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TO: Each Member, Commissioners Court

FROM: Debbie Kaminski
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DATE: September 16, 2009

SUBJECT: Bid 10-014 – Term Contract for Pauper Burials, Transports and Related Services

On September 8th the above referenced contract was brought before Commissioners Court for award. The tabulation indicated award to Missouri City Funeral Directors at Glen Park for all items. However, it was brought to my attention that every transport requires a body bag. This information was confirmed by the using department. Missouri City Funeral Director's bid for the two items (transport and body bag) is \$241 and Carnes Funeral Home's bid is for \$225 for the same two items. I'm requesting the Court resend its order of award from the 8th and subsequently award Section 1 for pauper burials and other services to Missouri City Funeral Directors and award Section 2 for transport services to Carnes Funeral Home as detailed on the attached tabulation.

On September 10th when this error was identified, I sent a letter via email to both Missouri City Funeral Directors and Carnes Funeral Home explaining the error and the possible Court's action. Attached you will find a copy of an email I received on September 11th via email from Gordon R Cooper with Cooper and Cooper Attorneys at Law stating possible legal action. All letters, tabulations, emails, and information was provided to Paul Stewart in the County Attorney's Office on September 14th.

I apologize for this error.

**Fort Bend County Tabulation
 Bid 10-014
 Term Contract for Pauper Burials, Transports and Related Services**

Term: 1 October 2009 through 30 September 2010

**Awarded 09/08/09: Missouri City Funeral Directors at Glen Park
 *Revised 09/22/09**

Service	Lawson Number	Missouri City Funeral Directors at Glen Park Missouri City	Carnes Funeral Home Texas City
Section 1: Pauper Burial and Other Related Services:			
Pauper Burial	7518	\$975.00	\$990.00
Cremation	7519	\$480.00	\$495.00
Section 2: Transport Services			
Body pickup and transport to vendor's facility	7520	\$195.00	\$205.00
Body pickup and transport to Harris County Medical Examiner	7521	\$195.00	\$205.00
Body pickup and transport to Galveston County Medical Examiner	7522	\$195.00	\$205.00
Body bags (must be Galveston County Medical Examiner specifications)	7523	\$46.00	\$20.00
Cooler storage per day (after first 24 hours)	7524	\$20.00	\$30.00
Transport Vehicles		2 hearses and 1 van	6 caravans, 1 cargo van and 2 hearses

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Ms. Debbie Kaminski, CPPB
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Dear Mrs. Kaminski:

Please be advised that this firm has been retained to represent Mr. M. C. Brock, Sr. of Missouri City Funeral Directors at Glen Park. In that regard we direct your attention to your letter of September 8, 2009, in which Fort Bend County awarded to our client a Contract identified per your letter referenced above as Fort Bend County Bid 10-104.... Without regard to your aforementioned Notice of Award, two days later on September 10, 2009, you notified our client that because of some alleged error on your part you have elected to summarily modify the award to M. C. Brock, Sr. of Missouri City Funeral Directors at Glen Park, and advised our client that you were changing the award for the transport, body bags and storage section and giving the same to Carnes Funeral Home.

You are advised that we will be recommending to our client that they take whatever legal course of action available to remedy your changes of the terms of the bid that was awarded to M. C. Brock, Sr. of Missouri City Funeral Directors at Glen Park after the fact. However out of an abundance of caution, prior to making a final recommendation to seek a legal remedy, we ask that you be kind enough to honor the award to our client.

Your early response would be appreciated.

Kind regards,
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