

# Griffin - Roughton

F U N E R A L     H O M E

January 14, 2022

Navarro County Commissioner Court

Judge H. M. Davenport

Commissioner Jason Grant

Commissioner Eddie Perry

Commissioner Eddie Moore

Commissioner James Olsen

Re:     Funeral Home Services Provided to Navarro County

Over the last two years Griffin - Roughton Funeral Home has provided "on call" services to the Navarro County Sheriff's Office and Corsicana Police Department. During this time we have seen a steady increase in request for our services and the need to secure those individuals until next of kin can be notified by law enforcement. The following is the number of request by law enforcement billed to Navarro County for payment:

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| • January 2020 - September 2020 | 22 Calls |
| • October 2020 - September 2021 | 48 calls |
| • October 2021 - December 2021  | 14 calls |

These call numbers do not include those made by request of law enforcement that the family decided the next day to use our funeral home for services. In that case Navarro County was not billed for those calls.

We believe in providing professional services and timely response when asked. We have been able to maintain a response time to scenes 24 hours a day usually within a 45 minute or less timeframe with the exception to remote areas of the county or due to weather. However, with the increase for request for services from law enforcement and the number of funeral services we provide we have been put in the position to add employees to ensure coverage to the County and add on to our existing capabilities to hold deceased individuals until next of kin can be notified. Also, we have had an unfortunate increase in the number of people who we have had to keep at our facility for up to 14 days until law enforcement notifies or attempts to notify next of kin or in some cases the family does not contact us for several days as to what funeral home they want to use. Since Covid began the cost for supplies, such as gloves, body bags, masks, gowns, shoe coverings and mask filters has increased, and in some cases have been hard to get.

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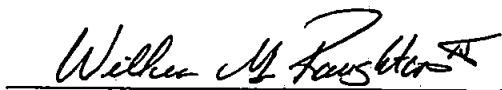
We are proposing the following increase for our services to cover rising fuel cost, equipment / supply cost, employee overtime pay and added expenses to our refrigeration capabilities.

- Removal from place of death and transport to funeral home \$ 400.00
- Transportation to American Forensics in Dallas \$ 200.00
- Transportation back to Navarro County (JP Approved) \$ 200.00
- Shelter / Refrigeration of deceased (per day) \$ 100.00
- Light Weight Body Bag \$ 100.00
- Heavy Weight Body Bag \$ 175.00
- Indigent Cremation (Approved by County Judge with 5 days refrigeration) \$ 1,750.00  
(Cremation over 300lbs would increase by \$100.00 every 100lbs, this is an added fee from crematory)

<i>Indigent Cremations:</i>	<i>January 2020 – September 2020</i>	<i>0 cases</i>
	<i>October 2020 – September 2021</i>	<i>5 cases</i>
	<i>October 2021 – December 2021</i>	<i>1 case</i>

Please let me know if you have any question while you consider this proposal or if I need to meet with the County Commissioners. If approved then these new fees for service would go into effect March 1, 2022.

Sincerely



William G. Roughton II

President