



## **Fairfield County Municipal Court – Annual Report 2017**

**Honorable James A. Fields – Presiding Judge**

**Honorable David L. Landefeld – Judge**

**Valeda A. Slone – Clerk of Court**

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**SECTION I:**  
**COURT**

## 2017 Annual Report

March 30, 2018

2017 was the year of expansion for the Fairfield County Municipal Court.

On July 1, 2017, we began with a part-time Magistrate that sits five (5) days every two (2) weeks. The new Magistrate, Trevor Innocenti, is handling all the cite-in arraignments, as well as small claims and evictions. The Court has consolidated the cite-in arraignment dates to two (2) days rather than five (5) days.

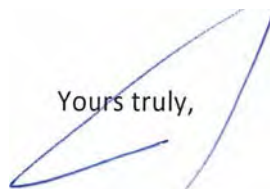
The Court continues its efforts to expand the services of the Court through Grants and Third-Party funding. We have expanded our testing for Common Pleas Court to the point where we do all the Probation testing for the general jurisdiction Probationers.

As always, we continue to work with the Fairfield County Commissioners, Lancaster City Council, the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services Board, and all of the local Social Services Agencies to provide treatment and structure for our Probationers. Without each of these Agencies, serving the Community the wrap around services that we provide would not be possible.

Finally, it appears that our civil docket has been expanding and the number of filings. Last year the number of filings was 3,720 as compared to 2923 in 2016. Judge Landefeld and I are confident that we can maintain efficiency on both these civil and criminal cases through the expansion of the Magistrate and by effectively managing our dockets.

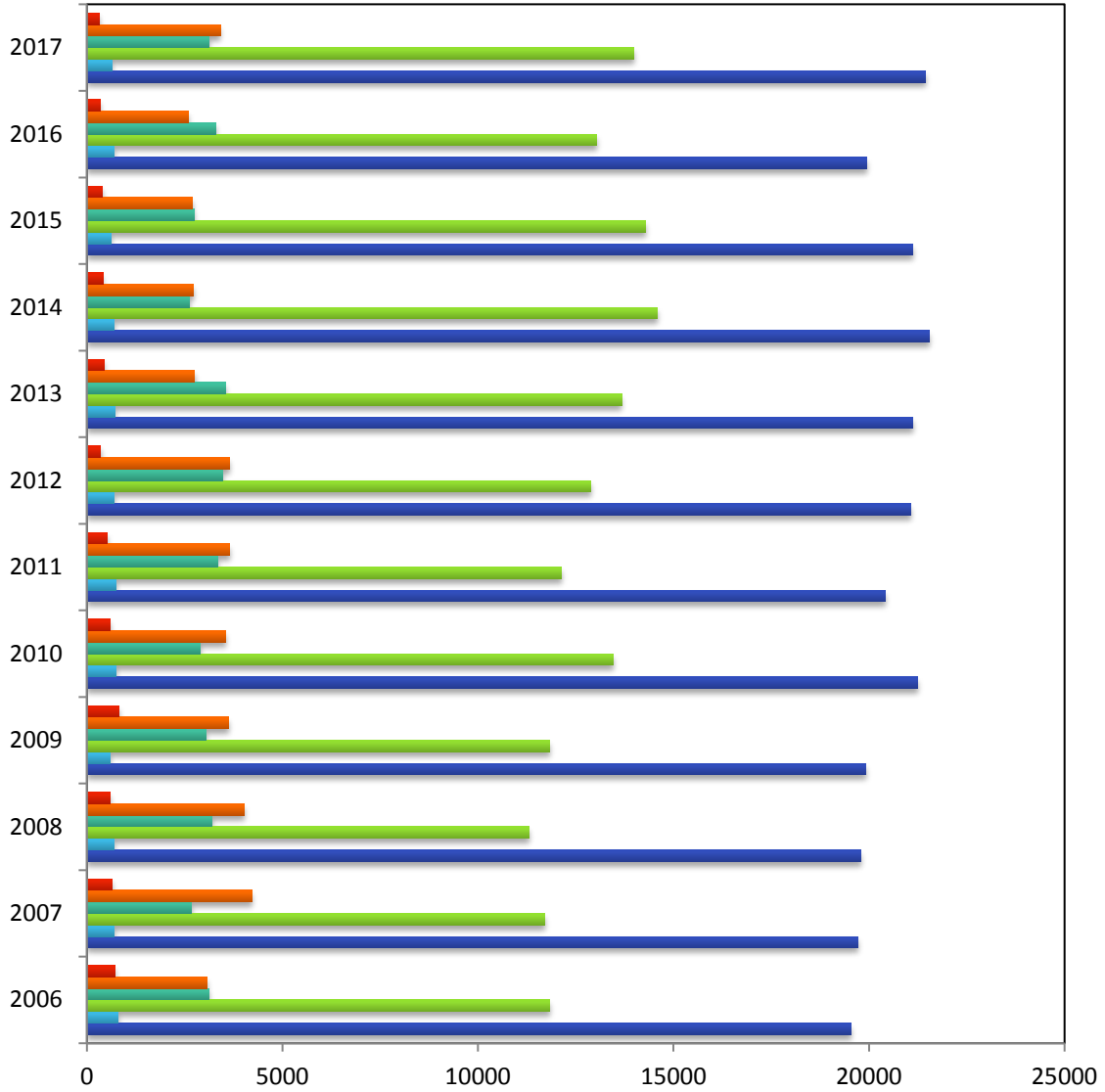
Judge Landefeld and I will continue to strive to provide quality services to the community through the Justice System.

Yours truly,



James A. Fields  
Administrative Judge

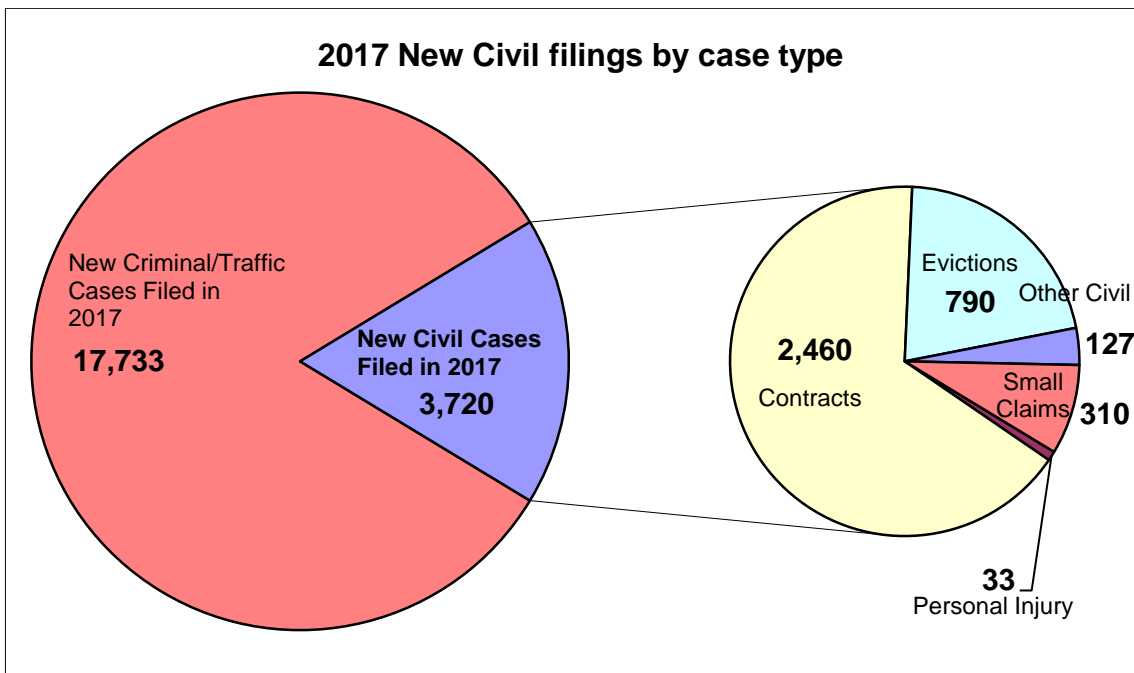
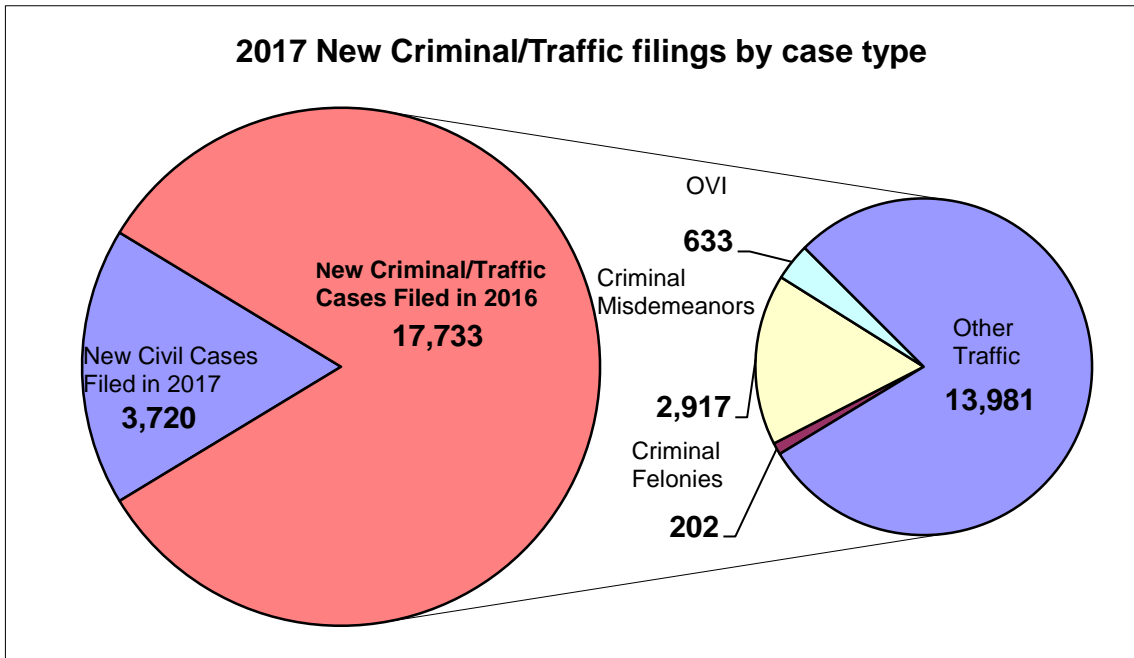
## Fairfield County Municipal Court Annual Caseload Comparison



