



CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

# *Milwaukee County*

JOHN BARRETT • Clerk of Circuit Court/Register in Probate

**DATE:** February 1, 2016

**TO:** Chairperson Theodore Lipscomb, Sr.  
Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Maxine A. White, Chief Judge  
John Barrett, Clerk of Circuit Court/Register in Probate

**RE:** REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN JUROR PAY

### Request

The Clerk of Circuit Court and the Chief Judge are requesting that the County Board increase the transportation fee for jurors from \$3.00 per day to \$9.00 per day. This would set the total juror compensation at \$16.00 per day and \$9.00 for travel.

### Background

Juror pay was established in 1983 at \$8.00 per half day and \$2.00 per day for transportation. \$8.00 is the statutory minimum. The transportation fee was subsequently increased to \$5.00 in 1994. In 2003, the County Board changed the transportation fee to \$3.00 in exchange for a fund transfer of \$71,400, the related savings to the Milwaukee County Transit System, in order to fund a shuttle bus for jurors and employees from the free parking lot under the Marquette Interchange to the Courthouse. When the free parking lot was eliminated and the shuttle bus discontinued, MCTS began providing printed coupons that jurors could use to ride county buses as needed. These were provided at no additional cost to the Courts.

MCTS is now moving to a paperless system and has phased out the juror bus coupons. The coupons have been replaced with the Mcard Lite that provides two(2) 90 minute rides. MCTS has now billed the Courts for the Mcards at the rate of \$4.00/card.

Milwaukee County is in the bottom 10% among Wisconsin Counties for juror pay and transportation reimbursement. Here are some examples from the surrounding counties:

Waukesha- \$30 per day and \$7.00 for travel.

Washington-\$25 per day, \$.54 per mile and \$5 meal allowance.

Racine-\$16 per day and \$.54 per mile.

Ozaukee-\$50 per day and mileage

In addition, 90% of counties offer free parking.

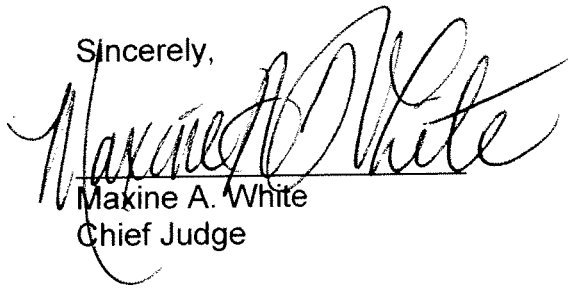
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We need to encourage juror participation among all of the citizens of Milwaukee County in order to provide juries to the courts that reflect the diversity of our residents. Our jurors make significant sacrifices to come Downtown and to Children's Court and assist in the administration of justice. An increase in the transportation fee will give jurors a little more encouragement to either drive and park or take public transportation to perform their civic duty.

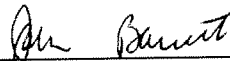
**Fiscal Impact**

Increasing the transportation fee by \$6.00 to make it \$9.00 per day would increase total juror pay by about \$216,000 annually.

Sincerely,



Makine A. White  
Chief Judge



John Barrett  
Clerk of Circuit Court/  
Register in Probate

Major Expenses	2002 Budget	2003 Budget	2002/2003 Change
Legal Fees-General	\$ 358,800	\$ 385,000	\$ 26,200
Guardian ad Litem Fees	2,848,000	2,975,325	127,325
Adversary Counsel Fees	1,100,000	1,475,000	375,000
Psychiatrist Fees	412,605	523,747	111,142
Transcript Fees Outside Services	131,000	142,500	11,500
Interpreter Fees	136,820	193,000	56,180
Juror Expenses (Meals, Hotel, Fees)	822,422	750,600	(71,822)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,809,647</b>	<b>\$6,445,172</b>	<b>\$ 635,525</b>

of \$50,056 including the cost of fringe benefits. The cost of this position is 86% offset with 1999 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant revenue.

- Juror costs are budgeted at \$750,600 for 2003 which is a decrease of \$71,400 from the 2002

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**ADOPTED 2003 BUDGET**

EPT: COMBINED COURT RELATED OPERATIONS

**UNIT NO. 200**  
**FUND: General - 000**

Budget. This includes \$678,600 for Juror Fees, \$62,000 for Juror Meals and \$10,000 for Juror Hotel bills. Juror Fees decreased by \$71,400, from \$750,000 to \$678,600, to reflect a \$3 per day transportation allowance for jurors rather than a \$5 allowance. The savings from Juror Fees are used in the DPW-Transit/Paratransit Budget to fund Route 83, Courthouse Shuttle.

STATE GRANTS & REIMBURSEMENT			
County Funded State Court Services	2002 Budget	2003 Budget	2002/2003 Change
Court Support Grant	\$3,660,289	\$ 3,606,126	\$ (54,163)
Guardian ad Litem Fees	933,700	910,000	(23,700)
Permanency Plan Review	269,045	404,829	135,784
Interpreter Expenses	96,000	120,000	24,000
Reimbursement for Court			



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