

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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**DOUGLAS T. SHIMA  
CLERK OF APPELLATE COURTS**

**ORDER**

Re: Ad Hoc Committee on Bonding Practices, Fines, and Fees in Municipal Courts

Pursuant to Article 3, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas and the inherent power of the Supreme Court, the Court hereby creates the Ad Hoc Committee on Bonding Practices, Fines, and Fees in Municipal Courts, effective the date of this order.

The duties of the Committee are to:

1. Study and examine current Kansas municipal court:
  - a) pre-trial bonding practices for defendants;
  - b) fines levied against defendants for violations of municipal ordinances; and
  - c) fees charged to defendants.
2. Study and examine practices of courts in other jurisdictions that have been identified as disproportionately jailing economically disadvantaged persons due to the defendant's inability to:
  - a) post bond to be released from pre-trial custody; or
  - b) pay fines and fees levied by the court.
3. Identify and compare practices used in the Kansas municipal courts with those identified in paragraph 2 in regards to:
  - a) pre-trial bonding practices; and
  - b) fines and fees charged to defendants.
4. Compare effective bonding practices developed by other courts, the National Center for State Courts, or others, with those currently used in Kansas to develop a "best practices" model for Kansas municipal courts.

5. Study and examine methods used by courts in other jurisdictions to reduce the issuance of bench warrants and jailing of persons for non-payment of fines and fees—including but not limited to payment plans, on-line payments, community service, and waiver of fines and fees—to develop recommendations for Kansas municipal courts.
6. Identify any statutory impediments to implementation of any recommendation.
7. Identify and prioritize topics that the office of judicial administration can include in training municipal court judges in Kansas:
  - a) on "best practices" for pre-trial bonding; and
  - b) to reduce the issuance of bench warrants and jailing of persons for non-payment of fines and fees.
8. Within 12 months, prepare a written report on the Committee's findings and recommendations for the judicial administrator and executive director of The League of Kansas Municipalities.

The Office of Judicial Administration will staff and support the work of the Committee.

The following persons are hereby appointed members of the Committee:

Brenda Stoss – Chair  
(Municipal Judge - Salina, New Cambria)

Steve Baccus  
(Municipal Judge – Bennington, Minneapolis, Tescott, Culver)

Amie Bauer  
(Municipal Judge – Canton, Moundridge)

Timothy Fielder  
(Municipal Judge – Girard, Frontenac, Cherokee)

Anthony Haffner  
(Municipal Judge – Oakley, Selden, Hoxie, Hill City)

Jennifer Jones  
(Municipal Judge – Wichita)

Thomas Kemp  
(Municipal Judge – Elkhart)

Ken Lamoreaux  
(Municipal Judge – Waterville, Marysville)

Daniel Love  
(Municipal Judge – Dodge City)

Jason Maxwell  
(Municipal Judge – Sublette, Liberal, Satanta)

Katherine McElhinney  
(Municipal Judge – Olathe)

Scott Miller  
(Municipal Judge – Lawrence)

Bradley Ralph  
(City Attorney – Dodge City)

Richard Ress  
(Municipal Judge – Colby, Atwood, Brewster, Rexford)

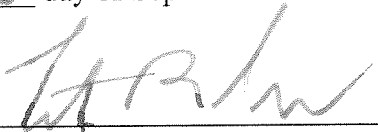
Maurice Ryan  
(Municipal Judge – Kansas City)

Amanda Stanley  
(Legal Counsel – The League of Kansas Municipalities)

Karen Torline  
(Municipal Judge – Shawnee, Roeland Park, Edgerton, Prairie Village)

Scott Wright  
(Municipal Judge – Beloit)

BY ORDER OF THE COURT this 6 day of September 2017.



Lawton R. Nuss  
Chief Justice