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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF A PAYMENT POLICY)
FOR LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO SSI)
GENERAL ASSISTANCE REIMBURSEMENT)
AWARDS TO LANCASTER COUNTY)

RESOLUTION NO. R-09-0106

WHEREAS, from time to time Lancaster County has provided General Assistance to individuals with applications pending before the Social Security Administration for supplemental security income (SSI) benefits; and

WHEREAS, if these individuals are determined to be eligible for SSI benefits, Lancaster County may get reimbursed by Social Security for General Assistance provided to these individuals during the period for which they are found to be retroactively eligible; and

WHEREAS, in many cases these General Assistance reimbursements to the County are made possible because of services performed by private attorneys for these individuals; and

WHEREAS, the County Board desires to establish a policy to encourage private attorneys to accept SSI cases and to compensate them for the reimbursement of General Assistance to the County resulting from the representation of their clients before the Social Security Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Lancaster County, Nebraska, that the following policy is established for the purpose of providing reasonable compensation to private attorneys for legal services on SSI claims which result in reimbursement of the County for General Assistance previously paid to their clients.

1. Lancaster County may pay an attorney's fee of up to 25% of the retroactive SSI benefit award which is received by the County as reimbursement for General Assistance previously provided to the attorney's client. In determining the amount of the attorney's fee consideration shall be given to the time and money expended by the attorney in obtaining the retroactive benefit, as well as the amount of reimbursement received by the County.

2. Each claim for an attorney's fee under this policy shall be made on a case-by-case basis.

DATED this 22nd day of December, 2009.

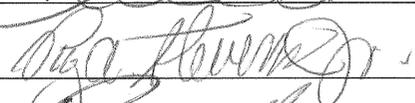
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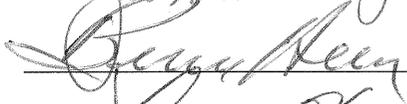
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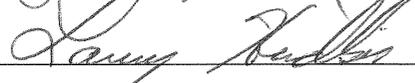


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