

RESOLUTION NO: 37-10

To authorize a Legal Services Agreement between the Human Services Department and the Corporation Counsel for CY 2010

WHEREAS, during the past years of 2005 through 2009, the County Board of Supervisors has resolved to authorize a legal services agreement between the Human Services Department and the Office of Corporation Counsel for the provision of legal services on termination of parental rights cases; and

WHEREAS, as a result of such legal services agreements Polk County has been able to capture federal reimbursements under Title IV-E of Social Security Administration Act, thereby reducing net costs to the County that are expended for legal services in child welfare cases, which include termination of parental rights cases; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Title IV-E legal reimbursement program allows reimbursement of legal services provided by the Office of Corporation Counsel based upon the personnel costs of attorneys and staff of the Office of the Corporation Counsel that are expended toward the provision of legal services in termination of parental rights cases; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to receive Federal IV-E reimbursements for legal services for termination of parental rights cases, it is necessary for the County to authorize on an annual basis a legal services agreement between the Human Services Department and the Corporation Counsel; and

WHEREAS, entering into and implementing a legal services agreement as required for Federal Title IV-E reimbursement will allow Polk County to continue to prosecute termination of parental rights cases expeditiously and cost effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Board has approved a 2010 legal services agreement between the Human Services Department and the Corporation Counsel that directs the Corporation Counsel to provide legal services for the purposes of prosecuting termination of parental rights cases; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has approved a 2010 legal services agreement between the Human Services Department and the Corporation Counsel that directs the Corporation Counsel to provide legal services for the purposes of prosecuting termination of parental rights cases; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Polk County Human Services Department and the Polk County Corporation Counsel to enter into a legal services agreement for the purposes of Federal IV-E reimbursement for termination of parental rights cases.

Initial Funding Amount: \$16,750 Projected Budgeted Title IV-E Reimbursements
\$41,875 Projected 2010 County Levy Expenditures
(40 % Rate of Reimbursement)

Funding Source: County Levy as included within 2010 Departmental Budget of
2010 Corporation Counsel (Personnel Lines);

Finance Committee Advised: CY 2010 Budgetary Process and _____

Finance Committee Recommendation: Passage

Approved as to Form: Malia Malone

Jeffrey B. Fuge, Corporation Counsel

Date Submitted to County Board: 6-15-2010

County Board Action: adopted

Effective Date: January 1, 2010

Submitted by Personnel Committee:

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STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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COUNTY OF POLK)

I, Carole T. Wondra, Clerk for Polk County, do hereby certify that the
attached is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 37-10 that was adopted
by the Polk County Board of Supervisors on 6-15-2010, 2010.

Carole T. Wondra 6-28-10
Carole T. Wondra Date
Polk County Clerk