



Agenda Item Summary

File #: 23-00552

Agenda Date: 9/26/2023

Agenda Item Name:

Second Amendment for Professional Services between Alachua County and Forest Meadows Funeral Home and Cemeteries

Presenter:

Claudia Tuck, Community Support Services Director, (352) 231-0058
Sarai Cabrera, Social Services Director, (352) 264-6754

Description:

Indigent Burial and Cremation Services for indigent persons at public expense.

Recommended Action:

Approve and sign the Second Amendment with Forest Meadows.

Prior Board Motions:

Agenda Item 21-0850 10/26/2021
Agenda Item 22-0786-9/13/2022

Fiscal Note:

Not to exceed \$125,000.00, there is \$46,000 budgeted in account 001.29.2960.564.49.94 and \$46,000 in account 001.29.2960.564.49.95 in the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) tentative budget.

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Background:

The Indigent Burial/Cremation Program falls under the purview of the Department of Community Support Services and is administered by the Division of Social Services. The County authorizes the use of General Revenue Funds to support the Indigent Burial/Cremation Program.

Pursuant to Florida State Statute 406.50, the Alachua County Board of County Commission is mandated to provide burial or cremation services to decedents who have expired in Alachua County and who are unclaimed or who must be buried or cremated at public expense.

The Forest Meadows Funeral Home & Cemeteries was sold by Faithful Heritage Holdings to Family-Owned Funeral Group, LLC at the end of July 2023. As part of their transition, the new parent company has hired new staffing as well as a new director. We are currently in the process of scheduling training for their new team, so that they can fully understand our services/contract. The

novation part of this contract acknowledges the new parent company along with proposing the last year of available renewal under the original contract. This allows for continuity of cases in processing as well as no lapse of essential services. This contract is extended through September 30, 2024, after which the County will issue a new BID/Request for Proposal (RFP) via Procurement.,

The County's fee structure for Indigent Burial/Cremation Program includes:

Direct Burial Service at Evergreen Cemetery. The County has an agreement with The City of Gainesville/Evergreen Cemetery for internment.

Infant \$400 (includes casket/vault combination).

Adult \$1150 (includes wooden casket & concrete grave liner).

Oversized (below 300 lbs.) \$1450 (includes oversized wooden casket & oversized concrete grave liner).

Extremely Oversized (over 300 lbs.) \$2000 (includes oversized wooden casket & oversized concrete grave liner).

Direct Burial Service at Evergreen Cemetery; The County has an agreement with The City of Gainesville/Evergreen Cemetery for internment.

Cremation Service:

Infant \$150 (includes cremation container & plastic urn).

Adult \$650 (includes cremation container & plastic urn).

Oversized Adult (over 300 lbs.) \$750 (includes wooden cremation tray & plastic urn).

Veteran Burial:

Preparation and Transportation to Bushnell National Cemetery \$750 (includes wooden casket).

Anatomical Board:

Preparation and Transportation to the Anatomical Board at the University of Florida \$650.