

STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON §

**ORDER OF COMMISSIONERS COURT
OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS
AUTHORIZING INTERMENT
OF DECEDENT’S REMAINS
(Jerry Wayne Ritzell)**

Pursuant to the Laws and Rules of the State of Texas, the Texas Health & Safety Code, Chapter 711, Section 711.002(e), and the common law granting the County authority to regulate the public health and safety, the Commissioners Court of Williamson County finds that:

Jerry Wayne Ritzell (SSN xxx-xx-5306) passed away on July 22, 2025, at the age of 62, at a hospice facility located in Williamson County, Texas.

The Court also finds that there has been an investigation to obtain information regarding next of kin and the ability to pay for interment expense. However, all attempts to contact any known next of kin of the deceased’s family have failed to identify any responsible or known next of kin with the ability to pay for necessary expenses. In the facts presented in this case, the deceased’s body has either become abandoned or those with the ability to pay are unable to do so.

The Court finds that this case involves either an abandoned body or is qualified for indigent burial; therefore, the duty to cover the costs of interment falls to Williamson County.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT the deceased body shall be interred (*i.e.*, permanent disposition of remains by entombment, burial, or placement in a niche).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT costs of cremation of the deceased be paid by Williamson County, Texas in accordance with its policies and regulations and that Beck Funeral Home is granted authority to cremate the deceased.

Signed and entered this 10th day of March 2026.

Hon. Steve Snell
Williamson County Judge