

**DANE COUNTY  
POLICY AND FISCAL NOTE**

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Sponsor: <b>Supv. McCarville</b>		Resolution No. <b>2019 RES-416</b>
Vote Required:		Ordinance Amendment No. _____
Majority _____		Two-Thirds _____

Title of Resolution or Ord. Amd.:

**AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE COLLECTION OF DEBT**

**Policy Analysis Statement:**

Brief Description of Proposal -

Ch. 59.40(4) Wis. Stats. allows the Clerk of Circuit Court, if authorized by the County Board under 59.52(28) Wis. Stats. to contract with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) for the collection of court-ordered obligations via the State Debt Collection Program (SDC). The Clerk of Circuit Court seeks this authorization via resolution.

Current Policy or Practice -

The Clerk of Circuit Court contracts with a private collection agency for the collection of court-ordered obligations.

Impact of Adopting Proposal -

The private collection agency charges a commission on successful collections. SDC will deduct no commission on collections; rather it charges a fee to the debtor of 15% of the debt (\$35 minimum). SDC is in use by 61 out of 72 counties, all of which have experienced a substantial increase in the rate of collections since transitioning to the program. Court-ordered restitution can also be referred, as the collections on behalf of victims will not be subject to any commission deduction.

**Fiscal Estimate:**

<u>Fiscal Effect (check all that apply) -</u>		<u>Budget Effect (check all that apply)</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Fiscal Effect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Results in Revenue Increase	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Budget Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increases Rev. Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Results in Expenditure Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Results in Revenue Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Increases Exp. Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Decreases Rev. Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Results in Expenditure Decrease		<input type="checkbox"/> Decreases Exp. Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Increases Position Authority
		<input type="checkbox"/> Decreases Position Authority	
		Note: if any budget effect, 2/3 vote is required	

**Narrative/Assumptions about long range fiscal effect:**

The Clerk of Court Office should experience improved performance on its revenue lines which pertain to court-ordered obligations, as there will no longer be commission deducted on collected amounts.

**Expenditure/Revenue Changes:**

	Current Year		Annualized			Current Year		Annualized	
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures -					Revenues -				
Personal Services					County Taxes				
Operating Expenses					Federal				
Contractual Services					State				
Capital					Other				
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Personnel Impact/FTE Changes:**

None.

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