



# MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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GARY F. WERNER  
PRESIDING JUDGE &  
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

MIKE KOVACK  
CLERK OF COURTS

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135 North Elmwood Avenue  
Medina, Ohio 44256

*Proudly serving the communities of Brunswick Hills Township, Brunswick City, Chatham Township, Chippewa Lake Village, Granger Township, Hinckley Township, Lafayette Township, Litchfield Township, Liverpool Township, Medina City, Medina Township, Montville Township, Spencer Township, Spencer Village, York Township, in addition to the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District, Medina County Sheriff and the Ohio State Patrol*

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# MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT

Medina County, Ohio



MARCH 31, 2024

Medina City Mayor  
Medina City Council  
Medina County Commissioners

The following is the 2023 annual report of operations for the Medina Municipal Court as required by Ohio Revised Code Sec. 1901.14.

The Court received new filings of **11,582 cases** and terminated **12,550 cases**.

These cases generated **\$4,445,667.70** in receipts, which included bond, criminal, traffic, and civil judgments.

# **MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT**

## **COURT STAFF LISTINGS**

### **Judicial Staff**

<b>Gary F. Werner</b>	<b>Judge, Administrative/Presiding</b>
Linda Leggett	Chief Magistrate
Charles T. Lawrie	Magistrate



### **Administrative Staff**

Cindy Lastuka	Court Manager
Jacki Ols	Administrative Assistant
Josh Strong	Senior IT Technician
Shari McKee	Assignment Commissioner

### **Bailiffs**

Ryan Nagy	Chief Bailiff
Patty Lavery	Bailiff /OIC
Nathan Janus	Bailiff
Steve McBride	Bailiff
Ty Stupak	Bailiff
Dennis Fossett	Bailiff
Josh Strong	Bailiff
Chris Falkenstein	Security Officer
Ron Cox	Security Officer
Nick McCoy	Security Officer

### **Probation Department**

Matt Esterle	Chief Probation Officer
Gene Merinar	Deputy Chief Probation Officer
Angela Kiss	Probation Officer/Valor Court PO
Amy Darr	Probation Officer
Melanie Stroup	Probation Officer
Noelle Hayes	Probation Officer
Mercedes Giaimo	Probation Secretary

# **MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT**

## **CLERK OF COURT STAFF LISTINGS**

### **Supervisory Staff**

<b>Mike Kovack</b>	<b>Clerk of Court</b>
Heather Silbaugh	Chief Deputy Clerk



### **Criminal Traffic**

Doris Sidwell	Deputy Clerk
Michele Sloan	Deputy Clerk
Sam Daniels	Deputy Clerk
Tracy Evans	Deputy Clerk
Tracy Wasmer	Deputy Clerk

### **Civil/Small Claims**

Laura Riegelsberger	Deputy Clerk
Maggie Sonntag	Deputy Clerk
Joyce Cerasi	Deputy Clerk

## CASE FILINGS AND TERMINATION STATISTICS

Cindy Lastuka, Court Manager

The following is a report of the Medina Municipal Court cases filed and terminated for each case type as established by the Ohio Supreme Court. The information provided is taken from the Administrative and Individual Judge Reports submitted monthly to the Ohio Supreme Court.

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>CRIMINAL &amp; TRAFFIC CASES</b>					
<b>FELONIES</b>					
Cases Filed	189	178	168	112	260
Cases Terminated	227	191	182	130	260
<b>MISDEMEANORS</b>					
Cases Filed	1420	1134	1273	1267	1398
Cases Terminated	1732	1389	1498	1438	2582
<b>O.M.V.I. (DUI)</b>					
Cases Filed	415	404	414	344	481
Cases Terminated	437	441	441	409	964
<b>TRAFFIC</b>					
Cases Filed	6667	6390	5930	6017	8312
Cases Terminated	7387	6969	6429	6472	9844
<b>CIVIL &amp; SMALL CLAIMS CASES</b>					
<b>PERSONAL INJURY/PROPERTY DAMAGE</b>					
Cases Filed	14	12	16	16	8
Cases Terminated	21	10	19	13	10
<b>CONTRACTS</b>					
Cases Filed	1550	1327	1296	1248	1863
Cases Terminated	1453	1160	1371	1598	2017
<b>F.E.D. (Forcible Entry and Detainer)</b>					
Cases Filed	307	265	217	168	338
Cases Terminated	283	291	210	257	299
<b>OTHER CIVIL</b>					
Cases Filed	275	245	392	255	356
Cases Terminated	270	291	377	247	472
<b>SMALL CLAIMS</b>					
Cases Filed	745	950	991	758	953
Cases Terminated	740	968	888	1079	688
<b>TOTAL CASES FILED</b>	11582	10905	10697	10185	13969
<b>TOTAL CASES TERMINATED</b>	12550	11703	11415	11643	17136

The following breaks down total traffic and criminal cases based upon the originating state, county, municipal, or township arresting agency.

