

February 11, 2008

Wayne County Board of Commissioners
428 West Liberty Street
Wooster, Ohio 44691

Commissioners,

Please find enclosed the annual statistical report for the Wayne County Municipal Court prepared pursuant to 1901.14 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions regarding this report.

Stuart K. Miller, Judge

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Carol White Millhoan, Judge

Cases Filed and Disposed 2007

| <u>Cases Filed</u> | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Criminal – Felony | 192 | 126 |
| Criminal – Misdemeanor | 1,893 | 1,856 |
| D.W.I. | 447 | 437 |
| Traffic | 13,342 | 12,738 |
| Civil | 2,074 | 2,379 |
| Small Claims | <u>1,193</u> | <u>1,277</u> |
| Total Cases Filed | 19,141 | 18,813 |
| Total Cases Disposed | 20,119 | 19,192 |

* Cases disposed include waivers, defaults, pleas in court and upon not guilty pleas (criminal, traffic) or answer (civil).

Cases Assigned For Trial 2007

Not Guilty Plea (Criminal – Traffic) or Answer (Civil)

| | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Criminal – Misdemeanors | 936 | 968 |
| D.W.I. | 297 | 296 |
| Other Traffic | 776 | 762 |
| Civil-Small Claims | <u>129</u> | <u>152</u> |
| Total | 2,138 | 2,178 |

Trials To Court

| | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| Criminal | 321 | 320 |
| D.W.I. | 63 | 61 |
| Other Traffic | 296 | 251 |
| Civil | <u>30</u> | <u>33</u> |
| Total | 710 | 665 |

Jury Trials

| | | |
|---------------|-----------|----------|
| Criminal | 14 | 5 |
| D.W.I. | 2 | 3 |
| Other Traffic | 4 | 0 |
| Civil | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Total | 20 | 8 |

Disbursements Paid to Wayne County

| | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Paid to A13-N1 & A15-F1 | 667,341 | 684,440 |
| Criminal-Traffic | 265,956 | 275,023 |
| Civil-Small Claims | 133,424 | 143,514 |
| OSP, State and Others | 267,961 | 265,903 |
| | | |
| Paid to A13-G1 Housing/DUI | 19,248 | 20,368 |
| | | |
| Paid to A12-A1 Interest | 1,363 | 3,082 |
| | | |
| Paid to B15-A1 Alcohol Treatment | 34,352 | 31,513 |
| | | |
| Paid to K1-A3 Roads and Bridges | 76,334 | 68,395 |
| | | |
| Paid to B1-A6 Dog and Kennel Fund | 250 | 162 |
| | | |
| Paid to B16-A1 Education Fund | 810 | 735 |
| | | |
| Paid to A42-C1 from sale of UTC | 1,404 | 572 |
| | | |
| Paid to A45-O1 Misc. Reimbursements | 286 | 463 |
| | | |
| Paid to U3-A1 Unclaimed Funds | 617 | 4,658 |
| | | |
| Paid to B20-A1/A2 Computer Funds | 152,406 | 153,170 |
| | | |
| Paid to B12-A1 Probation Fees | 166,891 | 185,252 |
| | | |
| Paid to W35-A2 Indigent Application | 10,092 | 13,722 |
| | | |
| Paid to A13-T1 Home Arrest Fees | <u>151,326</u> | <u>163,905</u> |
| | | |
| Total | \$ 1,282,720 | \$ 1,330,437 |

Paid to the Wayne County Law Library

| | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| OSP Fines | 68,979 | 91,441 |
| State Fines | 75,711 | 68,100 |
| From Traffic | 52,012 | 49,824 |
| From Non-Traffic | 4,800 | 4,800 |
| Dept. of Liquor Control | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Townships | 5,675 | 3,381 |
| Municipal Ordinances: | | |
| Wooster | 1,300 | 1,300 |
| Orrville | 750 | 750 |
| Rittman | <u>150</u> | <u>150</u> |
| Totals | \$ 210,577 | \$ 220,946 |

Paid to Cities and Villages

| | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| Wooster | 65,751 | 63,277 |
| Orrville | 11,887 | 9,833 |
| Rittman | 10,634 | 10,141 |
| Dalton | 23,165 | 15,246 |
| Apple Creek | 2,491 | 1,837 |
| West Salem | 987 | 554 |
| Mt. Eaton | 941 | 431 |
| Shreve | 120 | 30 |
| Creston | 955 | 190 |
| Doylestown | <u>44</u> | <u>28</u> |
| Total | \$116,975 | \$101,567 |

**Disbursements
Other Fines and Fees**

| | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Court of Appeals | 585 | 1,124 |
| Humane Society | 279 | 350 |
| Chippewa Township | 5,557 | 3,381 |
| Sheriff Fees | 6,806 | 7,715 |
| Wooster Police Fees | 4,074 | 5,063 |
| Orrville Police Fees | 175 | 158 |
| Rittman Police Fees | 888 | 875 |
| All Other Misc. Fees | <u>1,893</u> | <u>1,119</u> |
| Totals | \$20,468 | \$19,785 |

