



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: May 6, 2025

New Business

Department: Health & Human Services **Presenter(s):** David Sweat, HHS Director

Contact(s): David Sweat, HHS Director
Rebecca Smith, Social Work Director

Subject: Interlocal Agreement for Interment of Unclaimed Bodies Cremains

Brief Summary:

Per statute, The County is responsible for the disposition of unclaimed bodies, which includes cremation and interment. The County does not however have cemetery space and cremains must be handled by a licensed cemetery for final interment. HHS has had an informal agreement with Riverside Cemetery and the City of Asheville in the past to assist with interment of the cremains of unclaimed bodies, however an interlocal agreement has been requested from our City partners to formalize the relationship to inter cremains only for the foreseeable future.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Motion to Authorize County Manager and HHS to execute Interlocal Agreement with City of Asheville for Interment of Unclaimed Bodies Cremains at Riverside Cemetery.

County Manager's Comments & Recommendations:

County Manager recommends as presented.