



HAYWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST

***Must be presented to the County Manager's Office
NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. FRIDAY THE WEEK BEFORE THE MEETING***

DATE OF REQUEST: October 1, 2012

FROM: Ira Dove, Haywood County DSS

MEETING DATE REQUESTED: **October 15, 2012**

Regular meetings: First (1st) Monday of the month at 9:00 am
Third (3rd) Monday of the month at 5:30 pm

SUBJECT: Adoption and Foster Care Fees

REQUEST: To Increase private/independent adoption studies and Report to Court fees.

BACKGROUND: The Department has completed these requests in the past.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: As soon as approved, families will be provided with a fee for service contract and fee schedule.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The cost for the agency includes worker time, travel time and completion of adoption study and Report to Court study. Usually these studies cannot be completed in less than ten (10) hours work to include criminal record checks, reference checks and central registry checks.

SUPPORTING ATTACHMENTS: YES NO HOW MANY? 1

LIST: The proposed new Adoptive Studies Fee Policy

If yes, one ORIGINAL ATTACHMENT, and 14 copies, copied front and back side of pages, stapled and three-hole punched must accompany the agenda request

PowerPoint Presentation: YES NO

PERSON MAKING PRESENTATION AT MEETING: Ira Dove

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County Manager / Clerk to the Board Comments: _____

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ADOPTIVE STUDIES FEE POLICY

Pursuant to General Statutes 48-2-504(a), and 48-3-304(a), Haywood County Department of Social Services may charge a reasonable fee for the preparation of a pre-placement assessment or Report to Court for the purpose of adoption.

The fee policy for Haywood County adoptive requests is \$750.00 for pre-placement assessment and Report to Court for families making independent or private agency adoptions. There will be no fee for families choosing to adopt children identified as the placement responsibility for the Haywood County Department of Social Services, provided the family continues to pursue adoptive placement through this resource. Subsequent requests by the same families will be assessed the same fee.

For Adoptive families who require only the Report to Court completed through this agency, a \$400.00 fee will be assessed. No fees will be charge when one or more of the following circumstances exist:

- (1) The head of household for the prospective adoptive family is a Work First or SSI recipient.
- (2) The family unit's income is below the State's Established Income Level. The family fees for the above reports may be reduced or waived on a case by case basis if approved by the Director or designee. Unless reduced or waived, the entire fee must be paid prior to the preparation of the report.

The Adoptive Studies Fee Policy was approved by the Haywood County Board of Social Services effective: September 18, 2012.

The Adoptive Studies Fee Policy was approved by the Haywood County Commissioners effective: _____.

Nancy Fish, Board Chair

Mark Swanger, Commissioner Chair

Ira Dove, Director

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