

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SHERIDAN COUNTY, WYOMING

RULES GOVERNING INDIGENT BURIAL PAYMENTS
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I certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the Rules Governing Indigent Burial Payments adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, Sheridan County, Wyoming in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act, W.S. 16-3-101 et seq. and W/S/ 19-14-101(b).

Prior to adoption, this rule was made available for public inspection beginning on November 19, 2019 and notices of intended adoption were mailed to all persons requesting notice of proposed rules. The attached rules were adopted on January 7, 2020 through Resolution 20-01-002 of the Board of County Commissioners, Sheridan County, Wyoming.

The attached rules are effective immediately upon filing with the County Clerk.

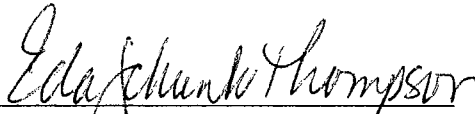
Signed this 7th day of January 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
Sheridan County, Wyoming

ATTESTED:



Nick Siddle, Chairman

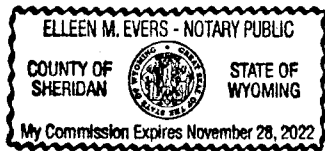


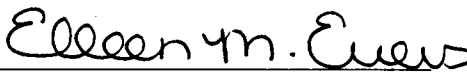
Eda Schunk Thompson, County Clerk

STATE OF WYOMING)
)
COUNTY OF SHEIRDAN)

On this 7th day of January 2020, before me personally appeared Nick Siddle, being first duly sworn, in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, Sheridan County, Wyoming and that this instrument was signed and sealed on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.





Elleen M. Evers, Notary Public

My Commission Expires 11/28/2022



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Section 1: Authority

These Rules and Regulations are promulgated in accordance with Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act, W.S. 16-3-101 et. seq. and W.S. 19-14-101(b).

Section 2. Definitions.

As used in these Rules and Regulations:

- a) "Applicant" means "the funeral home submitting an application under Section 4 of these Rules and Regulations for reimbursement of final expenses incurred on behalf of an indigent person."
- b) "County" means "Sheridan County, Wyoming."
- c) "Final Expenses" includes the costs of preparation of the body, transmittal of the body to a cemetery, and burial or cremation of the body.
- d) "Indigent person" means "a deceased person who at the time of death is without sufficient means in his own estate or other resources to provide for burial or cremation of his/her remains."

Section 3. County Responsibility for Payment of Final Expenses.

The County may be responsible for payment of certain final expenses of indigent persons pursuant to the following Wyoming Statutes:

- a) Per W.S. 7-4-104 (a)(i)(K) and 7-4-207.
- b) Per W.S. 18-3-504(c) and W.S. 42-2-103(c), for indigent persons not receiving aid under the personal opportunities with employments responsibilities (POWER) program, supplemental security income, or Medicaid at the time of death.
- c) Per W.S. 19-14-101, for any veteran other than a dishonorably discharged veteran of the armed forces of the United States who served on behalf of the United States in any war or conflict as defined in Title 38 U.S.C. § 101.

Section 4. Application for County Payment of Final Expenses.

- a) Application for County payment of final expenses as authorized by the Wyoming Statutes listed in Section 3 of these Rules and Regulations, shall be submitted on the Application Form attached hereto as Appendix A.

b) Completed applications shall be submitted to the County Coroner for review and recommendation for payment to the Board of County Commissioners.

c) Final approval of all County payments to applicants shall be by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 5. Limitations on County Payment of Final Expenses.

County payments of final expenses shall not exceed the limits provided in the applicable Wyoming Statutes as listed in Section 3 of these Rules and Regulations. In no event shall payments exceed Two Thousand, Two Hundred, Ninety-Five Dollars (\$2,295.00)

Section 6. Subsequent Claim of Remains.

a) Except as provided in Subsection b) of this Section, if the remains are claimed by a friend, relative, or other person after the funeral home has incurred any final expenses, the claimant shall pay the final expenses incurred directly to the funeral home.

b) If the County has already reimbursed the funeral home for final expenses, the claimant shall pay to the County the amount paid for final expenses. In addition, the claimant shall pay a lost profit fee to the funeral home in the amount per their normal and customary rate, as well as any fees charged by the mortuary or cemetery for the cost of disinterment.

Section 7. Severability.

If any provision of these rules of practice or the application thereof is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or application of these rules which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of these rules are severable.