

Staff Report

Subject: Approval of Updated Rates for Services for the Effingham County Coroner's Office

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Department: Coroner

Meeting Date: February 7, 2023

Item Description: Updated Rates for Services for the Effingham County Coroner's Office

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the Updated Rates for Services for the Effingham County Coroner's Office

Executive Summary/Background:

- In 2006, Effingham County approved a rate scale in which Funeral Homes would be paid for rendering certain services which included transportation of the deceased to the Funeral Home, GBI, or storage locations in the event that a funeral home was requested to respond to a case by the Effingham County Coroner's Office. These rates have not been changed since 2006.
- Recently, a local Funeral Home approached Mr. Exley to request that these rates be reevaluated as the cost for the Funeral Home to respond was greater than the rate paid. After some conversation, Mr. Exley is requesting the following rates be approved:
 - Local scene to Funeral Home or Local Storage - \$250.00
 - Originally \$175.00
 - Overnight Storage - \$75.00/night
 - Originally \$50.00/night
 - Transportation to GBI Crime Lab in Pooler - \$250.00
 - Originally \$175.00 for Savannah, all other locations removed.
- Should the deceased require transportation anywhere else, a third-party company is used that is better equipped for long distance transportation.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Approval of the Updated Rates for Services for the Effingham County Coroner's Office
2. Take no action and leave the rates unchanged.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: Coroner, Purchasing, County Manager

Funding Source: Coroner Operating Budget

Attachments:

1. Updated Rates Notice
2. Original 2006 Rates