

## Survey to Chief APOs

### Issue: Use of Supervision Fee

#### Question (from Chester County)

We are exploring how other counties administer the supervision fees collected.

What happens to the supervision fees that are collected?

Do Supervision Fees all go to the County General Fund? Or

The PJ controls *all or part* of the Supervision Fees (please provide some detail if it is part)

#### Allegheny County (class 2)

Fees are deposited into a dedicated County Offender Supervision Fee account and are used to pay salaries, contracted services, and certain travel expenses.

The PJ does not control our supervision fees.

#### Armstrong County (class 6)

100% of fees collected are deposited into the Court's SV Fee account. PJ controls all disbursements from the account.

#### Beaver County (class 4)

Used for operating expenses approved by DCA and PJ throughout the year and \$650,000 sent to general fund to offset salaries/benefits. Zero goes into the county general fund. 100% controlled by PJ

#### Bedford County (class 6)

All funds are placed in our Act 35 account. The funds are used to pay our stipends, overtime, on call, and to cover the expenses of one position. We also use the money for most of our equipment and training as well as any other expenses that may not be covered by our budget. It is controlled by our president judge.

#### Blair County (class 5)

Supervision fees are deposited into a supervision fund that is controlled by our President Judge

Currently our supervision fund pays the salaries for 15 positions and covers all equipment and training expenses. Discussions are in progress between our Commissioners and our President Judge to change this structure next year, but I do not know at this time what that will eventually look like.

#### Bradford County (class 6)

100% of fees collected are deposited into the Court's SV Fee account. PJ controls all disbursements from the account. Currently, the account covers mostly operational expenses (department cell phones, parking spaces at the parking garage, duty gear, certain trainings. We used funds from this account to purchase 1 year gym memberships for PPP week. Depending

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on how current union negotiations go, I may approach PJ to advocate for certain incentive bonuses for officer duties outside the typical scope of work. IE. range instructor, MI instructor, ORAS instructor, defensive tactics instructor, etc.

Cambria County (class 4)

Supervision fees are in a separate account and are used at the discretion of Chief and PJ

Carbon County (class 6)

100% deposited into the Supervision Fee Account. PJ controls 100% of the funds but grants a portion to the General Fund for a variety of department related expenses (salaries etc.).

Clarion County (class 6)

All supervision fees go into the Supervision Fee Account. The PJ controls 100% of the disbursements from that account. She designates most of it to go to the county to pay APO salaries and benefits, training costs and operating expenses.

Clinton County (class 6)

100% deposited into the Supervision Fee Account. Zero goes into county general fund. PJ controls 100% of the funds and authorizes transfers to the General Fund for salaries/benefits, stipends, and approves purchases for department related expenses.

Columbia County (class 6) & Montour County (class 8)

The Chief and President Judge oversee the Supervision Fund Monies. Part is put into the general fund from both to offset operations.

Dauphin County (class 3)

All supervision fee funds are 100% controlled by the Court

Elk County (class 6)

All supervision funds are placed into an account controlled by our president judge.

Erie County (class 3)

Supervision fees are split 80% to the general fund, 20% into a supervision fee account. Sup fee account is controlled by the PJ. It is used department upgrades (computers, cars, etc.) as well as for trainings.

Fayette County (class 4)

All funds go to general fund to pay for salaries and benefits.

Forest County (class 8)

Supervision Fees are deposited into an account controlled by our President Judge – (Currently being used to pay all of our on-call wages). With the recent changes 100% is deposited into this account. In previous years, the 50% that went to the State was returned and placed into the General Fund.

Franklin County (class 4)

17% goes to PJ controlled account, and 83% goes to the County General Fund.

Huntingdon County (class 6)

100% Supervision Fees are deposited into an account controlled by our President Judge. The Supervision Fees fund is used to pay for salaries, training expenses and operational expenses.

