**District Court Council**

**Summary Meeting Minutes**

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**October 9, 2019**

1. **Welcome**

**Attendees: Judge Greg Todd, Chief Justice Mike McGrath, Judge Dusty Deschamps, Judge Jon Oldenburg, Judge Holly Brown, Glen Welch, Hazel Parker and Randy Brodehl (via phone)**

**Guests: Judge Dan Wilson, Judge Mike Cuffe, Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services and Marcie Lewendowski, Legislative Services**

**Staff: Cathy Pennie and Beth McLaughlin**

1. **Public Comment –** There was no public comment.
2. **Administrator’s Update –** Beth provided the general administrator’s update including explaining the 2021 session planning. As requested, Jude Dan Wilson provide an update to the DCC on the WINGS committee and potential legislation resulting from the committee.
3. **Youth Court Evaluation Study** – Beth presented the proposed Youth Court evaluation study as recommended by the Cost Containment Advisory Panel to the DCC. They will examine costs and outcomes for juveniles place at correctional facilities versus private placements. The University of Montana Criminology Research Group will conduct the evaluation. Glen noted that he was in support of the proposal.  **Judge Deschamps made the motion to approve; it was seconded by Judge Todd; passed unanimously.**
4. **Review Proposed Policy Changes –**  The group reviewed the proposed changes to Policy 770 (Travel) and Policy 890 (Court Interpreters) along with proposals to eliminate Policy 780 (vehicles), Policy 860 (Special Proceedings) and Policy 920 (Transcription Fees).
   1. Judge Oldenburg moved approval of the change in Policy 770; Judge Deschamps seconded the motion; it was approved unanimously.
   2. Judge Oldenburg moved approval of the change in Policy 890; Judge Deschamps seconded the motion; it was approved unanimously.
   3. Judge Oldenburg moved approval of the elimination of Policy 780; Judge Deschamps seconded the motion; it was approved unanimously.
   4. Judge Deschamps moved approval of the elimination of Policy 860; Judge Todd seconded the motion; it was approved unanimously.
   5. Judge Oldenburg moved approval of the elimination of Policy 920; Judge Todd seconded the motion; it was approved unanimously.
5. **The DCC agreed to meet again in early March to review 2021 budget proposals. Chief Justice McGrath adjourned the meeting.**