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3 **RESOLUTION: Establishing a new fee schedule for mediation and custody study fees**  
4 **charged by Family Court Services by setting mediation fees at the**  
5 **existing amount of \$150 per parent, increasing custody study fees to**  
6 **\$50/hour and increasing the up-front retainer fee payment for a custody**  
7 **study to \$525 per parent**

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11 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

12 **WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat. § 814.615 provides the parameters for mediation and custody study fees, and allows  
13 for a county to establish a fee schedule to recover its reasonable costs of providing services in lieu of these fees; and

14 **WHEREAS**, a fee schedule for mediation or custody study fees was last addressed circa 2001; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the departmental cost of conducting a custody study is not covered by the current fee structure;  
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, establishment of a new, simplified fee schedule would be beneficial for both mediators and  
18 clients; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County Circuit Court Judges unanimously approved the proposed increase for  
20 custody study fees in December 2022.

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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby sets  
23 the Family Court Services mediation fee at the existing rate of \$150 per parent.

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby increases  
25 custody study fees to \$50 per hour and increases the up-front retainer payment fee for a custody study to \$525 per  
26 parent.

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28 *Fiscal Note: No budget transfer is required. The proposed fee change would increase revenue to the County by*  
29 *an amount which will vary from year to year, estimated to average approximately \$2,000 per year.*

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31 Respectfully submitted by:  
32 **JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

33 Committee Vote: **5-0**

34 Respectfully submitted by:  
35 **PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

36 Committee Vote: **4-1**

37 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Members Present**

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39 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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42 Jonathan D. Doemel  
43 Winnebago County Executive