	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
■ SMALL CLAIMS	715	645	590	822	590	526	353	435	405	404	336	310
■ CIVIL	3073	4220	4029	3618	3548	3649	3652	2756	2720	2704	2587	3410
■ CRIMINAL	3124	2680	3190	3046	2902	3355	3478	3551	2629	2743	3287	3119
■ TRAFFIC	11825	11700	11294	11828	13448	12132	12877	13670	14583	14277	13028	13981
■ OVI	798	700	680	601	751	755	698	712	686	611	694	633
■ TOTAL	19535	19711	19783	19915	21239	20417	21058	21124	21535	21118	19932	21453

# 2017 New Case Filings

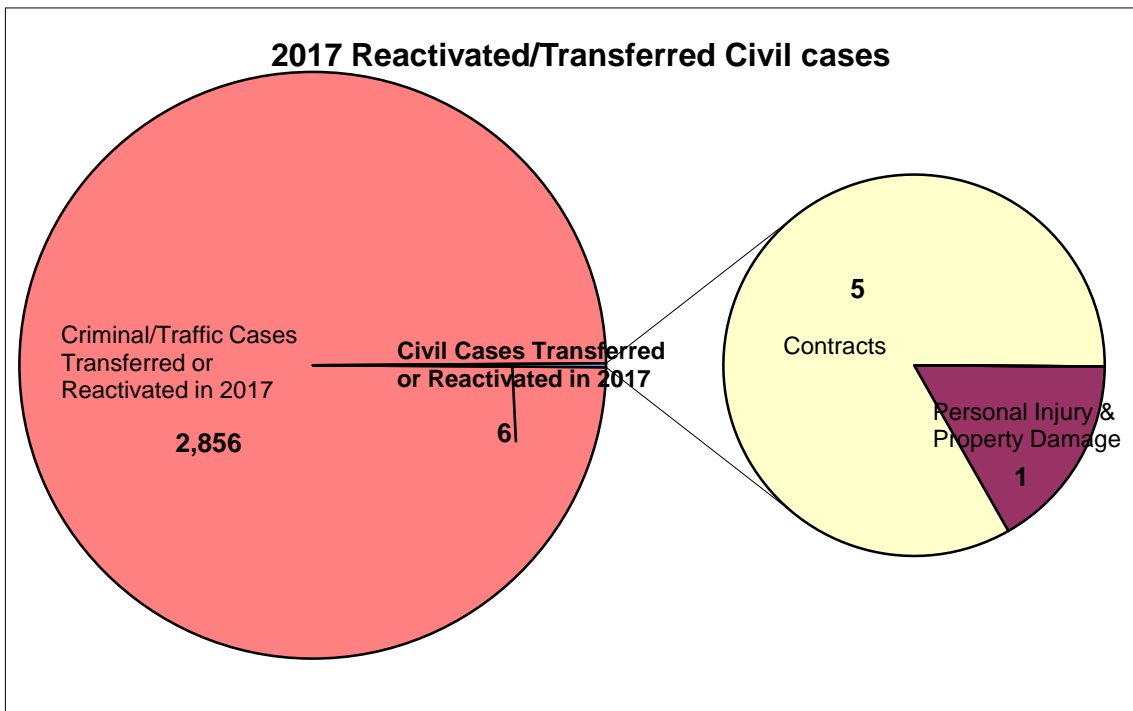
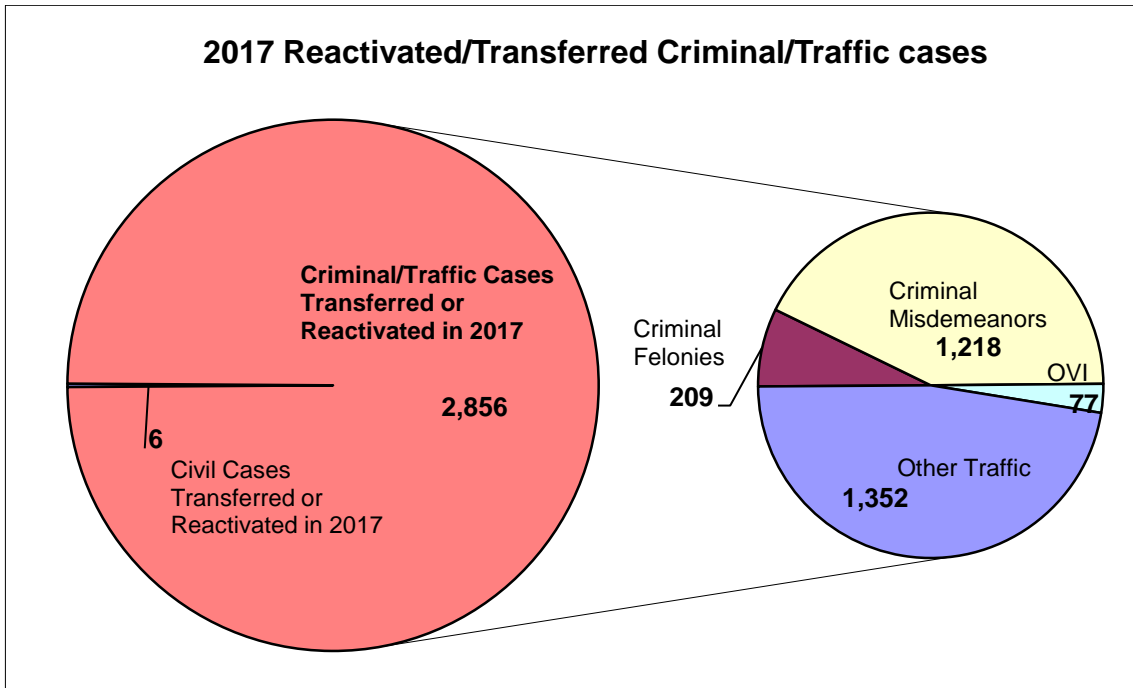
*In addition to the new cases filed in various categories, the Court's caseload for 2017 also included 997 cases pending as of January 1, 2017.*



# 2017 Reactivated/Transferred Cases

Reactivated results include: Bench warrant return, Release of forfeiture filed, etc.

