

## RESOLUTION 18 - 84

**WHEREAS**, 55 ILCS 5/4-4001 provides that the statutory County Clerk fees may be increased by the County Board if an increase is “justified by an acceptable cost study showing that the fees allowed by this Section (55 ILCS 5/4-4001) are not sufficient to cover the costs of providing the services”; and

**WHEREAS**, both 55 ILCS 5/4-4001 require a statement of the costs of providing each service, program and activity be prepared and be part of the public record; and

**WHEREAS**, a statement of cost (attached hereto and made a part hereof) and cost analysis by Bellwether, LLC. has been prepared; and

**WHEREAS**, 410 ILCS 535/25 directs the County Clerk to collect \$2.00 for the Death Certificate Surcharge Fund and \$2.00 for the Cemetery Oversight Licensing and Disciplinary Fund added to each certified Death Certificate; and

**WHEREAS**, 55 ILCS 5/4-4001 directs the County Clerk to collect \$5.00 added to each Marriage and Civil Union License for the Domestic Violence Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, 55 ILCS 5/4-4001 provides authority to the County Board to establish a County Clerk’s Automation Fund and collect a \$3.00 fee for each copy of a certified document produced by the County Clerk; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the Bellwether, LLC study and the recommendation of the County Clerk and the County Board agrees that the County Code should be amended to change and establish the fees charged by the Ford County Clerk.