



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, February 10, 2021

12:00 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for
instructions on how to join the webinar or call in by
phone.

A. Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 12:07 p.m.

Others present: C. Pabellon and S. Stavn.

Present: 8 - JOSEPH BARING, CAROUSEL BAYRD, CARLO ESQUEDA, LINDA KETCHAM,
WESLEY SPARKMAN, SARAH DAVIS, HEIDI WEGLEITNER and ERICA NELSON

Excused: 5 - DOMINIQUE CHRISTIAN, CATHERINE DORL, DAVID MAHONEY, NICHOLAS
McNAMARA and ISMAEL OZANNE

Absent: 1 - ARVINA MARTIN

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2020](#) FINES AND FEES SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2021
[MIN-431](#)

Attachments: [2020 MIN-431 01-13-2021](#)

[Child Support Fees and Fines Handout 01-13-2021](#)

[DOR Collection Agency Presentation 01-13-2021](#)

**A motion was made by BARING, seconded by SPARKMAN, that the Minutes be
approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 8 - BARING, BAYRD, ESQUEDA, KETCHAM, SPARKMAN, DAVIS, WEGLEITNER
and NELSON

Excused: 5 - CHRISTIAN, DORL, MAHONEY, McNAMARA and OZANNE

Absent: 1 - MARTIN

C. Discussion on the Presentations to the Subcommittee and Next Steps Related to Presenting the Subcommittee's Findings

1. [2020](#) RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FINES & FEES SUBCOMMITTEE
[RPT-253](#)

Attachments: [2019 RES-507](#)

[Report: The Steep Costs of Criminal Justice Fees and Fines](#)

Bayrd discussed the scope of the subcommittee's charge, and presented a summary of the work the committee has undertaken. Baring provided additional information on how other jurisdictions tackled the fines and fees impact on various communities. Wegleitner reported that Human Services mailed out notification letters that certain fees were eliminated, and had identified another free to review. Davis provided a summary of what the committee has identified and what the committee could do going forward. Nelson inquired whether the committee's report could provide additional technical assistance to other counties. Baring suggested that the subcommittee reach out to other advisory committees in the county who are tackling the same issues. Wegleitner asked whether there was a way to invite others to attend the Sheriff's department presentation. Esqueda suggested that the role of municipal courts should be explored. Wegleitner asked if the formatting of the subcommittee's report could follow Nelson's recommendation.

D. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Bayrd informed the subcommittee that the next meeting is scheduled for March 10, and Family Court Counseling will present, and the meeting on April 14 will include a presentation by the Sheriff.

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 NELSON, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote: 8-0

The committee adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Ayes: 8 - BARING, BAYRD, ESQUEDA, KETCHAM, SPARKMAN, DAVIS, WEGLEITNER and NELSON

Excused: 5 - CHRISTIAN, DORL, MAHONEY, McNAMARA and OZANNE

Absent: 1 - MARTIN

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie A. Stavn