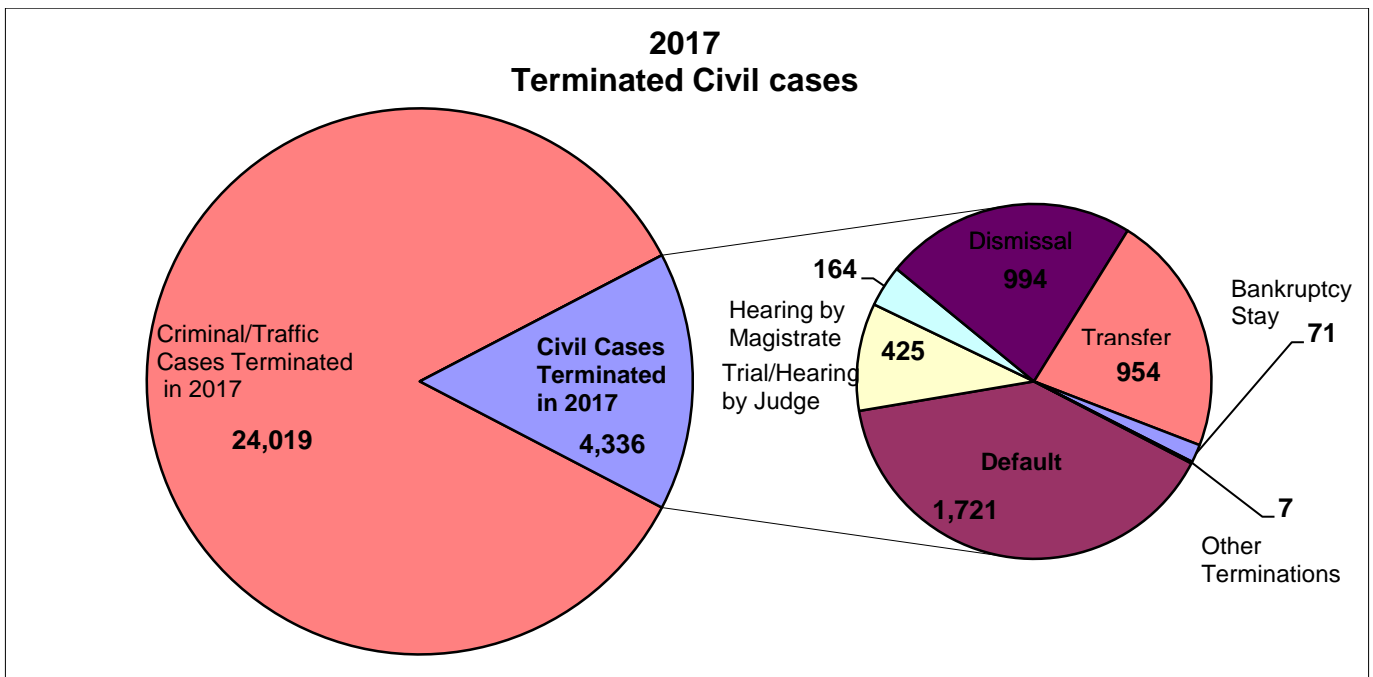
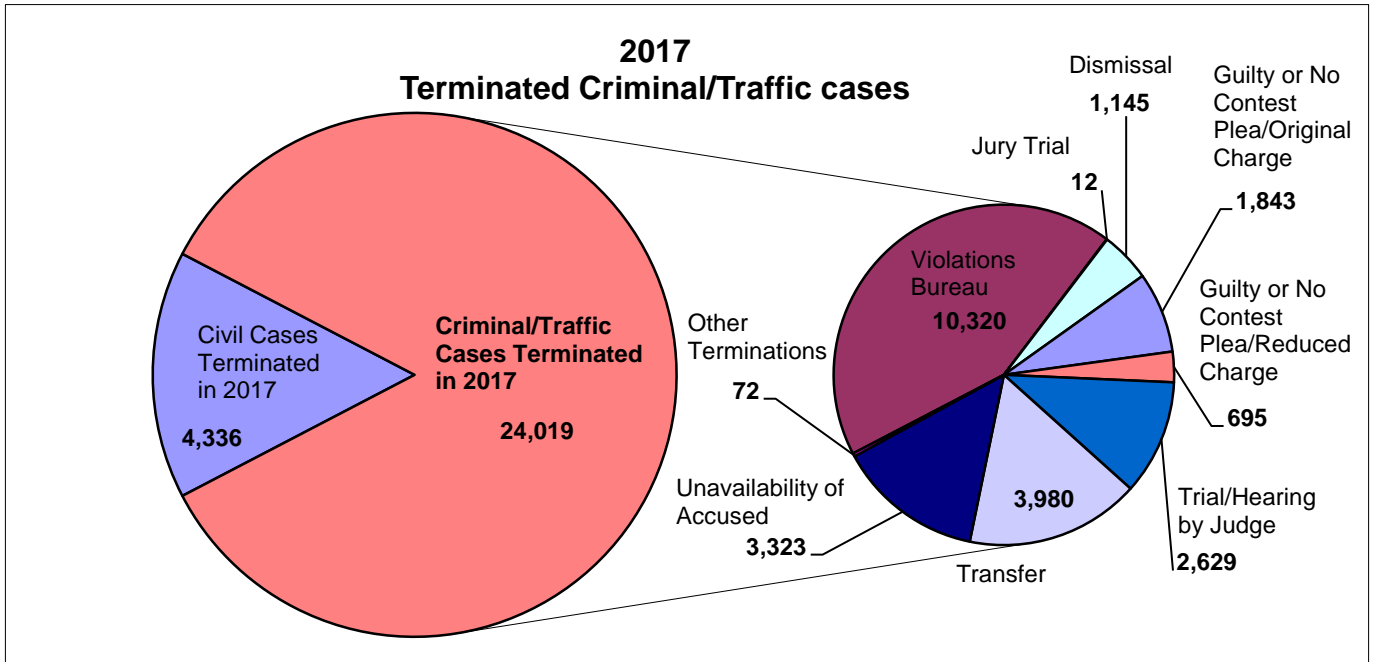
Transferred results include: Plea of "not guilty" entered, guilty sentencing, grand jury indictment, etc.





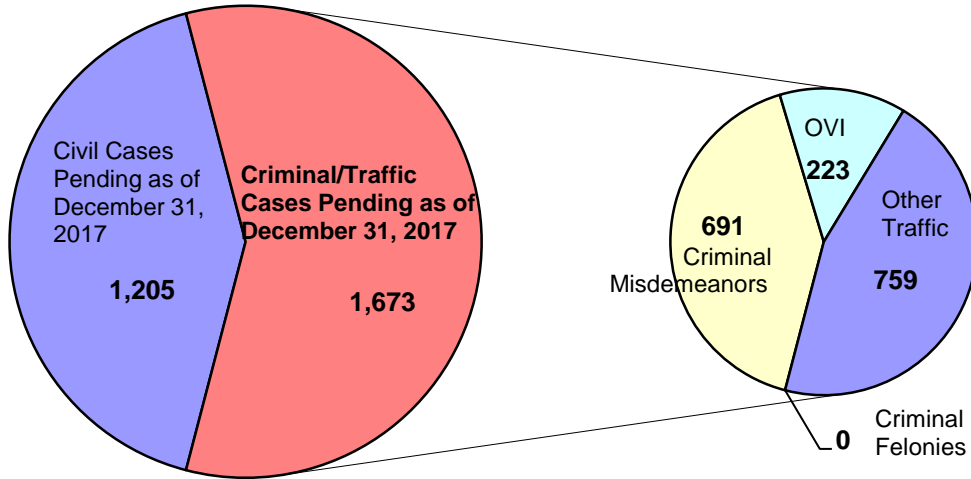
# 2017 Terminated Cases

Cases shown as closed by method of termination.

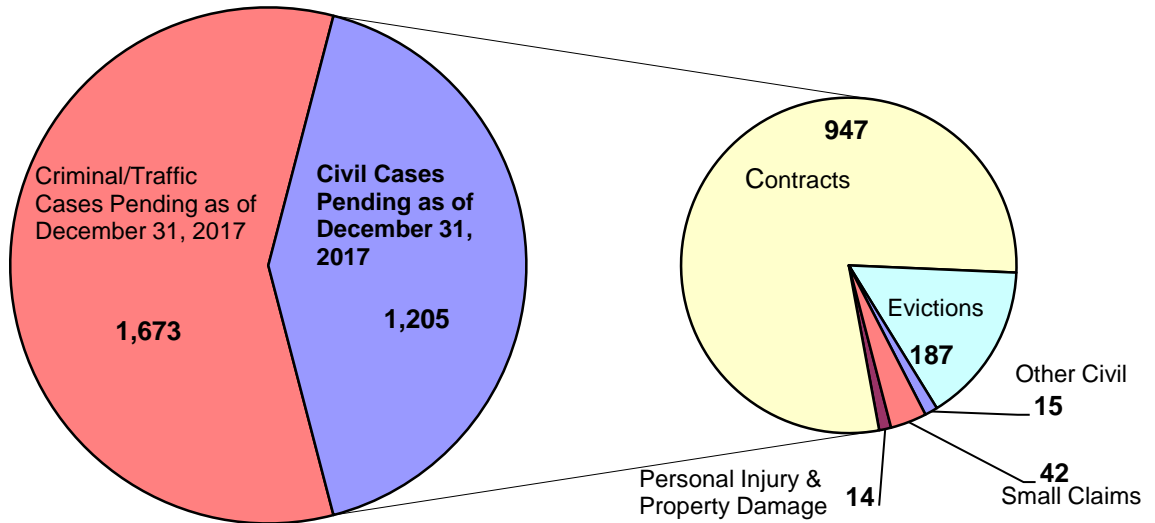


# Cases Pending as of December 31, 2017

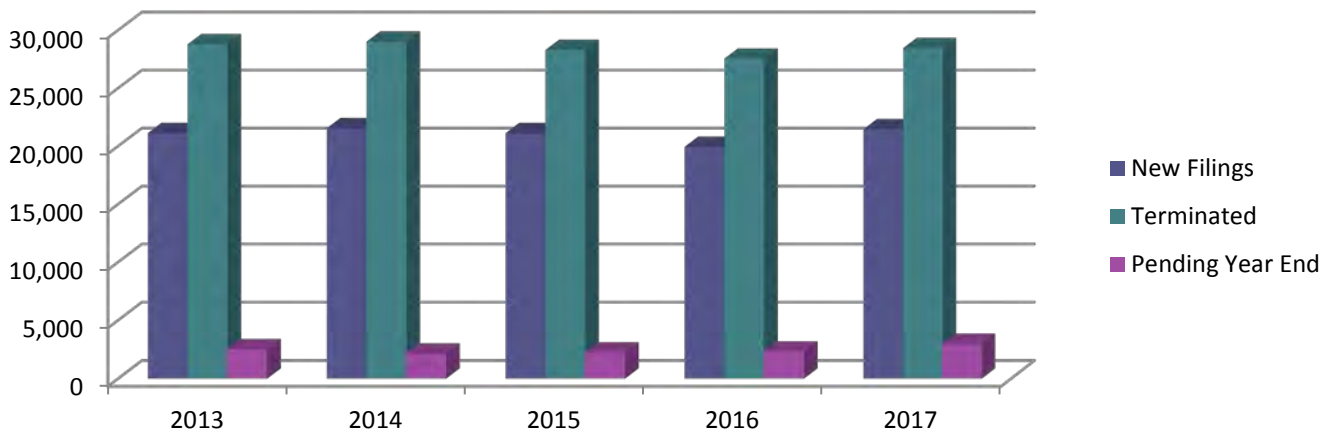
## Pending Criminal/Traffic cases as of December 31, 2017



