

RESOLUTION NO: 36-11

Resolution to Authorize a Legal Services Agreement between the Human Services Department and the Corporation Counsel for CY 2011

TO THE HONORABLE SUPERVISORS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF POLK:

¶1 WHEREAS, during the past years, 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

¶2 WHEREAS, as a result of those legal services agreements, the County improves the quality of lives of those children who have been placed in foster care by placing those children by court order in a planned living arrangement, such as adoption, guardianship or sustaining care; and

¶3 WHEREAS, as a result of such legal services agreements, the 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

¶4 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 and non-personnel costs of the Office of the Corporation Counsel that are expended toward the provision of legal services in termination of parental rights cases; and

¶5 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

¶6 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

¶7 WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee and the Human Services Board have recommended approval of the 2011 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.

¶8 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 Title IV-E reimbursement for termination of parental rights cases.

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¶9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authorization provided herein to the Polk Human Services Department and the Polk County Corporation Counsel to enter into a legal services agreement for the purposes of Federal Title IV-E reimbursements for termination of parental rights cases shall be continuous and on-going until such authorization is repealed.

Initial Funding Amount: \$15,328 Projected 2011 County Levy Expenditures
\$6,131 Projected Title IV-E Program Reimbursement
(40% Rate)

Funding Source: 2011 Approved County Levy m - Corporation Counsel

Finance Committee Advised: CY 2011 Budgetary Process

Finance Committee Recommendation: Adoption with the CY 2011 Budget

Date Submitted to County Board: 7-19-11

County Board Action: adopted

Effective Date: Upon Passage

Submitted by Personnel Committee:

Russell E. Arund 8/9/11
Patricia Schmidt
Warren J. ...
James S. Edgell
Ken Sample

Submitted by the Human Services Board:

David Markert, Vice Ch.
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Review By County Administrator:

- Recommended
- Not Recommended
- Reviewed Only

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Dana Frey, County Administrator

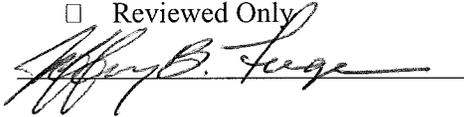
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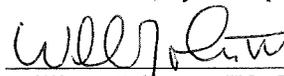
Review By Corporation Counsel:

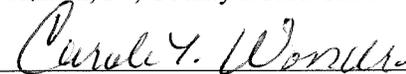
- Approved as to Form
 Recommended
 Not Recommended
 Reviewed Only



Jeffrey B. Fuge, Corporation Counsel

At its regular business meeting on July 19, 2011, the Polk County Board of Supervisors adopted the above-entitled resolution, Resolution No. 36 -11, Resolution to Authorize a Legal Services Agreement between the Human Services Department and the Corporation Counsel for CY 2011, by a simple majority vote of ___ in favor and ___ against. *by unanimous voice vote*

 Dated: 07.25.2011
William Johnson, IV, County Board Chair

Attest:  Dated: 7-25-11
Carole Wondra, Polk County Clerk

**Title IV-E Legal Services Budget Application
CY 2011**

CHIPS/OHC				TPR/Adoption			
Project Description/ Name	County Match Funds (Community Aids, levy, PSSF)	IV-E Federal Reimbursement	Total	Project Description/ Name	County Match Funds (Community Aids, levy, PSSF)	IV-E Federal Reimbursement	Total
		\$0	\$0	Personnel	\$12,728	\$8,485	\$21,214
		\$0	\$0	Non- Staff	\$2,600	\$1,733	\$4,333
		\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0
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		\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0
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		\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	Total	\$15,328	\$10,219	\$25,547

Project 1: For CY 2011 Polk County will utilize county levy dollars to fund internal personnel costs and non-staff legal costs in the budgetted amount of \$15,328.

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. 36-11 that was adopted by the Polk County Board of Supervisors on July 19, 2011.

Carole T. Wondra 7-25-11
Carole T. Wondra Date
Polk County Clerk