<b>MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT</b>					
<b>TOTAL TRAFFIC &amp; CRIMINAL CASES BY ARRESTING AGENCY</b>					
<b>TOTAL CASES 2023-2019</b>					
<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Brunswick City	450	361	383	592	370
Brunswick Hills Township	440	451	592	393	1118
Bureau of Criminal Investigation	0	0	0	0	0
Chippewa Lake	2	3	2	1	2
Chippewa Lake - Zoning	0	0	4	2	0
Chippewa Lake Constable	0	0	0	0	0
Division of Watercraft Safety	0	0	1	0	0
Division of Wildlife	31	8	3	0	13
Granger Township Constable	0	0	0	0	0
Hinckley Twp.	334	281	227	305	400
Lafayette Twp.	0	1	0	0	0
Litchfield Twp.	2	3	4	4	7
Liverpool Twp.	0	0	1	3	11
Medina City Police	1359	1428	1393	1433	3008
Medina City Bldg. Dept.	6	0	0	0	2
Medina City Parks	12	0	7	0	5
Medina City Zoning	3	2	12	9	4
Medina Co. Drug Task Force	20	16	12	0	66
Medina Co. SPCA	0	0	0	0	0
Medina County Parks	2	0	0	2	0
Medina County Sheriff Dept.	543	449	495	336	397
Medina Dog Warden	1	1	0	0	0
Medina Twp.	300	295	424	351	438
Medway Enforcement Group	0	0	0	0	0
Metro Parks	9	11	9	10	7
Montville Twp.	767	547	499	414	442
North Royalton	1	0	3	0	0
Office of Inspector General	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio Bureau Workers' Comp	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio Dept. of Agriculture	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio Dept. of Liquor	0	0	0	0	1
Ohio Dept. Natural Resources	3	0	0	0	0
Ohio Dept. of Transportation	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio Investigative Unit	3	7	9	5	3
Ohio State Patrol	4253	3714	3148	3274	3453
Ohio Dept. Taxation	7	2	3	0	0
Private Citizens	0	0	0	3	6
Society Prevention of Cruelty	4	0	1	2	0
SPCA	0	1	0	0	0
Spencer Police	132	124	130	144	0
Spencer Village	0	2	1	3	178
State of Ohio	0	0	0	0	0
Strongsville	0	3	1	1	1
Zoning Violations	0	0	0	3	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>8684</b>	<b>7710</b>	<b>7364</b>	<b>7290</b>	<b>9939</b>

The following breaks down total operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or a drug of abuse ("OVI") cases based upon the originating state, county, municipal, or township arresting agency.

<b>CASELOAD COMPARISON BY ARRESTING AGENCY</b>					
<b>DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE CASES</b>					
<b>TOTAL CASES 2023-2019</b>					
<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Brunswick City	34	40	44	57	48
Brunswick Hills Twp.	20	16	30	23	52
Chippewa Lake	0	0	0	0	0
Hinckley Twp.	29	27	11	20	22
Lafayette Twp.	0	0	0	0	0
Litchfield Twp.	0	0	0	0	0
Liverpool Twp.	0	0	0	0	0
Medina City Police	81	78	60	56	78
Medina County Parks	0	0	0	0	0
Medina County Sheriff Dept.	28	41	29	18	22
Medina Twp.	27	41	22	33	29
Metro Parks	1	0	0	0	0
Montville Twp.	83	31	24	22	26
North Royalton	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio State Patrol	111	128	195	114	203
Spencer Village	0	0	1	2	4
Strongsville	0	4	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>484</b>

The Brunswick Mayor's Court, which is within the Court's jurisdiction, provided the information for 2023 Annual Report.