## Pending Civil cases as of December 31, 2017

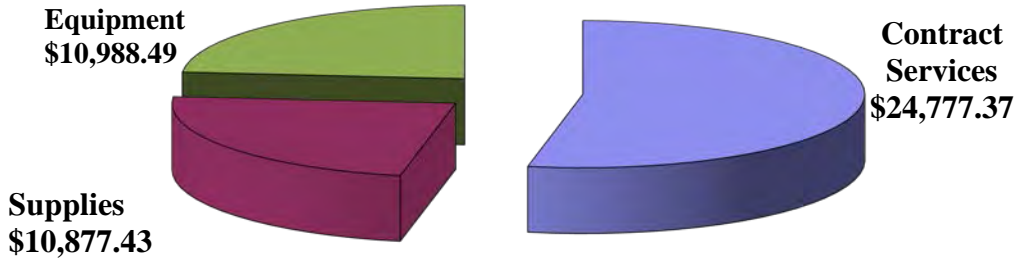


## New Filings/Terminations/Pending Year-End

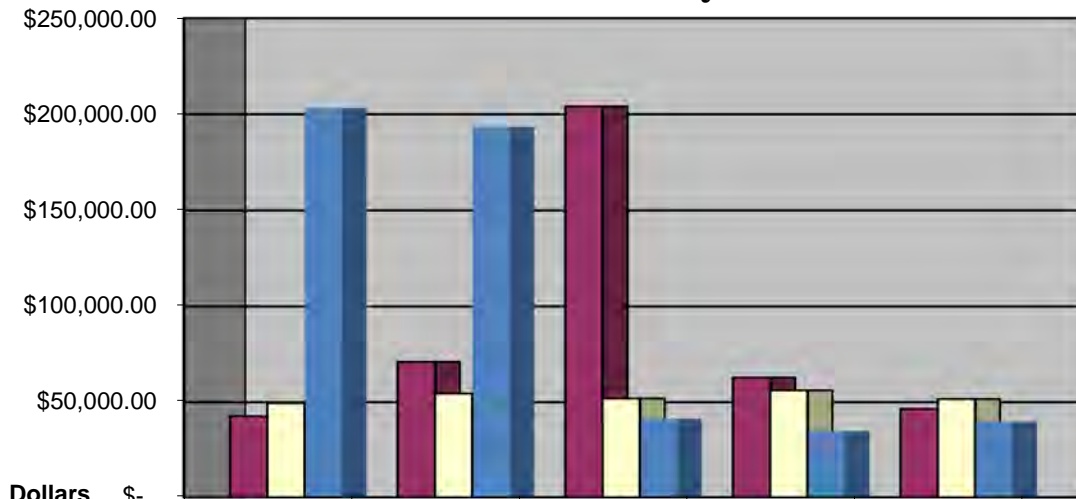


# Court Computer Fund

## 2017 Expenses



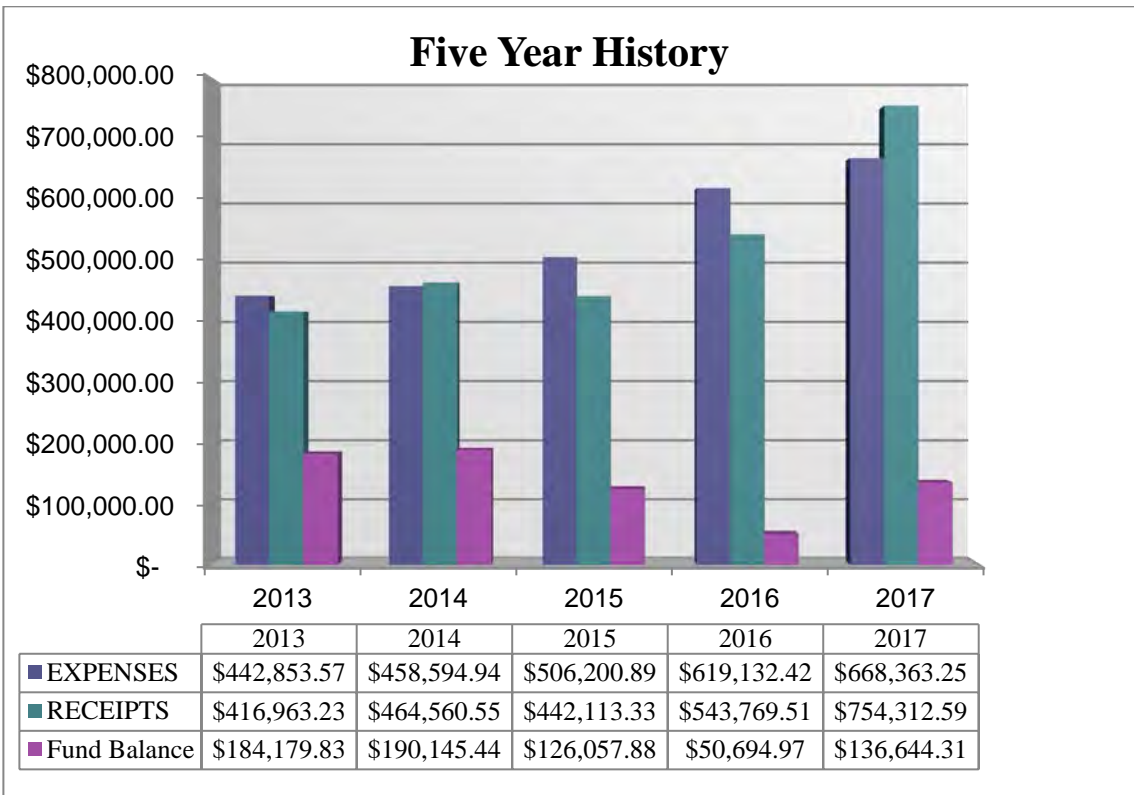
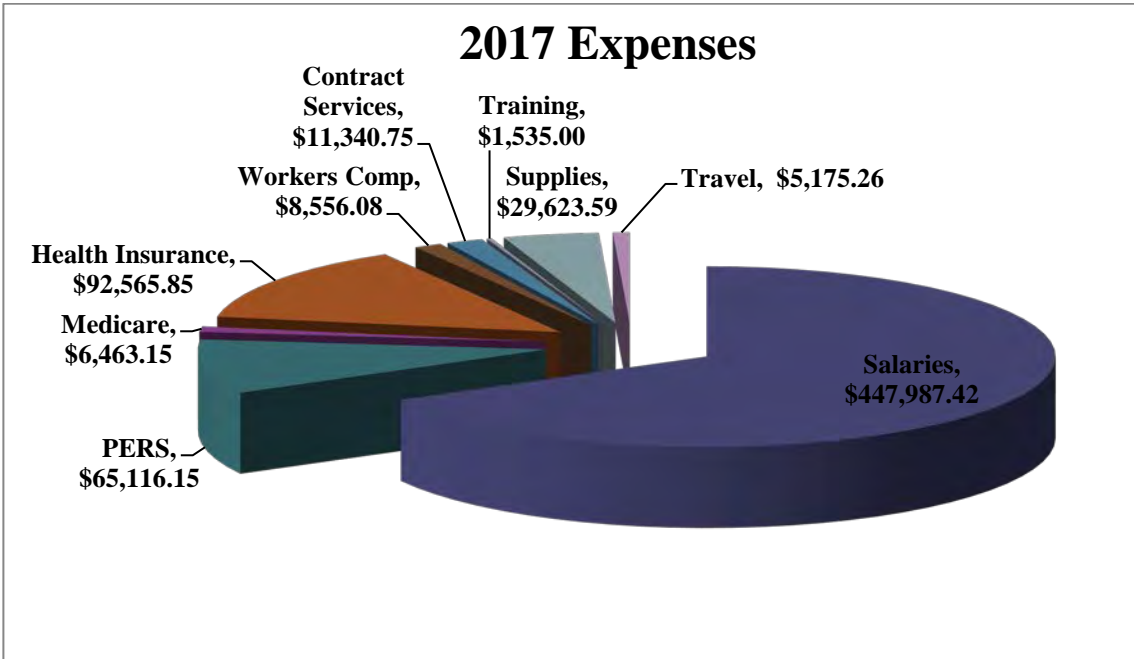
## Five-Year History



Dollars \$-	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Expenses	\$42,706.95	\$71,180.05	\$204,111.01	\$62,913.39	\$46,643.29
Receipts	\$49,543.20	\$54,591.03	\$51,994.48	\$56,225.21	\$51,681.31
Fund Balance	\$203,223.15	\$193,470.38	\$41,353.85	\$34,665.67	\$39,703.69

