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

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

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

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

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

and

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

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

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

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

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

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

Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Committee Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote Required for Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Jonathan D. Doemel  
Winnebago County Executive