

**DISTRICT COURT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2006  
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GREAT FALLS, MONTANA**

**DCC Voting Members Present:**

The Honorable Thomas McKittrick, District Court Judge, 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
The Honorable Ed McLean, District Court Judge, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
The Honorable John McKeon, District Court Judge, 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
The Honorable Katherine Curtis, District Court Judge, 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

**DCC Voting Member Not Present:**

The Honorable Karla M. Gray, Chief Justice, Montana Supreme Court

**DCC Non-voting Members Not Present:**

Lori Maloney, Clerk of District Court, Butte  
Glenda Travitz, Court Reporter, 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District  
Mike Hutchin, County Commissioner, Polson  
Glen Welch, Chief Juvenile Probation Office, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

**Staff:**

Lois Menzies, Court Administrator  
Beth McLaughlin, Court Services Director

Acting Chairman the Hon. John McKeon called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

**I. Public Comment**

None

**II. Final Policy Revisions**

**a. Policy 820 – Guardian at Litem**

The council made several editing changes to the policy. The council wanted the following language added to (f): The Judicial Branch is not responsible for the cost of counsel for any party or interested person appointed pursuant to 41-3-425, MCA.” Judge McLean moved to approve the change; Judge McKittrick seconded the motion; approved unanimously.

Judge Curtis moved to approve the amended policy; Judge McKittrick seconded the motion; approved unanimously.

**b. Policy 850 – Psychiatric Examinations**

Judge McLean made a motion to combine bullet points 2.1.3 and 2.1.4 into a single point. Judge McKittrick seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Judge McLean moved adoption of the amended policy; Judge McKittrick seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**c. Policy 1010 – District Court Trial Expenses**

Judge Curtis made a motion to include “ a valid court order stating the person is indigent but acting without counsel must accompany the invoice” to bullet 2.1.4. Judge McLean seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Judge Curtis moved the adoption of the amended policy; Judge McKittrick seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**III. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. by order of the Acting Chair, Judge John McKeon.