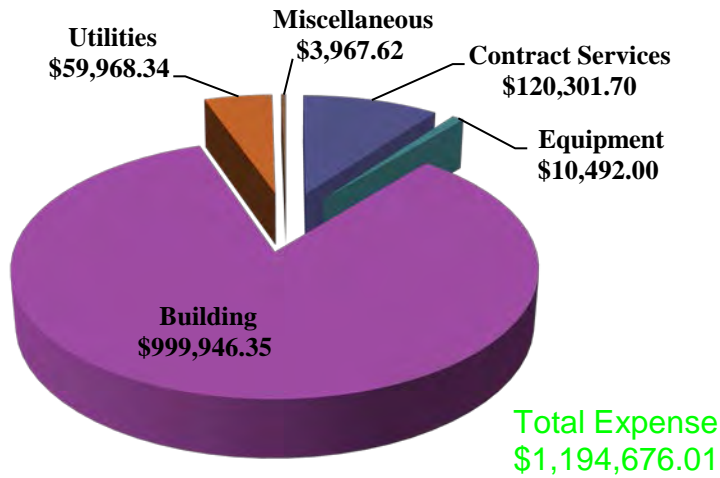
Expenses
  Receipts
  Fund Balance

# Probation Fund

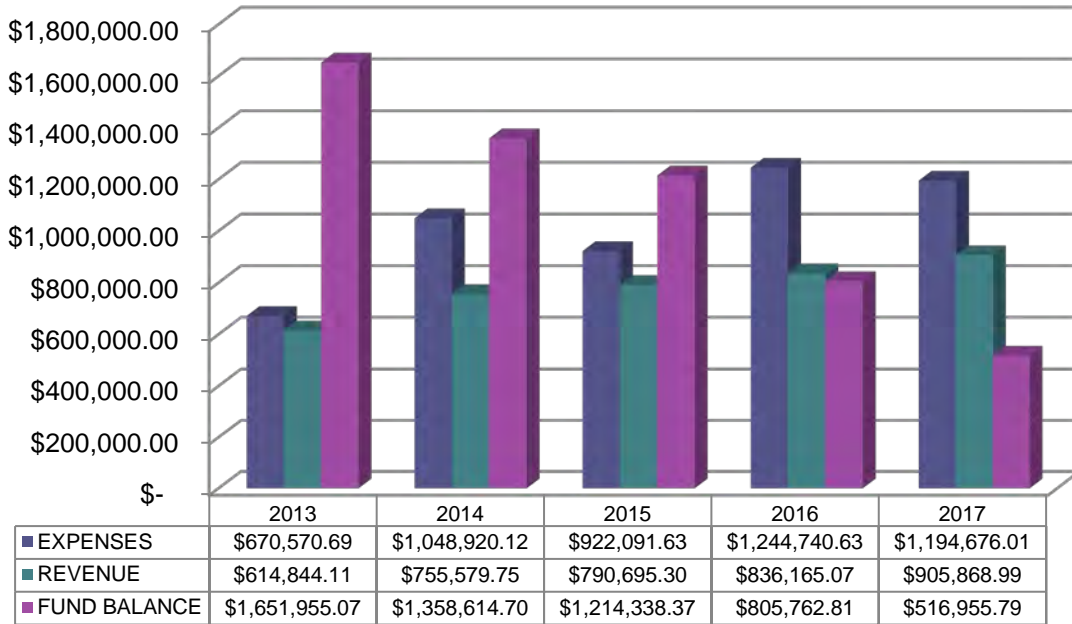


# Special Projects Fund

## 2017 Expenses



## Five Year History



*In 2017, the Court continued its commitment to cover annual debt service payments on the Columbian project from Special Projects. Additional expenses included maintenance and upkeep for the Columbian, including utilities, exterminator and cleaning services and inspection and maintenance fees. A final cash payment was also made to the building contractor to cover expenses that exceeded the amount borrowed.*

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT –JUDICIAL'S 2017 OPERATING EXPENSES**

<b>CITY OF LANCASTER</b>	<b>JUDICIAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2017 BUDGET</b>
Salaries	555,436.64	556,860.95
PERS	77,839.05	77,839.05
PERS Pick-up	0.00	0.00
Hospitalization	137,281.18	137,500.00
Medicare	7,621.27	7,900.00
Sick Leave Buyout	1,499.54	1,500.00
Telephone	4,187.65	5,000.00
Settlement	0.00	0.00
Contract Services	6,584.82	13,000.00
Appointed Counsel	0.00	1,000.00
Maintenance of Equipment	7,426.12	7,500.00
Training/Seminars	4,610.53	7,000.00
Supplies and Incidentals	18,189.69	20,000.00
Copy Machine	2,772.49	4,000.00
Postage	2,866.83	4,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,504.82	2,000.00
Travel Expense	4,239.99	5,000.00
Association Dues	2,275.00	2,500.00
Employee Physicals/Medical	0.00	0.00
New Equipment	1,200.00	2,000.00
<b>CITY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$835,535.62</b>	<b>\$854,600.00</b>

<b>COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD</b>	<b>JUDICIAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2017 BUDGET</b>
Salaries & Benefits	188,322.21	193,150.00
Contract Expenses	23,422.64	25,000.00
Travel Expense	4,953.92	7,500.00
Juror Expense	8,475.26	10,500.00
Supplies	17,681.12	22,908.01
<b>COUNTY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$251,536.07</b>	<b>\$266,831.52</b>
<b>CITY AND COUNTY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,087,071.69</b>	<b>\$1,128,381.52</b>

## **STATEMENT**

The statements are prepared for submission to the Lancaster City Council and the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code, 1901.14(A)(4).

Completed at Lancaster, Ohio, March 30, 2018.

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**Jackie Long**  
**Court Administrator**

**SECTION II:**  
**SPECIALIZED DOCKETS**  
**PROGRAM**



**2017 REPORT -- SPECIALIZED DOCKETS**  
**Recovery Court and Mental Health Court**  
**Community Service Probation**  
**Municipal Court Drug Testing “Stella Program”**  
**JUDGE JAMES A. FIELDS**

**DRUG TESTING: JANUARY 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2017:**

2017 Assay Statistics Summary for Municipal and Common Pleas Probationers tested at Municipal Court

Tested/Assay*	Grand Total	Positive Total	% Positive
-- Donors	1158	925	79.88
-- Specimens	16582	6659	40.16
-- Assays	157685	8802	5.58
-- NO SHOW	3008	3008	100
Amphetamine	16299	1205	7.39
Benzodiazepine	16245	746	4.59
Buprenorphine	15340	2668 (Rx)	17.39 (Rx)
Cannabinoid	16466	913	5.54
Cocaine	16359	126	0.77
Creatinine	16582	1166	7.03
Ethyl Glucuronide	16579	453	2.73
Opiate	16336	586	3.59
Oxycodone	16308	541	3.32
Tramadol	3929	40	1.02
Fentanyl	4850	124	2.56
UR-144	742	0	0
AB Pinaca	743	18	2.42
Buprenorphine II	907	216	23.81

**COMMON PLEAS DRUG TESTING**

- In the 23 months of the Municipal and Common Pleas Drug Testing collaboration project, we have reduced testing costs for Common Pleas by \$38,048. This program allows for greater efficiency, increased savings, faster and more detailed results, and has eliminated the need for probationers on bond/probation at both courts to test at multiple locations.

**SCRAM REDUCTION PROJECT** (beginning February 2015)

- In the three years of this project, we have been able to produce a significant reduction in SCRAM costs to Fairfield County. SCRAM devices, an ankle monitor used to detect the consumption of alcohol by a probationer required to maintain total sobriety, costs \$13/day per probationer. Prior to project, SCRAM costs averaged \$20,297 per month; Currently, SCRAM costs an average of \$1004 per month. In the twelve months prior to beginning this project, Fairfield County spent \$243,573, which is more than twice the amount of the first three years of the reduction project combined.

	<b>SCRAM Yearly Cost:</b>	<b>Average Monthly Bill:</b>
TOTAL	\$ 243,573.00	
Avg Monthly Cost	\$ 20,297.75	

\* An “assay” is a test for a specific substance

**RECOVERY COURT – currently 22 active participants**

	GRADUATES	TERMINATED
Total Amount of Individuals	101	187
Number of Individuals with New Offenses	36	142
Recidivism Rate	36%	76%
Average Days in Jail (since entry into drug court)	25	227
Average Days in Drug Court	525	321

**MENTAL HEALTH COURT – currently 26 active participants**

	GRADUATES	TERMINATED
Numbers since Certification		
Total Amount of Individuals	14	20
Number of Individuals with New Offenses	2	7
Recidivism Rate	14%	35%
Average Days in Jail (since entry into MH court)	17	164
Average Days in MH Court	542	281

**2017 GRANTS:**

- \$700,000 – SAMHSA (SEPT. 2016 – SEPT. 2019) – Drug Court Collaboration Grant: This is a collaborative effort with Common Pleas Court to fund both Recovery Courts in Municipal and Common Pleas by funding the Director, both Probation Officers, drug testing for Recovery Court participants, bus passes, GED testing, and medication-assisted treatment.
- \$60,000 – Office of Criminal Justice Services (2017) – Mental Health Court grant to fund the Probation Officer, drug testing, and training for the Probation Officer and Judge
- \$40,000 – Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (2017-2018) – Drug Testing supplies and Pro-pay for the Recovery Court Probation Officer

**In the words of a Specialized Dockets Graduate:**

*Buddhist Proverb: “When facing the right direction, keep moving forward.”*

*“I sometimes can’t believe I’m standing where I’m at today and how far I’ve come in the last two years. And I’d like to say that drug court did this for me and my life today is amazing because of drug court, but I think that would be a huge discredit to myself because, I did it. I gave myself this. Drug Court faced me in the direction I needed to be in and I had to find the willingness and power within myself to keep moving forward. And it wasn’t easy. And even today, at times, it’s harder to keep moving, but I do and every step is more worth it than the last.*

*I remember the person I was when I came into the court...bitter and hateful...angry at God and everyone in my life...pointing blame at everyone for the consequences of my life. And I look at the person I am today and I’m amazed of how far I’ve comes from that person, but still knowing how far I need to go. The push of recovery is hard and trying...and it’s brutal and testing my strength, but it’s beautiful.*

*As John Wayne said it, “Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. It comes into us at midnight very clean. It’s perfect when it arrives and puts itself in our hands. With hope, we learned something from yesterday.”*

**The Annual Fall Fishing Derby:**



Lancaster Police Chief Adam Pillar, Judge Fields, and State Representative Tim Schaffer at the Annual Fishing Derby.

The 2017 Annual Fall Fishing Derby for Recovery and Mental Health Court participants was a great success this year. Community Leaders served up lunch and provided games and fishing to participants and their families. Over 150 individuals were in attendance this year.

