

RESOLUTION NO. 2025092318

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH LORETTO
MEMORIAL CHAPEL TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY HOUSING OF
CADAVERS IN THE EVENT OF MULTIPLE FATALITIES OR LIMITED
HOSPITAL CAPACITY, AND TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF A DAILY RATE
OF FIFTY (\$50.00) DOLLARS FOR SUCH SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Lawrence County is responsible for ensuring the dignified and secure handling of deceased persons in cases of accidental fatalities, natural disasters, or other emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the local hospital may from time to time be unable to accommodate cadavers due to limited storage capacity; and

WHEREAS, Loretto Memorial Chapel maintains suitable facilities to temporarily house cadavers in a safe and respectful manner consistent with professional and public health standards; and

WHEREAS, the availability of such facilities under a standing agreement will promote public safety, dignity, and preparedness for extraordinary circumstances; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lawrence County Legislative Body meeting in Regular Session on this 23rd day of September, 2025, that:

SECTION 1. Authorization of Agreement. Lawrence County is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Loretto Memorial Chapel to provide temporary housing of cadavers when the local hospital is unable to do so, whether as a result of multiple fatalities, natural disasters, or other emergencies creating extraordinary need.

SECTION 2. Rate of Compensation. The County shall compensate Loretto Memorial Chapel at a daily rate not to exceed Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars per day, per cadaver, as invoiced pursuant to the agreement.

SECTION 3. Policies and Procedures. The County Executive, in consultation with the County Medical Examiner and Emergency Management, shall establish policies and procedures governing when the arrangement may be invoked, the manner of transfer, documentation required, and any conditions for release.

SECTION 4. Term and Availability. This agreement shall be ongoing unless

terminated by either party in writing, provided that the Chapel remains licensed and available to provide such services in accordance with Tennessee law.

SECTION 5. Funding. Payment for services rendered under this Resolution shall be made from the General Fund or such other fund as the Budget Committee may recommend and the County Commission may approve.

SECTION 6. Implementation. The County Executive is authorized to negotiate, execute, and administer all documents necessary to implement this Resolution consistent with its terms.

SECTION 7. Budget Amended. The 2025-2026 Budget is so amended.

This resolution shall take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed this 23rd day of September, 2025.

Shane Eaton, Chair
Lawrence County Legislative Body

David A. Morgan, County Executive

ATTEST:

Russ Brewer, County Clerk

SPONSOR: Phillip Heatherly, Barry Luffman