

Commissioner Minutes

May 27, 2025 – 10:15 a.m. to 10:29 a.m.

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The Board met today at 10:15 a.m. to consider matters related to county assistance. Present were: Commissioners Leslie Van Beek, Brad Holton and Zach Brooks, Director of County Assistance Yvonne Baker, Case Manager Kellie George, COO Greg Rast, and Deputy Clerk Jenen Ross.

Case no. 2025-16 was presented to the Board for consideration. An application was submitted from All Valley Cremation on May 21, 2025. The decedent reported to health and welfare that he had a house and vehicle but that there was a \$152,000 lien on the home. Following the decedent's passing, the body was deemed abandoned by the funeral home, however, a brother eventually came forward to take responsibility for the cremation which automatically releases the county. It was later discovered that the brother taking responsibility is also in a nursing home and the house owned by the decedent is also equally owned by the brother. The assessed value of the home is \$70,850 and County Assistance did not find any lien attached to it. In communications from All Valley Cremation, they have cited several codes they feel obligates the county for payment. Following discussion between the Board and County Assistance, the Board would like a legal review of this case. Commissioner Holton made a motion to defer this case to a future date and time to allow staff to meet with the civil team for review of the argument that has been presented. Commissioner Van Beek seconded the motion with discussion noting that she would like legal to be present when the case is presented again. Commissioner Holton amended his motion to have civil in the room the next time this case is considered. Commissioner Van Beek seconded the modified motion which carried unanimously. The meeting concluded at 10:29 a.m. and an audio recording is on file in the Commissioners' Office.