

April 15, 2008

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008-9**

**RESOLUTION BY THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF WISCONSIN INCREASE  
REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENTS FOR STATE PROBATION AND PAROLE  
HOLDS HELD IN THE RACINE COUNTY JAIL**

**WHEREAS**, Section 302.33 (2)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes requires the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) to reimburse each county for the maintenance of persons who are placed in the county jail or other county facility, pending disposition of parole, extended supervision or probation revocation proceedings; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 302.33 (2)(a)3 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires the DOC to reimburse counties at the rate of \$40 per person per day, unless the total amount appropriated for such reimbursements for any fiscal year is insufficient to provide complete reimbursement at that rate, in which case DOC shall prorate the payments to counties for that fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the statutory rate of \$40 per person per day has not increased since January 1, 1993, although that amount, adjusted for inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index, now exceeds \$56; and

**WHEREAS**, the Racine County Jail is mandated to accept placement of DOC probation and parole holds; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin has continually and knowingly underfunded DOC reimbursements for probation and parole holds, thereby forcing the property taxpayers of Racine County and other Wisconsin counties to subsidize this underfunded state mandate; and

**WHEREAS**, for State Fiscal Year 2007, the State of Wisconsin's reimbursement to Racine County for probation and parole holds was only \$32 per person per day, resulting in a total shortfall to Racine County of \$51,688 for that year, when measured against the \$40 amount prescribed in the statute.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Racine County Board of Supervisors calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to enact legislation that relieves Racine County property taxpayers of the burden of this cost, which is clearly a state responsibility, by establishing a daily rate that reflects actual costs and by appropriating sums sufficient to pay such daily rate for all persons held on probation and parole holds in all affected facilities in the State of Wisconsin.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the County Clerk forward copies of this resolution to Governor James Doyle, Racine County's state legislators, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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Respectfully submitted,

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6 1st Reading \_\_\_\_\_

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS  
COMMITTEE**

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8 2nd Reading \_\_\_\_\_

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10 BOARD ACTION

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Russell A. Clark, Chairman

11 Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

12 For \_\_\_\_\_

13 Against \_\_\_\_\_

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Robert D. Grove, Vice-Chairman

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16 VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

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