

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT INDIGENT REMAINS DISPOSITION POLICY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code sections 252.25 and 252.27, the Board of Supervisors desires to declare a policy concerning the provision of monetary assistance for the disposition of the remains of deceased indigent persons;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Cass County, Iowa as follows:

1. Disposition assistance may be paid to a funeral home for the benefit of any deceased Cass County resident. Eligibility for benefits shall be determined using the same standards provided for in the General Assistance or Veteran Affairs Ordinance.
2. Application for assistance shall be made in writing on a form provided by the County and in the same manner as application for any other type of assistance with the General Assistance or Veteran Affairs Offices. The application shall be made as soon as possible after the date of death, but prior to arrangement with a funeral director. Application may be made by the funeral home director in the absence of any other responsible party.
3. A maximum of \$1,500.00 will be paid for a disposition, which includes the mandatory Medical Examiner certification fee.
4. The family or interested friends of the deceased are responsible for the purchase of a cemetery space or lot and interment. Cremains may be returned to the family or friends making application for disposition.
5. The applicant shall also sign an agreement to repay Cass County, Iowa, from any resources or benefits that belong to or are due to the deceased person. Examples of such assets or benefits are as follows:
 - a. Life insurance;
 - b. Real estate;
 - c. Personal property;
 - d. Social security, railroad or other benefits;
 - e. Contracts; and
 - f. Bank accounts, annuities, stocks, bonds and C.D.'s.
6. Said agreement shall be signed under penalty of perjury and any false or incomplete information provided by the family or friend will be dealt with accordingly.

Adopted the 10th day of February, 2016.

Motion by: Mark Wedemeyer

Seconded by: Duane McFadden

Roll Call:

Aye Frank Waters

Aye Gaylord Schelling

Aye Duane McFadden

Absent Charles Rieken


Aye Mark Wedemeyer Carried unanimously.

Adopted this 10th day of February, 2016.



Gaylord Schelling, Chair

Attest:



Dale Sunderman, Auditor

AGREEMENT

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the _____ day of _____, 20____

_____ filed for an application for indigent remains burial/disposition expenses on behalf of _____. Said application will be reviewed by the Cass County General Relief Director/Veterans Affairs Director and submitted to the Cass County Board of Supervisors if the indigent guidelines provided for in the Cass County General Relief/Veterans Affairs Ordinances are met.

As part of this application process, _____ does hereby agree to provide Cass County, Iowa with a list of all assets and benefits due and belonging to _____. These assets will be used to defray disposition expenses paid by Cass County, Iowa. This agreement is signed under penalty of perjury as a claim for public benefits. Any false information or information that is not disclosed will be treated as fraudulent in nature and appropriate criminal charges may be filed.

[Examples of assets or benefits: life insurance; real estate; personal property; social security or other benefits; contracts; bank accounts; annuities; stocks; bonds; certificates of deposit; etc.]

The following is a list of assets belonging to _____:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

The following is a list of benefits due or held for the benefit of _____:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

The applicant understands the nature of this request and that the information provided herein, or not disclosed as required herein, may serve as a basis to support criminal charges.

APPLICANT (Title and/or relationship to deceased)