



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Public Protection & Judiciary Committee-Fines & Fees Subcommittee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

12:00 PM

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A. Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 12:05 p.m.

Others present: C. Pabellon and S. Stavn

Present: 9 - JOSEPH BARING, CAROUSEL BAYRD, CATHERINE DORL, LINDA KETCHAM, NICHOLAS McNAMARA, WESLEY SPARKMAN, SARAH DAVIS, HEIDI WEGLEITNER and ERICA NELSON

Excused: 3 - CARLO ESQUEDA, ISMAEL OZANNE and KALVIN BARRETT

Absent: 2 - DOMINIQUE CHRISTIAN and ARVINA MARTIN

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2021 MIN-069](#) FINES AND FEES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2021

Attachments: [2021 MIN-069 05-12-2021](#)

[Ch 51 Atty Assessments and Reimbursements 05-2021](#)

[Reimbursement Order](#)

A motion was made by SPARKMAN, seconded by KETCHAM, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 9-0

Ayes: 9 - BARING, BAYRD, DORL, KETCHAM, McNAMARA, SPARKMAN, DAVIS, WEGLEITNER and NELSON

Excused: 3 - ESQUEDA, OZANNE and BARRETT

Absent: 2 - CHRISTIAN and MARTIN

C. Discussion & Item Requiring Committee Action

1. [2021](#)
[DISC-001](#) DRAFT FINES AND FEES FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Attachments: [2021 DISC-001 DRAFT #2 Fines and Fees Final Recommendations](#)
[2021 DISC-001 - DRAFT - Fines and Fees Final Recommendations](#)

Chair Bayrd presented on the latest draft of the Fines and Fees Committee's draft of its recommendations. Supervisor Wegleitner suggested proposing a recommendation that would require the RESJ tool be used prior to the creation of any new fee. Chair Bayrd, Ketchum and Baring supported the addition of the recommendation. Supervisor Wegleitner suggested that recommendation # 7 be revised for clarity. Davis suggested that a new recommendation be created that would propose avoiding the practice of "debt parking" which is when debt is created but not collected upon. Baring explained that "debt parking" or debt collections have an equal impact on someone's credit. Chair Bayrd suggested that the issue about "debt parking" was not explored appropriately, and therefore, should not be included. Supervisor Wegleitner provided more information. Judge McNamara proposed that #7 be removed from the list, and Supervisor Wegleitner agreed. Nelson proposed including a recommendation that allowed for an evaluation of the progress made to make fees more equitable. Chair Bayrd and Davis agreed to add such a recommendation. Davis suggested a change to recommendation #5 that would include "credit reporting agencies."

Chair Bayrd presented on the agency specific recommendations. Chair Baird explained that the Director of Family Counseling supported eliminating certain fees. Supervisor Wegleitner questioned how the recommendation could be eliminated. Baring commented on the recommendation. Judge McNamara commented on the removal of the contempt hearing recommendation, and asked for clarification. Discussion ensued among Chair Bayrd, Judge McNamara and Supervisor Wegleitner.

Supervisor Wegleitner suggested an additional recommendation that would require an assessment of the fees charged by the Sherriff's Office in the jail's commissary. Discussion ensued among Chair Bayrd, Supervisor Wegleitner, Sparkman, Baring and Ketcham.

Chair Bayrd presented on Next Steps recommendations. Judge McNamara, Chair Bayrd and Baring discussed the recommendations.

(Nelson leaves at 12:57 p.m.)

Present: 8 - JOSEPH BARING, CAROUSEL BAYRD, CATHERINE DORL, LINDA KETCHAM, NICHOLAS McNAMARA, WESLEY SPARKMAN, SARAH DAVIS and HEIDI WEGLEITNER

Excused: 3 - CARLO ESQUEDA, ISMAEL OZANNE and KALVIN BARRETT

Absent: 3 - DOMINIQUE CHRISTIAN, ARVINA MARTIN and ERICA NELSON

D. Future Meeting Items and Dates

None

E. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

F. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

G. Adjourn

A motion was made by BARING, seconded by DAVIS, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote: 8-0

The committee adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Ayes: 8 - BARING, BAYRD, DORL, KETCHAM, McNAMARA, SPARKMAN, DAVIS and WEGLEITNER

Excused: 3 - ESQUEDA, OZANNE and BARRETT

Absent: 3 - CHRISTIAN, MARTIN and NELSON

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie A. Stavn