Indiana County (class 6)

100% goes to the general fund

Jefferson County (class 6)

100% deposited into the Supervision Fee Account. PJ controls 100% of the funds but grants a portion to the General Fund for a variety of department related expenses (salaries, vehicles, etc).

Juniata County (class 7)

Fees go into a separate account. Taken out by Court order that itemizes the amounts and what for

Lackawanna County (class 3)

All supervision funds are 100% controlled by the President Judge.

Lancaster County (class 2A)

Deposited into a Court Escrow account- 100% controlled by the President Judge.

Lebanon County (class 5)

PJ controls the supervision fee funds in Lebanon Co. He determines an amount to give to the Commissioners each year, after determining a fair amount. He considers the account balance, what he has spent for the good of the department/supervision throughout the year, any upcoming projects or big purchases that we want to make. We utilized the funds previously to remodel the building, \$550,000. We use it to purchase equipment, uniforms for officers when they start (they receive a stipend after that), training, etc. This year the PJ is giving \$650,000 to the general fund, but last year gave \$850,000.

He has utilized it to support salary increases for management to address the disparity between admin and field staff. When Commissioners denied the request for the county to pay it, he reimbursed them for the difference.

Luzerne County (class 3)

Deposited into a Court account- used for APO needs and budget offset. 100% controlled by the President Judge.

McKean County (class 6)

All supervision funds are controlled by the President Judge.

Northampton County (class 3)

All to the general fund

Northumberland County (class 5)

Placed in a separate checking account and PJ controls what comes out of it.

Partial, roughly a third goes to general fund for rent, utilities and gas for vehicles etc. This amounts to around \$130,000 a year. The other 2/3 are used for operating expenses, mainly equipment, vehicles, supplies etc. If the trend in collections continues to fall, we are not going to have the funds needed to function. We also are looking at somehow trying to fund instructors, as volunteers to step up to take on those responsibilities just aren't happening. Everyone wants to know the pay bump involved in the added duties and liabilities and to some extent rightfully so.

Perry County (class 6)

100% Deposited into a Court account. Controlled 100% by the PJ. We use it to add staff by paying for the new position for the first two years. We use it for purchasing firearms, ammunition, and other safety items.

Philadelphia (class 1)

All supervision fees are diverted to the City of Philadelphia who manages the funds.

Pike County (class 6)

100% of fees collected are deposited into the Court's SV Fee account. PJ controls all disbursements from the account.

Schuylkill County (class 4)

Deposited into a Court account- used for APO needs and budget offset. This coming year PJ is paying incentive bonuses. Yes- 100% controlled by the President Judge.

Somerset County (class 6)

100% Supervision Fees are deposited into an account controlled by our President Judge. The Supervision Fees fund is used to pay for salaries, training expenses and operational expenses.

Susquehanna County (class 6)

100% of fees collected are deposited into the Court's SV Fee account. PJ controls all disbursements from the account. Typically, a check is issued to the County for \$100,000 to \$125,000 to help cover wages, etc. PJ will not entertain using the fund for incentives or bonus.

Tioga County (class 6)

Deposited into the Supervision Fee Account. PJ controls 100% of the funds but allocates a portion to the General Fund for department related expenses including salaries, vehicles, equipment, etc.

Westmoreland County (class 3)

The funds are collected at the Clerk of Courts Office, placed into a restricted receipt account in the Controller's Office and the President Judge transfers all of the funds to the County General Fund quarterly by memo. Memo is completed by Court Administration and signed off on by APO prior to PJ's approval. Funds go to county general fund.

PJ controls all of the Supervision Fees, however, the Board of Commissioners are consulted if money is to be used for anything. Our department has only used the funds on one occasion to purchase a transport vehicle. Outside of the vehicle, ALL funds have gone into the General Fund.

Wyoming County (class 7) & Sullivan County (class 8)

100% of Supervision Fees are deposited into an account controlled by our President Judge to support salaries and probation officer equipment etc.

York County (class 3)

All supervision fees to county general fund. PJ controls none