

March 22, 2010

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

Commissioners,

Please find enclosed the 2009 annual statistical report for the Wayne County Municipal Court prepared pursuant to 1901.14 of the Ohio Revised Code. The data included in this report is maintained by the Wayne County Clerk of Courts and by various departments within the Municipal Court.

Overall, the number of cases filed and revenue collections decreased from the previous year. To assist with housing at the jail we experienced an increase in the number of offenders placed on house arrest in 2009 while those assigned to probation remained consistent to 2008.

The Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) program continues to produce positive outcomes since its inception in 2006. Through 2009, 76% of the male and 72% of the female participants who have successfully completed all 12 steps of the program have not re-offended. This is attributed to those participants who have followed the MRT course content and to the dedication of the court staff who have chosen to instruct this course.

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

William G. Rickett, Judge

Carol White Millhoan, Judge

Personnel 2009

William G. Rickett

Administrative Judge

Carol White Millhoan

Presiding Judge

Mark Clark

Magistrate

Doug Johnson

Administrator

William Wepler

Assignment Commissioner

Janelle Marcum

Court Secretary

Judy Vincent

Court Secretary

Bob Rote

Bailiff

Dana Jackson

Bailiff

Dennis Felter

Court Security

Beth Carr

Court Security

Larry Meredith

Court Security

Albert Hartzler

Computer Technician

Machelle Maxwell

Court Secretary/Small Claims Aide

Denise Favalon

Small Claims Aide

Michele Hobart

Home Arrest Supervisor

Bob Conn

Home Arrest Officer – CCA Grant

David Baney

Home Arrest Officer

Gale Greegor

Home Arrest Secretary – CCA Grant

Jim Defelice

Chief Probation Officer

John Bridger

Probation Officer – p/t

Jim Roth

Probation Officer

Angela Schaad

Probation Officer

Karl Kubb

Probation Officer

Jen Haven

Probation Secretary

Kelly Sims

Community Service Officer

Cases Filed and Disposed 2009

<u>Cases Filed</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Criminal – Felony	91	88
Criminal – Misdemeanor	1,739	1,780
D.W.I.	399	537
Traffic	13,062	11,144
Civil	2,589	2,170
Small Claims	<u>1,081</u>	<u>975</u>
Total Cases Filed	18,961	16,694
Total Cases Disposed	19,936	17,213

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

Cases Assigned For Trial 2009

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

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Criminal – Misdemeanors	868	906
D.W.I.	264	365
Other Traffic	684	605
Civil-Small Claims	<u>196</u>	<u>262</u>
Total	2,012	2,138

Trials To Court

Criminal	305	227
D.W.I.	59	49
Other Traffic	258	146
Civil	<u>18</u>	<u>10</u>
Total	640	432

Jury Trials

Criminal	8	4
D.W.I.	3	2
Other Traffic	3	1
Civil	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	14	7

Disbursements Paid to Wayne County

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Paid to A13-N1 & A15-F1	665,170	635,670
Criminal-Traffic	281,635	254,485
Civil-Small Claims	151,073	149,300
OSP, State and Others	232,462	231,885
Paid to A13-G1 Housing/DUI	16,792	15,306
Paid to A12-A1 Interest	1,304	6
Paid to B15-A1 Alcohol Treatment	13,865	19,300
Paid to K1-A3 Roads and Bridges	46,874	45,394
Paid to B1-A6 Dog and Kennel Fund	450	229
Paid to B16-A1 Education Fund	300	560
Paid to A42-C1 from sale of UTC	372	704
Paid to A45-O1 Misc. Reimbursements	281	281
Paid to U3-A1 Unclaimed Funds	0	0
Paid to B20-A1/A2 Computer Funds	151,953	131,809
Paid to B12-A1 Probation Fees	176,763	162,801
Paid to W35-A2 Indigent Application	14,049	10,866
Paid to A13-T1 Home Arrest Fees	<u>145,050</u>	<u>112,126</u>
Total	\$1,233,223	\$ 1,135,052

