

**Commissioner Suzanne Bothell moved for adoption
of the following Resolution**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF RIO GRANDE, STATE OF COLORADO**

RESOLUTION NO 2020- 17

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY CORONER TO MAKE BURIAL
ARRANGEMENTS FOR UNCLAIMED BODY PURSUANT TO §15-19-302 C.R.S.**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Rio Grande County has a duty to preserve the health and safety of the County and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Michael Paul Tontsch (“the Decedent”) whose date of birth was February 10, 1948, died in Rio Grande County on or about March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Decedent was indigent at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, the Decedent died intestate, without any known heirs at law, and his body has gone unclaimed; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande County Coroner is a public officer or agent of the County and has charge or control over the Decedent’s body; and

WHEREAS, the County Coroner has used reasonable efforts to ascertain if the Decedent has any relative, friend, or other representative who will assume charge of the body for burial at his or her expense, but such efforts have not resulted in a claimant of the body; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Grande County Coroner has notified the State Anatomical Board for donation of the Decedent’s unclaimed body to be used for the advancement of medical and anatomical sciences as required by §15-19-302 C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, the State Anatomical Board has determined the body to be unfit for anatomical purposes or has otherwise declined to accept the Decedent’s body; and

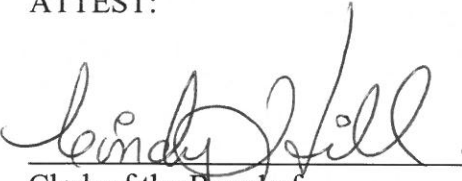
WHEREAS, §15-19-302(2) C.R.S., provides that “In the case of death of any person whose body is required to be buried at public expense and the duly authorized officer or agent of the anatomical board deems the body unfit for anatomical purposes...the board of county commissioners or agency shall direct a person to take charge of the body of the deceased indigent person, and cause it to be buried, and draw warrants upon the treasurer of the county for the payment of expenses.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

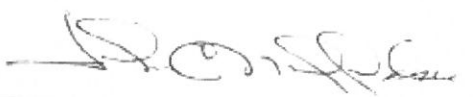
1. That the Board of County Commissioners for Rio Grande County directs the Rio Grande County Coroner, Stephen Hunzeker, to take charge of the body of the Decedent, Michael Paul Tontsch, and cause it to be buried; and
2. That the Board of County Commissioners for Rio Grande County authorizes the County Coroner to apply to the Rio Grande County Department of Social Services for any burial assistance from the State of Colorado for which the Decedent may be eligible as a result of his indigency; and
3. That warrants shall be drawn upon the treasurer of the county for any burial expenses in excess of burial assistance paid by the State of Colorado, or for the entirety of the burial expenses if the Decedent is not eligible for such burial assistance from the State of Colorado.

MOVED, READ, AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Rio Grande, State of Colorado, at its regular meeting held the 29th day of April, 2020.

ATTEST:



 Clerk of the Board of
 County Commissioners

RIO GRANDE COUNTY
 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


 John Noffske, Chairman of the Board

Commissioner Gene Glover seconded adoption of the foregoing Resolution. The roll having been called, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner John Noffske	<u>Yes</u> _____
	Vote _____
Commissioner Suzanne Bothell	<u>Yes</u> _____
	Vote _____
Commissioner Gene Glover	<u>Yes</u> _____
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