

**BOCC APPROVAL NOVEMBER 3, 2021**  
**BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS OCTOBER 28, 2021**

**2. CREMATION SERVICES -- REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER**  
**FUNDING -- REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER**

(Request sent to 24 vendors)

RFB #21-0066 Contract

	<b>Preferred Mortuary Services LLC</b>	
Cremation and Storage of Cremated Remains per Unclaimed Individual	<b>\$450.00 each</b>	
No Bids	Headley Funeral Chapel	Downing & Lahey Mortuaries and Crematory
	Core Cremation	Miles Funeral Service
	Reflection Pointe Funeral & Cremation Services	

On the recommendation of Jaimee Witmer, on behalf of Regional Forensic Science Center, Tim Myers moved to **accept the bid from Preferred Mortuary Services LLC at the rate listed above for a period of three (3) years with two (2) one (1) year options to renew.** Anna Meyerhoff Cole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cremation services will be provided for unclaimed human remains of individuals who died in Sedgwick County. A decedent shall be considered unclaimed if no legal next of kin, family members, or responsible party can be identified and/or are willing to claim the body following a diligent search.

In addition, human remains are considered unclaimed if a decision for disposition cannot be reached by any legal next of kin, family members, or responsible party within a timeframe deemed reasonable by the District Coroner.

In 2020, Sedgwick County provided cremation for 45 unclaimed human remains.

**Notes:**

Last year the county spent \$20,250.00 for this service.

**Questions and Answers:**

Brandi Baily: So we sent the proposal to 24 vendors and Preferred Mortuary is the only one who responded? Is that correct?

Jaimee Witmer: Correct.

Brandi Baily: Is that our current vendor?

Jaimee Witmer: Yes.

Anna Meyerhoff Cole: How does this rate compare to our current rate?

Jaimee Witmer: It's the same.