## MEMO FROM: BILL SCHULTZ RECORDER-CLERK

July 11, 2012

## TO: HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Dear Chairman John Knight,

Since I will be obligated to attend Jury Duty Tuesday, July 17, 2012, I am supplying this memo to your Board to show my support for the item on the Agenda concerning Caregiver Permits, brought to you by the Human Services Department.

When I was first contacted by Supervisor Ron Briggs, along with the Elder Protection Unit, regarding this proposal, I could see the benefits for the entire community. As one of many in our community who has been through the process of caring for an aging family member, from onset of dementia to progressively worse Alzheimer's disease and ultimate death from that disease over the course of 7 years, I can attest to the necessity of a program to ensure we, as a county government are doing everything we can to make such a process as safe and productive as possible. Even as our elder population continues to need help, and more help from family and community, I believe this type of requirement, if done correctly will provide much needed security and responsibility of action for people in need of this type of care. It just makes sense. And our county government is the key to providing a safe and secure type of environment for the citizens of our county.

The fee that I propose for ultimately completing this process is simply that, a fee for service provided. After checking with other counties, I have concluded that it is reasonable and provides the ability for my office to budget for this service without a major change in my budget.

I have joined with the many other offices in the county who will have a part in this effort, and hope that by utilizing the technology available to us, we can make this program not only successful, but, be green and lean in the process.

I will be available for any questions when my duty as a possible jury member is completed.

Thank you,

William E. Schultz Recorder-Clerk