f) This Order supersedes any and all other prior Court Orders regarding indigent burials or disposition of the body of deceased paupers.

ADOPTED by the Commissioners Court of Bee County, Texas, on the 13th day of August, 2018.

Handwritten signature of Stephanie Moreno in blue ink.

Stephanie Moreno, Bee County Judge

Handwritten signature of Carlos Salazar Jr. in blue ink.

Carlos Salazar Jr., Commissioner Pct. 1Handwritten signature of Dennis DeWitt in blue ink.

Dennis DeWitt, Commissioner Pct. 2Handwritten signature of Sammy G. Farias in blue ink.

Sammy G. Farias, Commissioner Pct. 3Handwritten signature of Ken Haggard in blue ink.

Ken Haggard, Commissioner Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Mirella Escamilla Davis in blue ink.

Mirella Escamilla Davis, Bee County Clerk