

1 **2026 RES-041**

2 **ESTABLISHING A PETTY CASH CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR THE DANE COUNTY OFFICE**
3 **OF JUSTICE REFORM**

4 The Dane County Office of Justice Reform is responsible for coordinating the Dane County
5 Community Court. The Dane County Community Court was launched in 2026 to address the
6 underlying causes of low-level and non-violent offenses through a problem-solving, treatment-
7 oriented, and accountability-based approach.

8 Upon years of research, Dane County has learned that national best practices in Community
9 Courts demonstrate that modest participant incentives can improve engagement, encourage
10 compliance with court requirements, support successful completion of program goals, and
11 reinforce positive behavioral change.

12 The Office of Justice Reform is requesting a petty cash checking account to purchase gift cards
13 for community court participants that have demonstrated ongoing commitment and positive
14 change. The Office of Justice Reform is requesting \$2000 in petty cash to be used throughout
15 the year and tracked within the case management system of the Community Court, as well as
16 complying with all Dane County purchasing requirements.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT a petty cash checking account be established in
18 the amount of \$2 000.00 for the Dane County Office of Justice Reform to provide for gift card
19 incentives.

20 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors authorizes the creation
21 of a petty cash checking account for the Dane County Office of Justice Reform in the amount of
22 \$2,000, and reduce the outreach line 21831, in the same amount.