2021 RES-001

AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ELIMINATION OF OUTSTANDING DEBT

The Dane County Sheriff's Office requests authorization to eliminate outstanding court fees and fines. Dane County citizens have experienced significant financial burden over the past 12 months because of the COVID-19 pandemic and individuals engaged in the criminal justice system do not have resources to pay court fees and fines.

The Dane County Jail has identified total outstanding debt, as of March 8, 2021, of $149,828.75. Request authorization for immediate elimination of debt for fees and fines charged for Bookkeeper, Huber Fees, Diversion CAMP and PATH, Fraud, Inmate Copy, Medical Co-pay, and Negative Balance as follows:

	Debt
Bookkeeper	$4,237.43
Huber Fees	$106,609.37
Diversion - CAMP	$8,922.00
Diversion - PATH	$6,130.29
Fraud	$195.92
Inmate Copy	$25.44
Medical Copay	$22,159.57
Negative Balance	$1,548.73
TOTAL	**$149,828.75**

- **Bookkeeper** - stolen phone minutes; when an inmate steals phone minutes from another inmate, debt is assigned the responsible inmate
- **Huber Fees** - inmates that have been released and still owe Huber Board and inmates who owe past board from previous bookings
- **Diversion CAMP-** unpaid CAMP electronic monitoring fees
- **Diversion PATH** - unpaid Pathfinder electronic monitoring fees, this Program is no longer in operation
- **Fraud-** is specific to one inmate who used a fraudulent credit card
- **Inmate Copy-** unpaid copying fees
- **Medical Copay** - inmates who have been released who have unpaid medical copays and current inmates who have unpaid medical copays from previous bookings
- **Negative balance** - debts from old accounting software (type of fee not specified) that were transferred over to new accounting software (Lockdown)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that fees and fines charged by the Sheriff's Office, Security Services Division for Bookkeeper, Huber Fees, Diversion CAMP and PATH, Fraud, Inmate Copy, Medical Co-pay, and Negative Balance, in the amount of $149,828.75 be immediately eliminated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any debt that inmates have incurred resulting from the above referenced fees and fines be forgiven.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that any past debt that inmates have incurred resulting from the above referenced fines and fees be forgiven as well.