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To whom it may concern:

This letter is to inform you of an update to Effingham County's conditions and payments related to the removal of bodies for the purpose of autopsies. These rates have not been changed since 2006, and after conversation with the Effingham County Coroner, the Board of Commissioners has approved this increase.

Please note that the Coroner (or his representative) authorizes such transports on behalf of Effingham County. Unless otherwise notified, with verification that the funeral home meets the conditions for providing such services to the County, the Coroner will continue to follow past practice in selecting the funeral home to provide these services.

We thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

Wesley Corbitt, Chairman

Effingham County Board of Commissioners

Coroner's Transport Requirements/Provisions

1. Furnish vehicles, supplies, and personnel necessary to transport bodies from all locations in Effingham County to a refrigerated location or other storage location in Effingham County, or to a GBI crime lab, as directed by the Coroner or his/her authorized representative.
2. Furnish approved refrigeration and storage designed to maintain proper temperature of a deceased body whenever said body cannot be transported immediately.
3. Respond in a timely manner to scene calls and deliver at appointed times on crime lab deliveries.
4. All bodies must be secured in a body bag with proper identification tags attached to the body and the bag. The County, through the Coroner, will provide the body bags and identification tags.
5. In all coroner cases where an autopsy is not required, the body will be released to the funeral home requested by family members, usually with no cost incurred by the County.

County Compensation

Body Transport:

Local scene to Funeral Home or Local Storage - \$250.00

Overnight Storage - \$75.00/night

Transportation to GBI Crime Lab in Pooler - \$250.00

The above compensation is the maximum paid by the County. The County only pays upon being billed and will honor lesser amounts.