Disbursements Drug Fines

| | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Creston | 0 | 100 |
| Chippewa Township | 400 | 0 |
| Dalton | 700 | 450 |
| Doylestown | 5,470 | 4,438 |
| Medway | 1,315 | 898 |
| Ohio State Police | 250 | 650 |
| Orrville | 1,200 | 2,057 |
| Rittman | 747 | 470 |
| Shreve | 0 | 0 |
| Smithville | 0 | 0 |
| Wayne County Sheriff | 2,937 | 1,350 |
| West Salem | 0 | 0 |
| Wooster | <u>7,449</u> | <u>6,954</u> |
| Totals | \$20,468 | \$17,367 |

**Disbursements
Paid to State of Ohio**

| | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Ohio State Patrol Fines | 160,181 | 185,316 |
| Victims of Crime | 108,326 | 109,407 |
| General Revenue | 179,684 | 181,570 |
| Expungement Fees | 1,470 | 1,620 |
| Dept. of Liquor | 18,083 | 17,497 |
| Division of Wildlife | 2,995 | 4,063 |
| Legal Aid from Civil | 53,627 | 58,909 |
| Legal Aid from Small Claims | 12,636 | 11,655 |
| Seat Belt Fines | 81,561 | 77,710 |
| Child Safety Fund | 1,190 | 1,814 |
| OSP Drug Fines | 2,350 | 3,001 |
| OSP Education Fund | 3,974 | 5,050 |
| Ohio Board of Pharmacy | 28,042 | 26,191 |
| CCA Grant Refund | 3,100 | 4,479 |
| BMV Fees | <u>838</u> | <u>643</u> |
| Totals | \$ 658,057 | \$ 688,925 |

Bailiffs

The Municipal Court employs five bailiffs. There are two courtroom bailiffs and three security bailiffs.

The courtroom bailiffs are responsible for the security in the courtroom and maintenance of the digital recording system. The security bailiffs are responsible for the security of the building and all offices within the building. Security bailiffs operate a metal detector and scanner at the front entrance, secure the building at the beginning and end of each business day and are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the security cameras and digital video recording system.

In addition, all five bailiffs serve the process of the court. This includes personal service of summons and orders, eviction notices and actual set outs and executions on personal property including conducting bailiff sales.

Home Arrest Department

| | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Placed on Home Arrest | 293 | 278 |
| Number of Days Served | 10,925 | 10,892 |
| Number of Violations | 19 | 20 |
| Average Per Day | 29.93 | 29.84 |
| Percentage with Alcohol Monitoring | 65.87 | 63.80 |

Home Arrest Receipts

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Total Paid to Wayne County | \$ 151,326 | \$ 163,905 |
| Total Billed to Wayne County | \$ 29,719 | \$ 31,892 |
| Net to Wayne County | \$ 121,607 | \$ 132,013 |
| Received from State CCA Grant* | \$ 93,338 | \$ 93,338 |

* The CCA Grant funds 2 Home Arrest employees (salaries and benefits), vehicle operations (fuel and maintenance) and communication expenses.

Additionally, Juvenile and Common Pleas Courts utilize our equipment and server as needed. This prevents these departments from paying vendor fees to outside agencies to operate their electronic monitoring programs.

In April 2007, we purchased an updated BI Guardserver for \$34,860. The new server provided a software upgrade and expanded compatibility features with the Court's server and other system functions.

Probation Department

| | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Pre-Sentence Investigations | 262 | 251 |
| Placed on Probation | 746 | 781 |
| Released from Probation | 794 | 886 |
| Probation Violations | 523 | 457 |
| Expungement Violations | 45 | 55 |
| Community Service Hours | 28,792 | 24,232 |
| Probation Fees Collected | \$166,891 | \$185,252 |

MRT (Moral Reconciliation Program)

October 2007 completes one year of the MRT Program. This program is designed to alter how offenders think and make decisions about right and wrong. Jim DeFelice, Chief Probation Officer, is the program's facilitator with assistance from Angie Schaad and John Bridger. Statistics associated with the MRT program include:

| | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Number of participants | 29 | 29 |
| Successful Completions | 13 | 13 |
| Unsuccessful Terminations | 8 | 8 |
| Currently Attending Group | 8 | 8 |
| Convictions after Completing MRT | 0 | 1 |

The Probation Staff continually monitors MRT participants after completion of the program. Statistics currently indicate 1 participant of the 26 successful completions was convicted of a driving offense after completing MRT.

Small Claims Court

Small Claims Court handles money claims up to \$3,000.00. All Small Claims cases are initially scheduled for a pre-trial mediation hearing. In 2007 there were 1,275 Small Claims cases filed. 42 cases went to trial resulting in a 96.70% mediation settlement rate.

In addition to processing complaints, the Small Claims staff assists judgment creditors with post judgment collection actions. These include wage garnishments, attachments, executions on property and conducting debtor exam hearings.

2007 filings by location:

Wooster 1044

Orrville 231