**The Annual Specialized Dockets Christmas Party:**



Defense Attorney Andrew Makoski as Santa

Thanks to Fairfield County Community Leaders for providing a wonderful Christmas celebration this year for our participants and their families. Over 40 children were able to receive presents from Santa Claus. Dinner was served by community volunteers, graduates of the programs, and their families. And DJ Johnny Garber entertained the families for the evening. This incredible event is made possible by donations from over sixty individuals, businesses, and community leaders all around Fairfield County.

**BIG CHANGES COMING IN 2018:  
Community Service Program...**



The Fairfield County Municipal Court was just awarded a \$156,878 grant through the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections to fund a Community Service Probation Officer for 18 months. This is a collaborative grant between Common Pleas and Municipal Courts to fund a probation officer who will be responsible for organizing and supervising community service workers (on probation and bond) and activities across Fairfield County in an effort to reduce the number of individuals being sent to prison and jail. This project is a jail/prison alternative that both Municipal and Common Pleas Judges are on board with and have already started referring individuals into the program in lieu of incarceration. Sarah Haley, who has been with the probation department since 2011, was selected as the Probation Officer to lead this project in January 2018. All City agencies, County agencies, 503c3 organizations, churches, and schools are eligible for services under this project. Agencies are encouraged to call Sarah Haley at (740) 808-1693 or email at [shaley@fcmcourt.org](mailto:shaley@fcmcourt.org).

## New Drug Testing Equipment...



Our current drug testing instrument (known throughout the county as “Stella”) was designed for approximately 6000 tests/year. In 2017, our court processed 16,582 tests. We will be upgrading our instrument in 2018 to the one pictured here, which is capable of processing up to 400 photometric tests/hour.

## New Drug Testing Staff...



Jessica Jerome (pictured left, next to Lab Tech Probation Officer, Andrew Keister) will be moving to a new position in 2018. She will now be a reporting Probation Officer.

Laurina Sauber (pictured right), will be replacing Jessica as the court’s new female Lab Tech Probation Officer.



**THANK YOU...**to our incredible team in our Specialized Dockets and Drug Testing divisions!

**Judge Fields...**you have done an incredible job bringing together the Municipal Court as well as the collaboration with Common Pleas Court by doing what is best for the citizens of this county.

**Duffy Arter, Recovery Court Probation Officer...**you have a drive and dedication towards the participants that can’t be taught. You make this program your purpose, not just a job. We are successful because of you. Thank you for your incredible devotion to this program.

**Jeff McCartney, Mental Health Court Probation Officer...**You bring such a sense of calm to participants. Thank you for making sure they each feel important and valued.

**Andrew Keister, Lab Tech Probation Officer...**Thank you for your dedication! You come in early, leave late, shovel the snow, and a million other things that aren’t even your job, but you do it for all of us! Your work ethic is incredible and I am so grateful!

**Jessica Jerome, Lab Tech Probation Officer...**your attitude to our testing ladies makes each of their days brighter! They are going to miss you incredibly!

**Dan Cogley, Assistant Prosecutor and Specialized Dockets Prosecutor....**Thank you for all that you do for our team! Your incredible memory and insight is a wonderful resource for our programs.

**And to all of our Support Service Personnel...** New Horizons, Recovery Center, Re-entry, and Lutheran Social Services support staff assist our programs tremendously, assist our participants in their recovery, and ultimately make our community a much safer and pleasant place to call home.

***Here’s to Another Year!! Thank you, Tamara Bartek, Specialized Dockets Director***

**SECTION III:**

**PROBATION**

***Fairfield County Municipal Court Probation Department  
2017 Annual Report  
March 2018***

With the close of 2017, the Probation Department is grateful for another busy and productive year for 2017. The year held a continuation of positive strides for the department and working with the mindset of *Changing Offender Behavior*. This, in turn, leads to a reduction in recidivism. In 2017, probation cases were up compared to probation cases filed in 2016. I believe the hard work of this Probation Staff is seen on a daily basis in their work effort and drive to make a difference. Our Officers supervise those on Pre-Trial Bond Status, Reporting, Intensive Supervised Reporting, and Non-Reporting Probation. Further, the Court has two Officers dedicated to our Specialized Dockets; Fresh Start Program and Mental Health Court. Defendants remain with the same Officer from the start to expiration of their case unless the Defendant enters a Specialized Docket program during the course of their probation. This is a recent change in order to continue with the rapport and trust that has been established from the onset of the case.

Defendants ordered to complete probation are given sentences with terms ranging from one to five years of Community Control. Defendants are placed on one of the levels of Probation listed above. Defendants referred to our Specialized Dockets complete assessment process and the cases are reviewed by the Court’s Treatment Team. The average Probation Department caseload totals over 5,400 cases annually. (These include defendants on 1 to 5 years’ probation and those reporting for Pre-Trial Bond monitoring. Below numbers only reflect current and previous year.)

<b>New Probation Cases for 2017</b>			
<b>Total Number of New Cases in 2017 =</b>		<b>3,368</b>	
<b>Total Number of New Cases in 2016 =</b>		<b>2,280</b>	
<b>Statistics below do not include all Misdemeanor/ Felony Bond cases</b>			
<b>Males</b>		<b>Females</b>	
Total =	2359	Total =	1009
Ages:		Ages:	
18-29	848	18-29	385
30-39	731	30-39	344
40-49	447	40-49	183
50-59	246	50-59	72
60 & Over	87	60 & Over	25
Oldest (age):	84	Oldest (age):	73

*~Probation Department Mission:*

The Probation Department is committed to changing the lives of those who find themselves in need of some positive direction. Whether this direction is a link to services within the community that could give them a helping hand or services that could change the direction their lives are taking, the Probation Department is committed to making a difference. It is the belief of the Judges and the Probation Staff that positive direction in *changing offender behavior through proven evidence based practices* will help the betterment of the community in general by showing the benefits of what being a positive, productive member of society can be.



~Probation Staff and Who's Who:

The Probation Department prides itself in working closely with one another for the benefit of the Defendants. The Probation Department is not made up of individual persons working in individual directions. The Department is comprised of individuals working together toward a unified goal; to help Defendants find a positive direction for their lives. We consider ourselves a tight-knit Department who always helps one another when a need arises. This makes our Department strong, which not only helps the community but reinforces each other as a whole in completing our work with the Defendants.

**Charles Rispress, Chief Probation Officer**, began his position with the Department in December 2015 and left his position in July of 2017 to pursue other opportunities. With Charles' ever supportive approach with Staff and Defendants, he is certainly wished well in this next direction in his career. Charles handled a Probation/Diversion case load of 203 defendants, daily administrative duties and was the C.C.A. EM Grant Director. Charles' caseload was dispersed to the other staff members in Probation.

**Jeni Rhymer, Senior Probation Officer** has been a Probation Department employee since April 1994. She shifted into duties of Interim Chief in July 2017. Jeni handles Pre-Trial, Reporting Intensive Reporting, and Non-Reporting probationers. Jeni manages a case load of 1098 cases and assists the Department in anything else that is needed.

**Matt Schein, Probation Officer** since August 2004, handles Pre-Trial, Reporting, Intensive Reporting, and Non-Reporting probationers with a case load of 1053 cases. Matt is also the alternate member to attend training regarding the C.C.A. EM Grant. Matt assists with drug tests and ORAS assessments.

**Elizabeth George, Probation Officer** since March 2005, assists our Court, Court of Common Pleas, Law Enforcement and anyone else needing her Spanish-speaking skills. Elizabeth handles a case load of 1360 cases ranging from Pre-Trial, Intensive Reporting, Reporting and Non-Reporting probation.

**Erica Lanning, Probation Officer** since September 2010. Erica previously served the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and joined the Probation Department in the position of our Administrative Assistant. On September 26, 2011 Erica was promoted to fill the vacant Probation position, and handles a case load of 1076 cases that are placed on Pre-Trial, Intensive Reporting, Reporting and Non-Reporting probation. Erica also performs the duties of the **TAC** (Terminal Agency Coordinator) for the Court's LEADS/CCH terminal. Erica is also cross trained as a Bailiff.

**Mindy Conrad, Probation Officer** since September 2006, supervises those probationers sentenced to Pre-Trial, Intensive Reporting, and non-reporting probation. Mindy handles a case load of 302 defendants and has also been instrumental in helping solve issues with the Henschen computer system as well as helping the Clerk's office convert to a paperless system. In July 2017, Mindy switched duties with the addition of the Court's Magistrate position, which also began in 2017. She continues to assist Probation in inputting of cases into the Probation case management program of Henschen and filling in for staff members who are out of the office, as well as fulfilling the duties of Bailiff and Assistant to the Magistrate as well. Mindy's probation cases were also dispersed to the other Probation Officers with this change.

~Probation and Who's Who, continued:

**Duffy Arter, Drug Court Probation Officer** since January 2007, works for Judge Fields and the “Fresh Start” Drug Court Program. He handles a case load of 28 defendants. Duffy works closely with our Specialized Dockets Director Tamara Bartek, and he is available for the folks on his caseload 24/7. The Fresh Start Drug Court Program is honored to be considered one of the best in the country!

**Sarah Haley, Probation Officer** became part of the Department in December 2011 to fill our vacant administrative assistant position. In *October 2014*, Sarah was promoted to Pre-Trial Bond Officer and is now a Probation Officer supervising Pre-Trial, Intensive Reporting, Reporting and Non-Reporting probationers. Sarah handles a case load of 683 defendants. Sarah continues to handle the EM Grant invoicing and billing.

**Jeff McCartney, Mental Health Probation Officer** is the newest member to join Probation. In January 2017, Jeff accepted the position of Mental Health Probation Officer. He handles a case load of 30 defendants that need lots of supervision and care even after hours. Jeff, like Duffy, is available to participants 24/7.

