

**STEVENS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 51-2015**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF STEVENS COUNTY, WASHINGTON, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF LIMITED FEES ON COURT FILINGS AND ESTABLISHING A USER FEE TO FUND A GUARDIANSHIP FACILITATOR PROGRAM ENACTED TO ASSIST STEVENS COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH LEGAL PAPERWORK FOR GUARDIANSHIP CASES.**

WHEREAS, the Washington State legislature has authorized counties to establish guardianship facilitator programs to provide basic services to parties of guardianship court proceedings who do not have attorneys (SB 5647);

WHEREAS, the Washington State legislature has authorized counties to impose a surcharge of up to twenty dollars on Superior Court cases filed under RCW 11.88, 11.90, 11.92 and 73.36 for the purpose of funding such a program;

WHEREAS, the Washington State legislature has also authorized counties to impose a user fee;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners seeks to establish such a guardianship courthouse facilitator program to assist the residents of Stevens County who are involved in guardianship litigation and do not have an attorney.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Stevens County, Washington, that a part-time contract guardianship courthouse facilitator shall be provided for and shall be managed by the Superior Court Clerk's Office to assist litigants in the preparation and filing of paperwork and documents in guardianship cases.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost and expense of the guardianship facilitator position established herein shall be funded and paid out of a twenty dollar surcharge, which shall be assessed by the Stevens County Clerk in addition to filing fees otherwise allowed by law on cases filed under RCW 11.88, 11.90, 11.92 and 73.36. The fees imposed by this resolution, shall be effective July 24, 2015, and shall be collected by the Clerk and deposited in the Guardianship Courthouse Facilitator Program Fund, to be used to pay the cost and expense of the guardianship courthouse facilitator and the guardianship facilitator program.

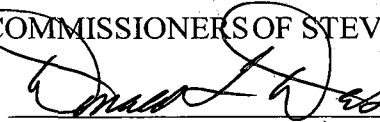
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that in addition to the surcharge to the filing fees referenced above, that there is hereby established a user fee of twenty dollars for those persons utilizing the guardianship courthouse facilitator program.

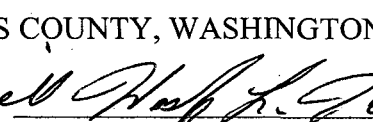
Passed by the Board of Stevens County Commissioners meeting in regular session at Colville, Washington, by the following vote, then signed by its membership and attested to by its Clerk in authorization of such passage the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

3 YEA; 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; and 0 ABSENT


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF STEVENS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Chairman Steve Parker

  
Commissioner Don Dashiell

  
Commissioner Wes McCart

ATTEST:

  
Polly Coleman, Clerk of Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Stevens County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney