

## RESOLUTION 2023-09

### A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE JUSTICE FISCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**WHEREAS**, Monroe County has received a criminal justice report from RJS Consulting and Inclusivity Strategic Consulting, (“reports”) which included community resources needed for a successful criminal justice system; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe County Council in cooperation with the Monroe County Commissioners understand that finding, analyzing, and supporting community efforts discussed in the reports are necessary to successfully divert, or transition, individuals from the criminal justice system; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe County Council, in its capacity as the fiscal body tasked with appropriating public funds, wishes to appropriate said funds to best address the community’s justice needs and in a responsible manner utilizing participatory budgeting principles of voice, vote, and oversight; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe County Council seeks to promote accountability to taxpayers, and in the interest of good governance wishes to hear from local stakeholders with a vested interest in the Monroe County Criminal Justice system and its reform; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe County Council seeks community engagement and feedback from the local stakeholders will help facilitate responsible informed financial decisions on the part of the Monroe County Council when evaluating appropriations for programming and justice needs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:** by the County Council of Monroe County, Indiana,

**I. Creation:**

That the Monroe County Council hereby creates the Justice Fiscal Advisory Committee (JFAC) pursuant to Monroe County’s Home Rule Authority (IC 36-1-3 et al). JFAC will consist of three (3) Council members.

**II. Duties:**

- A. JFAC shall serve in an advisory role to the Monroe County Council by obtaining key information from local stakeholders to help facilitate responsible informed financial decisions and identify budget priorities that best address the community’s justice needs.
- B. JFAC will meet with community stakeholders to gain necessary information regarding stakeholders’ needs and shared objectives to better identify the fiscal impact of addressing these needs. JFAC will provide the opportunity for discussion on information gathered at public listening sessions.
- C. JFAC will commit to hosting bi-weekly listening sessions to provide local stakeholders, with a vested interest in a successful justice system, the opportunity to voice input and concerns regarding the community justice system and its reform. The information gained from these listening sessions will be utilized by the Monroe County Council to help facilitate responsible and informed government fiscal decisions taking into account available community resources and community needs. The Monroe County Council will use this community feedback as it evaluates appropriations to support the community justice system and its reform.

One representative from each of the following stakeholders will serve as an ex officio member on the JFAC:

- i. Person with lived experience incarcerated in Monroe County jail;
- ii. Criminal Judge;
- iii. Civil Judge
- iv. Prosecutor
- v. Public Defender
- vi. Sheriff
- vii. CBHC (Centerstone) representative
- viii. BPD
- ix. Harm Reduction Specialist from the Monroe County Health Department
- x. Monroe County Commissioner
- xi. City of Bloomington Family Resources Department, or designer
- xii. Bloomington Common Council
- xiii. One (1) DLZ

D. JFAC will make recommendations to the Council tentatively on or before September 2023, based on the local stakeholder input that prioritizes funding services for mental health, substance abuse treatment and equality within our community and our justice system as well as recommendations for a new correctional facility and for programming that will reduce recidivism for those who are/were in the criminal justice system. These recommendations will be focused on providing guidance on the following objectives:

- i. What revenue sources, for example special purpose taxes, bonds, etc., and/or what funding levels to construct a new jail including land purchase(s)?
- ii. What revenue sources and/or funding levels are available on an annual basis to support the operations of the new jail?
- iii. What investments can the County Council make for Community services<sup>1</sup> to reduce the number of community members entering the justice system?
- iv. What investments can the County Council make to reduce recidivism including investments in reentry services and community corrections<sup>2</sup>?
- v. What investments can the County Council make to promote equality in terms of race, ethnicity, and gender within the justice system?
- vi. What is the timeline for implementation of these investments?
- vii. What funding sources are available to implement these investments including the bounds of permissible use for tax revenues?

JFAC reserves the right to discuss additional objectives if deemed appropriate.

E. JFAC will complete these duties no later than December 2023. If members of JFAC deem it necessary for an extension of time to complete these duties, the County Council will have to approve such.

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<sup>1</sup> Community services is identified as intercept zero of the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM). The Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) is available at LINK. The SIM will help identify resources and gaps in services at each intercept point and will provide the framework for development of strategic action plans to address the need for services and the funding thereof.

<sup>2</sup> Reentry is identified as intercept four and community corrections is identified as intercept five of the SIM.

Amendments were approved on May 9, 2023 to add ex-officio members and two (2) additional objectives.

The final resolution was presented to and adopted this 9th day of May, 2023, by the Monroe County Council of Monroe County, Bloomington, Indiana.

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