**Diane Wilsoncroft, Administrative Assistant** has been with Probation since February 2016 and is considered to be irreplaceable in her position in the Department. Diane answers phones and directs Defendants (as well as the Probation Staff) to where they need to be. She runs the arraignment reports and background reports for the Officers of Defendants coming through on new charges or Defendants in jail and countless other vital tasks for the daily operations of the Department. Diane is a precious commodity in the world of Probation and keeps our wheels rolling.

The Probation Department staff offers 85 years of experience to the Citizens of Fairfield County!

~Community Corrections Act Grant:

With the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections' need to cut \$5 million dollars in funding, Fairfield County Municipal Court was one of the Courts that lost funding for the Community Corrections 408 Grant. Funds were available through June 2017 to the jail diversion and reducing recidivism goals. Alternative grants for this type of funding were made available from the State, and the Court pursued those avenues with the close of 2017 in order to continue a jail diversion sentencing method. This is imperative for jail overcrowding and easing the financial burden to the City and County budget.



~Services:

Faced with a continued *over-crowding* issue with the jail, the Court has continued to use American Court Services to supply electronic house arrest monitoring equipment and other monitoring services, which allow defendants who would normally remain in jail to be monitored at home. This, in turn, assists the community in several ways. The defendant has the ability to remain employed, thus caring for his/her family, meeting Court ordered terms as well as affording the defendant the ability to obtain counseling as deemed appropriate. This ability helps save *Thousands* of Tax Payer dollars! American Court Services will immediately advise the Probation Department of any violations that have occurred, which in turn are addressed with the Probation Officer/Court as appropriate.

American Court Services offers several types of services: Electronic Monitoring House Arrest Units: Real- Time GPS monitoring, S.C.R.A.M., an alcohol monitoring bracelet, and a remote breathalyzing unit. American Court Services also offers drug testing service including confirmation of drug testing results through utilization of sending urine samples to a lab.

The Court utilized a total of 846 Electronic Monitoring units in 2017, monitored through American Court Services, in an effort to reduce the jail population.

~Probation Drug Tests:

The Probation Department continues drug testing utilizing the ***Indiko Plus Drug/Alcohol Testing Instrument***, obtained through ThermoFisher Scientific in November 2016. Andrew Keister and Jessica Jerome facilitate collection of the urine samples and also process the samples through the system. Afforded the ease of testing and tremendous cost-saving measures, the Court frequently requires Defendants to participate in a program coined the “Call2Test” Program. Defendants are ordered to call in daily to find out if they need to provide a urine screen or not. This is a random selection testing requirement in an effort to keep Defendants drug and alcohol free. This is a valuable tool in the ability to improve our case follow-up and management system.

The ***Indiko Plus Drug Testing Instrument*** has the ability to go back eighty (80) hours to test for alcohol (EtG), and is currently tests for the following drugs: Marijuana, Cocaine, Opiates, Oxycodone, Benzodiazepines, Amphetamine, Meth- amphetamine, Methadone, Buprenorphine, Barbiturates, Tramadol, Fentanyl, and Creatinine levels.

~In closing:

We anticipate another busy and productive year in 2018 and are eager to continue assisting in the positive change of offender behavior and helping people not only put their lives but also their families back together. To work effectively in Probation, you have to want to effect change and care about the people that you are reaching out to help. We have that in the Probation Department, and I am fortunate to be a part of that for 23+ years now. We aren't just working to help one person at a time; we are helping the people that their lives touch along the way as well. Our good days far outweigh our difficult ones when the change we are trying to effect doesn't go as planned, but we will always continue to move toward the positive.

I would like to sincerely thank the entire *Probation Staff* for all their hard work, dedication and passion to change lives and make a difference in our community. Further, a big thank you for supporting me as I took over the duties of Interim Chief. I also want to say a heartfelt Thank You to the Judges, and Court Administrator for all of the amazing support, encouragement, and guidance that you give us along the way. To the Bailiffs and Clerk's Office Staff, thank you for always being so willing to help us and keep us on track. We wouldn't be who we are if we all didn't work toward these goals together.

Respectfully,

*Jennifer Rhymer*

Jennifer Rhymer, Chief Probation Officer

**SECTION IV:**

**CLERK OF COURT**

**TABLE OF DISTRIBUTION FOR FINES AND COSTS**

**FINES:** Pursuant to state statute, any fines collected by this court, for criminal and traffic offenses, are distributed as follows:

AGENCY/PERSON FILING THE CHARGE	CHARGE BROUGHT UNDER AN ORDINANCE OR THE OHIO REVISED CODE	RECIPIENT
Lancaster Police Department	Ordinance Ohio Revised Code	100% to City of Lancaster 100% to Fairfield County
Ohio State Highway Patrol	Ohio Revised Code	40% to City of Lancaster (1) 50% to State of Ohio and 10% to Fairfield County
Fairfield County Sheriff	Ohio Revised Code	100% to Fairfield County
Village/City Police Departments in court's jurisdiction of Fairfield County	Ordinance Ohio Revised Code	100% to that village/City 100% to Fairfield County
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio	Ohio Revised Code	100% to Fairfield County
Division of Wildlife Division of Watercraft	Ohio Revised Code	100% to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Any agency or person filing a narcotics charge	Ordinance Ohio Revised Code	100% to city/vil where offense occurred 50% to Ohio Board of Pharmacy & 50% to law enforcement agency (2)
Any agency or person filing a liquor charge	Ordinance Ohio Revised Code	100% to city/vil where offense occurred 50% to State of Ohio and 50% to Fairfield County
Any agency or person filing any other type of charge	Ordinance Ohio Revised Code	100% to city/vil where offense occurred 100% to Fairfield County

**COURT COSTS:** Pursuant to state statute, all court costs go to the City of Lancaster, *except:*

- (a) Moving Violations: \$10.00 State Traffic Fund (§2949.094) \$9.00 State Victims of Crime Reparations Fund (§2743.70) \$20.00 State Indigent Defense Support Fund (§2949.091).
- (b) Non-Moving Violations: \$10.00 State Indigent Defense Support Fund (§2949.091)
- (c) Criminal Violations: \$9.00 State Victims of Crime Reparations Fund (§2943.70) \$20.00 State Indigent Defense Support Fund (§2949.091).

(1) One-half of 40% to the City of Lancaster General Fund and one-half of 40% to Fairfield County Law Library  
 (2) Except charges filed under ORC 2925.03; 100% of fine money to law enforcement agency per entry of the court

Note: For OVI and driving Under OVI suspension, under ORC, portions of the fine go to various agencies other than listed on the Table of Distribution for Fines

### 2017 - New Cases Filed Agency Report

Agency	Felonies (CRA)	Misdemeanors (CRB)	OMVI (TRC)	Traffic (TRD)	Totals
Ohio Dept of Agriculture	0	1	0	0	1
Amanda Twp Zoning	0	1	0	0	1
Baltimore Village	0	19	0	4	23
Bloom Twp Zoning	0	0	0	0	0
Berne Twp Zoning	0	0	0	0	0
Bremen Village	0	0	0	0	0
Brice Police Department	0	0	0	0	0
Columbus Police Department	4	0	0	0	4
Carroll Village	2	3	5	15	25
Fairfield County Dog Warden	0	124	0	0	124
Foreign Warrants	0	1	0	0	1
Hocking Twp Zoning	0	0	0	0	0
Humane Society	0	16	0	0	16
Lithopolis Village	2	17	6	27	52
Dept of Liquor	0	36	0	0	36
City of Lancaster	88	1359	95	2086	3628
Metro Park Comm	0	0	0	0	0
Millersport Village	1	11	1	13	26
Miscellaneous Agency	0	0	0	0	0
Natural Area/Perserv	0	0	0	0	0
Division of Wildlife	0	35	0	0	35
Ohio State Highway Patrol	14	152	359	10454	10979
Park and Rec	0	16	0	2	18
Private Complaint - City	0	29	0	0	29
City of Pickerington	16	194	65	141	416
Public Utilities Commision	0	0	0	0	0
City of Reynoldsburg	19	129	15	27	190
Fairfield County Sheriff Dept.	54	702	87	1211	2054
Private Complaint - State	1	66	0	0	67
Surar Grove Village	0	1	0	1	2
Ohio Dept of Tax	0	4	0	0	4
Violent Twp Zoning	0	0	0	0	0
Division of Watercraft	0	2	0	0	2
<b>Totals =</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>2918</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>13981</b>	<b>17733</b>

## FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

### CRIMINAL / TRAFFIC DIVISION RECEIPTS & DISTRIBUTIONS - 2017

	RECEIPTS	DISTRIBUTIONS
Balance as of December 31, 2016	\$ 33,418.70	
Cash Bonds	\$ 206,856.00	\$ 188,280.70
<b>City of Lancaster</b>		
Ordinance Fines	\$ 33,846.85	\$ 33,846.85
Parking Fines	\$ 24,062.50	\$ 24,062.50
State Highway Patrol Fines	\$ 56,916.37	\$ 56,916.37
Lancaster Police - Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ 1,421.00	\$ 1,421.00
Lancaster Police Drug Enforcement Fund	\$ 840.00	\$ 840.00
Court Costs	\$ 466,655.52	\$ 466,655.52
Law Library	\$ 56,916.32	\$ 56,916.32
Worker's Compensation Premiums	\$ -	\$ -
Criminal Account Interest Income	\$ 23.23	\$ 23.23
Clerk Computer Fund	\$ 139,664.50	\$ 139,664.50
Judge Computer Fund	\$ 40,972.00	\$ 40,972.00
Indigent Driver's Alcohol & Treatment Fund	\$ 29,785.51	\$ 29,785.51
Special Projects Fund	\$ 499,761.23	\$ 499,761.23
Indigent Alcohol Treatment Fund (Moving Violations)	\$ 16,428.61	\$ 16,428.61
Probation Services Fund	\$ 345,062.94	\$ 345,062.94
Family Violence Fund (Law Director)	\$ 490.00	\$ 490.00
Indigent Interlock/SCRAM OVI Fund	\$ 37,467.95	\$ 37,467.95
<b>Fairfield County</b>		
Traffic Uniform Fines	\$ 83,765.29	\$ 83,765.29
Criminal Regular Fines	\$ 39,124.52	\$ 32,125.45
State Highway Patrol Fines	\$ 28,457.45	\$ 28,457.45
Liquor Violation Fines	\$ 2,388.25	\$ 2,388.25
Overload Violation Fines	\$ 114,606.50	\$ 114,606.50
Dog Violation Fines	\$ 1,990.00	\$ 1,990.00
County Sheriff Costs	\$ 30,548.59	\$ 30,548.59
County Sheriff - Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ 1,035.08	\$ 1,035.08
County Sheriff Drug Enforcement Fund	\$ 1,535.00	\$ 1,535.00
County Jail - OVI Housing Authority	\$ 20,220.33	\$ 20,220.33
Parks & Recreation Fines	\$ 325.00	\$ 325.00
Parks & Recreation - Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Jury & Witness Cost Reimbursement	\$ 1,512.97	\$ 1,512.97
Affidavit of Indigency Filings	\$ 8,713.23	\$ 8,713.23
Annual Law Library Payment	\$ -	\$ 6,999.07
Fairfield County Humane Society	\$ 237.00	\$ 237.00
Expungments	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
<b>(Continued)</b>		

<b>State of Ohio</b>		
State Highway Patrol Fines	\$ 142,285.08	\$ 142,285.08
Seat Belt Violation Fines	\$ 50,614.51	\$ 50,614.51
Child Restraint Fines	\$ 890.00	\$ 890.00
Liquor Violation Fines	\$ 2,388.25	\$ 2,388.25
Victims of Crime	\$ 106,528.80	\$ 106,528.80
General Fund	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
Expungments	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 1,950.00
Indigent Defense Support Fund (Moving Violations)	\$ 304,848.88	\$ 304,848.88
Justice Program Service Fund (Moving Violations)	\$ 1,203.84	\$ 1,203.84
Indigent Defense Support Fund (OVI)	\$ 26,697.78	\$ 26,697.78
Drug Enforcement Fund (Moving Violations)	\$ 37,118.55	\$ 37,118.55
Ohio Department of Natural Resources Fines	\$ 1,622.50	\$ 1,622.50
Ohio Department of Natural Resources Drug Fines	\$ -	\$ -
Ohio Department of Natural Resources OVI Fines	\$ -	\$ -
Division of Watercraft Fines	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Division of Watercraft Drug Fines	\$ -	\$ -
Board of Pharmacy Fines	\$ 6,734.40	\$ 6,734.40
Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles	\$ 128.00	\$ 128.00
State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement & Education Fund	\$ 5,880.51	\$ 5,880.51
State Highway Patrol Drug Enforcement	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 1,325.00
Bond Surcharge Fee	\$ 9,357.40	\$ 9,357.40
State Bond Fee	\$ 9,283.00	\$ 9,283.00
<b>Other Agency</b>		
Baltimore Village	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Lithopolis Village	\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00
Millersport Village	\$ -	\$ -
Pickerington City	\$ 1,982.00	\$ 1,982.00
Reynoldsburg City	\$ 233.00	\$ 233.00
Sugar Grove Village	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Carroll Village	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00
Capital Recovery Service Collections	\$ 64,835.01	\$ 64,835.01
All Other County Sheriff Costs	\$ 8,094.63	\$ 8,094.63
Columbus Police Department	\$ -	\$ -
Department of Taxation - Criminal Enforcement	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00
Board of Park Commission (Metro Parks)	\$ -	\$ -
Overpayments	\$ 3,184.58	\$ 3,007.58
Unclaimed Funds Paid to City	\$ 1,700.57	\$ 1,700.57
Balance as of 12/31/2017	N/A	\$ 52,171.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 3,116,494.73</b>	<b>\$ 3,116,494.73</b>

# FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

## CIVIL DIVISION RECEIPTS - 2017

Balance December 31, 2016	\$ 106,744.99
Court Costs	\$ 166,766.33
Civil Account Deposits Received	\$ 5,509.16
Judgment Collections	\$ 1,139,739.44
Computer Fund (Clerk)	\$ 61,562.77
Computer Fund (Judges)	\$ 10,873.74
Special Projects Fund	\$ 272,568.07
State Costs Collected	\$ 90,079.89
Civil Account Interest Income	\$ 15.34
Garnishment 2% processing fee	\$ 15,045.96
Landlord/Tenant Deposits	\$ 3,928.00
Trusteeship Debtor Deposits	\$ 6,660.00
<b>TOTAL 2017 CIVIL DIVISION RECEIPTS =</b>	<b>\$ 1,879,493.69</b>

## CIVIL DIVISION DISBURSEMENTS - 2017

City Treasurer, General Fund	\$ 182,033.68
Computer Fund (Clerk)	\$ 61,562.77
Computer Fund (Judges)	\$ 10,873.74
Special Projects Fund	\$ 272,568.07
Civil Account Deposits Disbursed	\$ 5,420.16
Judgments to Plaintiffs	\$ 1,139,436.05
State Treasurer Costs	\$ 90,079.89
Landlord/Tenant Disbursements	\$ 7,212.15
Trusteeship Disbursements	\$ 8,312.36
Unclaimed Funds (Paid to City Auditor's Office)	\$ 969.55
Balance December 31, 2017	\$ 101,025.27
<b>TOTAL 2017 CIVIL DIVISION DISBURSEMENTS =</b>	<b>\$ 1,879,493.69</b>



# FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

## ALL DIVISIONS RECEIPTS & DISTRIBUTIONS - 2017

	RECEIPTS	DISTRIBUTIONS
Balance as of December 31, 2016	\$ 140,163.69	
Cash Bonds	\$ 206,856.00	\$ 188,280.70
Civil Post Judgment Collections	\$ 1,139,739.44	\$ 1,139,436.05
Civil Deposits	\$ 5,509.16	\$ 5,420.16
Landlord/Tenant	\$ 3,928.00	\$ 7,212.15
Trusteeship	\$ 6,660.00	\$ 8,312.36
<b>City of Lancaster</b>		
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Court Costs	\$ 648,467.81	\$ 648,673.86
Law Library	\$ 56,916.32	\$ 56,916.32
Worker's Compensation Premiums	\$ -	\$ -
Interest Income	\$ 38.57	\$ 38.57
Clerk Computer Fund	\$ 201,227.27	\$ 201,227.27
Judge Computer Fund	\$ 51,845.74	\$ 51,845.74
Indigent Driver's Alcohol & Treatment Fund	\$ 29,785.51	\$ 29,785.51
Special Projects Fund	\$ 772,329.30	\$ 772,329.30
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Probation Services Fund	\$ 345,062.94	\$ 345,062.94
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Bond Surcharge Fee	\$ 9,357.40	\$ 9,357.40
Legal Aid Fund	\$ 90,079.89	\$ 90,079.89
State Bond Fee	\$ 9,283.00	\$ 9,283.00
<b>Other Agency</b>		
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Department of Taxation - Criminal Enforcement	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00
Board of Park Commission (Metro Parks)	\$ -	\$ -
Overpayments	\$ 3,184.58	\$ 3,007.58
Unclaimed Funds Paid to City	\$ 1,700.57	\$ 2,670.12
Balance as of 12/31/2017	N/A	\$ 153,196.27
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 4,995,988.42</b>	<b>\$ 4,995,988.42</b>

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT –CLERK’S 2017 OPERATING**

<b>CITY OF LANCASTER</b>	<b>CLERK'S EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2017 BUDGET</b>
Salaries	\$695,330.29	\$707,887.68
Overtime	\$6,004.32	\$6,004.32
Retirement	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sick Leave Buyout	\$499.77	\$1,000.00
PERS Retirement	\$97,723.37	\$98,016.80
PERS Pick-up	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hospitalization	\$142,283.20	\$142,283.20
Medicare	\$9,652.42	\$10,345.00
Telephone	\$0.42	\$10.00
Jury & Witness Fees	\$164.06	\$200.00
Maintenance of Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training & Seminars	\$1,263.87	\$1,263.87
Insurance & Bonding	\$267.00	\$267.00
Contract Services	\$23,384.23	\$23,690.49
Incidentals & Supplies	\$20,010.24	\$20,412.54
Postage	\$35,500.00	\$35,500.00
Travel Expenses	\$1,884.09	\$1,886.10
Association Dues	\$768.00	\$770.00
Litigation	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>CITY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,034,735.28</b>	<b>\$1,049,537.00</b>

<b>COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD</b>	<b>CLERK'S EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2017 BUDGET</b>
Salaries (includes PERS, Medicare, Insurance & Worker's Comp)	\$87,210.03	\$116,781.13
Unemployment	\$0.00	\$0.00
Witness Fees	\$1,165.44	\$6,000.00
<b>COUNTY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$88,375.47</b>	<b>\$122,781.13</b>
<b>CITY AND COUNTY TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,123,110.75</b>	<b>\$1,172,318.13</b>