

**ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AS TO THE INDIGENT BURIAL POLICY
REQUIRED BY MCA SECTION 43-31-29 (Senate Bill 2504 – Regular Session 2009)**

IT SHALL BE the policy of Lafayette County, Mississippi to provide a simple, decent burial as provided below for all persons who die in Lafayette County without family or assets that could otherwise provide the cost or means of burial.

IT IS, HEREBY, ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors for Lafayette County, Mississippi that the Lafayette County Administrator is empowered and authorized to make an initial inquiry and determination of any person on whose behalf a pauper's burial is requested.

FURTHER ORDERED that as part of said inquiry and determination the County Administrator shall consider the following:

1. Whether said person has relatives liable and able to pay burial expenses as anticipated by §43-31-25 of the Miss. Code Ann. (1972);
2. Whether said person maintained any account(s) with a financial institution and the sum of said account(s);
3. Whether said person is being held as unclaimed by any physician, hospital, funeral director, embalmer, coroner, or other party after five (5) days' notification to said person's family or other known interested parties as anticipated by §41-39-5 of the Miss. Code Ann. (1972); and
4. Whether there is any other credible evidence to support said person's right to a pauper's burial including, but not limited to, any source of assistance generally provided paupers.

FURTHER ORDERED that upon a review of the above information, the County Administrator shall make a report and recommendation to the Board as to whether said person is a pauper qualifying for burial by Lafayette County, and the Board will then render an

adjudication of such status and the pauper may be provided burial services which may include cremation, the cost of which may be partially or completely defrayed by the County as determined on a case by case basis. The matter of the adjudication of the deceased as a pauper, the burial of the deceased and associated costs shall be placed upon the minutes of this Board. This procedure shall be the only procedure for pauper burials and the County shall not contribute any funds of the County for burial other than as set forth above.

SO ORDERED, this the _____ day of June, 2009, all members present voting "Aye."

**LAFAYETTE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

LLOYD OLIPHANT, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

SHERRY WALL, CLERK