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Minutes of a regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, held at the Chippewa County Courthouse, 319 Court St., Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on the 13th day of September, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Scott Shackleton, Don Cooper, Ted Postula, Jim Moore, Jesse Knoll and Don McLean

ABSENT: Richard Timmer

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner Cooper seconded by Commissioner Knoll.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-13

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSING A

PUBLIC PER DIEM

WHEREAS, all child welfare cases are placed under the care and supervision of the Department of Human Services (DHS), however, they may be administered either by DHS or contracted by DHS with a private agency; and

WHEREAS, counties pay 50% of the cost of care for the children in foster care through what is known as Foster Care Maintenance Payments; and

WHEREAS, these payments are shared by county and state, regardless of who is administering the case; and

WHEREAS, in cases administered by DHS case workers, the counties are not required to pay towards the administration of the cases since the case workers are state employees; and

WHEREAS, the Senate Appropriations Committee has now recommended that a new fee be placed on the counties for foster care cases administered by DHS and funded through the County Child Care Fund; and

WHEREAS, the new proposed public per diem for cases violates the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the public administrative fee is a penalty for having County DHS administer cases;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners opposes the proposed DHS public per diem fee for the reasons that it provides no benefit for Chippewa County Foster Care Children, shifts administrative cost for DHS to the county, and violates the Headlee Amendment.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Shackleton, Cooper, Postula, Moore, Knoll and McLean

NAYS: Timmer RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Scott Shackleton, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners

Diane S. Cork, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)) ss.

COUNTY OF CHIPPEWA)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Chippewa County at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

Diane S. Cork, County Clerk

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