Paid to the Wayne County Law Library

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
OSP Fines	89,177	79,006
State Fines	46,534	44,847
From Traffic	47,740	50,217
From Non-Traffic	4,800	4,800
Dept. of Liquor Control	1,200	1,200
Townships	1,278	192
Municipal Ordinances:		
Wooster	1,300	1,300
Orrville	750	750
Rittman	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>
Totals	\$ 192,929	\$ 182,462

Paid to Cities and Villages

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Wooster	42,251	39,114
Orrville	11,662	16,487
Rittman	9,198	7,652
Dalton	22,439	22,452
Apple Creek	2,902	4,455
West Salem	240	250
Mt. Eaton	281	261
Shreve	317	155
Creston	0	50
Doylestown	150	0
Marshallville	<u>250</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	\$ 89,690	\$ 90,876

**Disbursements
Other Fines and Fees**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Court of Appeals	500	875
Humane Society	0	100
Chippewa Township	1,278	192
Sheriff Fees	7,014	6,417
Wooster Police Fees	5,195	4,211
Orrville Police Fees	277	118
Rittman Police Fees	1,037	502
All Other Misc. Fees	1,276	118
Credit Card Fees	<u>2,096</u>	<u>3,467</u>
Totals	\$18,673	\$16,000

Disbursements Drug Fines

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Creston	0	0
Chippewa Township	150	0
Dalton	709	400
Doylestown	1,584	284
Medway	150	136
Ohio State Police	300	150
Orrville	1,455	3,048
Paint Twp.	150	0
Rittman	1,691	1,514
Shreve	99	0
Smithville	0	0
Wayne County Sheriff	1,500	2,279
West Salem	500	250
Wooster	<u>6,865</u>	<u>10,109</u>
Totals	\$15,153	\$18,170

**Disbursements
Paid to State of Ohio**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Ohio State Patrol Fines	177,125	160,772
Victims of Crime	103,799	94,369
General Revenue	172,164	141,645
Expungement Fees	1,590	2,220
Dept. of Liquor	9,499	9,259
Division of Wildlife	5,199	5,465
Legal Aid from Civil	67,606	54,512
Legal Aid from Small Claims	11,284	9,223
Seat Belt Fines	83,307	64,643
Child Safety Fund	1,347	620
OSP Drug Fines	2,066	3,454
OSP Education Fund	4,176	3,638
Ohio Board of Pharmacy	23,280	11,637
CCA Grant Refund	1,397	1,372
BMV Fees	<u>390</u>	<u>339</u>
Totals	\$ 664,229	\$ 563,168

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.

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 2009 there were 975 Small Claims cases filed. 57 cases went to trial resulting in a 94% mediation settlement rate.

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

2009 filings by location:

Wooster 816

Orrville 159

Probation Department

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Pre-Sentence Investigations	283	236
Placed on Probation	1,055	1,045
Released from Probation	843	1,003
Probation Violations	439	625
Expungement Violations	59	64
Community Service Hours	25,447	34,097
Probation Fees Collected	\$176,763	\$162,701

MRT (Moral Reconciliation Program)

The MRT 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, John Bridger, Dave Baney, Dana Jackson & Karl Kubb.

Statistics associated with the MRT program from November 2006 through December 31, 2009 include:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Number of participants	132	59
Successful Completions	80	29
- have not re-offended	61 (76%)	21 (72%)
- have new convictions	19 (24%)	8 (28%)
Unsuccessful Terminations	52	30
Currently Attending Group	32	12

In 2008, the Probation staff initiated an MRT program at the Wayne County Jail. The jail MRT program has been well attended by the inmates in an attempt to change the behavior that resulted in their incarceration.

Home Arrest Department

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Placed on Home Arrest	323	402
Number of Days Served	10,140	14,383
Number of Violations	17	31
Average Per Day	27.78	39.41

Home Arrest Receipts

Total Paid to Wayne County	\$145,050	\$112,126
Received from State CCA Grant*	\$94,738	\$94,738

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

Home Arrest clients performed 2,229 hours of community service. Additionally, Juvenile and Common Pleas Courts utilize the Municipal Court equipment and server as needed. This prevents these departments from paying vendor fees to outside agencies to operate their electronic monitoring programs.