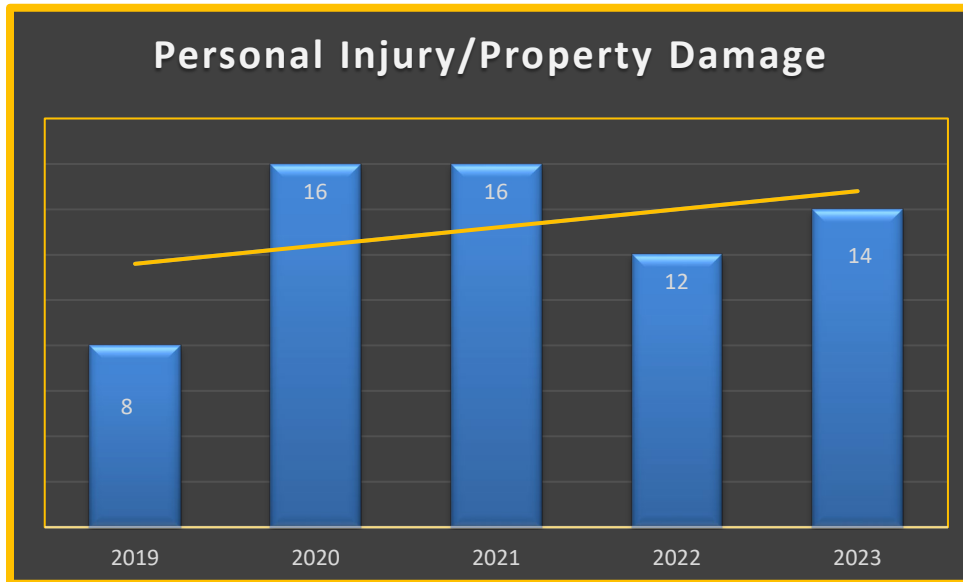
<b>CASES TYPE</b>	<b>CASES FILED</b>	<b>CASES TRANSFERRED TO MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT</b>	<b>Transfer %</b>
Traffic	1,986	93	4.68%
OVI	78	10	12.82%
Criminal	365	45	12.33%
Tax	547	4	0.73%
Dog	38	1	2.63%
Building	0	0	0

The following breaks down total "Other Traffic" cases based upon the originating state, county, municipal, or township arresting agency.

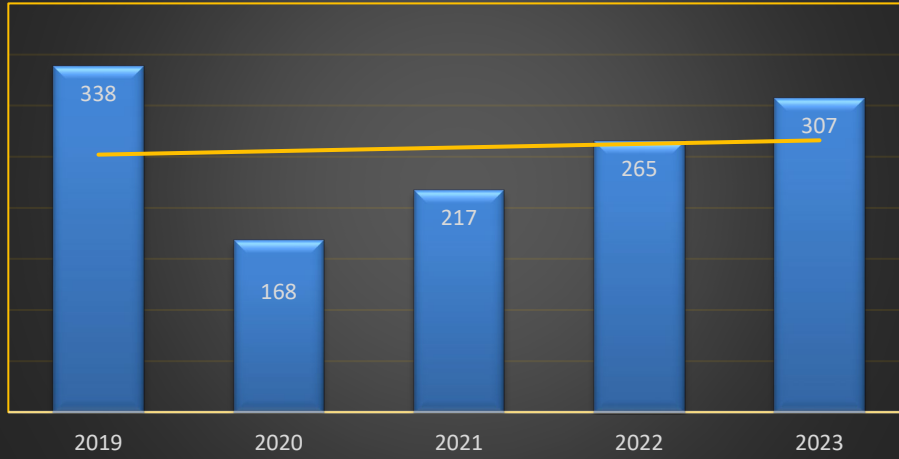


<b>MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT</b>					
<b>CASELOAD COMPARISON BY ARRESTING AGENCIES</b>					
<b>TOTAL OTHER TRAFFIC CASES</b>					
<b>2023-2019</b>					
<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Brunswick City	143	143	171	341	170
Brunswick Hills Twp.	354	390	514	314	991
Chippewa Lake	0	0	0	0	0
Chippewa Lake Zoning	0	0	0	0	0
Chippewa Village Constable	0	0	0	0	0
Division of Wildlife	0	0	0	0	0
Granger Township Constable	0	0	0	0	0
Hinckley Twp.	237	214	182	241	370
Lafayette Twp.	0	1	0	0	0
Litchfield Twp.	2	3	4	4	7
Liverpool Twp.	0	0	1	3	11
Medina City Building	0	0	0	0	0
Medina Co. Dog Warden	0	0	0	0	0
Medina Co. Drug Task Force	0	0	0	0	0
Medina City Zoning	0	0	0	0	0
Medina Police Department	778	1039	942	1005	2290
Medina County Parks	0	0	0	0	0
Medina County Sheriff Dept.	340	256	332	221	261
Medina Twp.	157	216	265	221	306
Metro Parks	3	1	0	1	1
Montville Twp.	445	392	378	326	324
North Royalton	1	0	1	0	0
Ohio Dept of Liquor	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio Investigative	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio State Patrol	4075	3627	3009	3198	3388
Ohio Dept. Taxation	0	0	0	0	0
Private Citizen	0	0	0	0	0
SPCA	0	0	0	0	0
Spencer Police Dept	126	112	122	138	0
Spencer Village	0	2	1	3	159
State of Ohio	0	0	0	0	0
Strongsville	0	0	1	1	1
Zoning Violations	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6661</b>	<b>6396</b>	<b>5923</b>	<b>6017</b>	<b>8279</b>

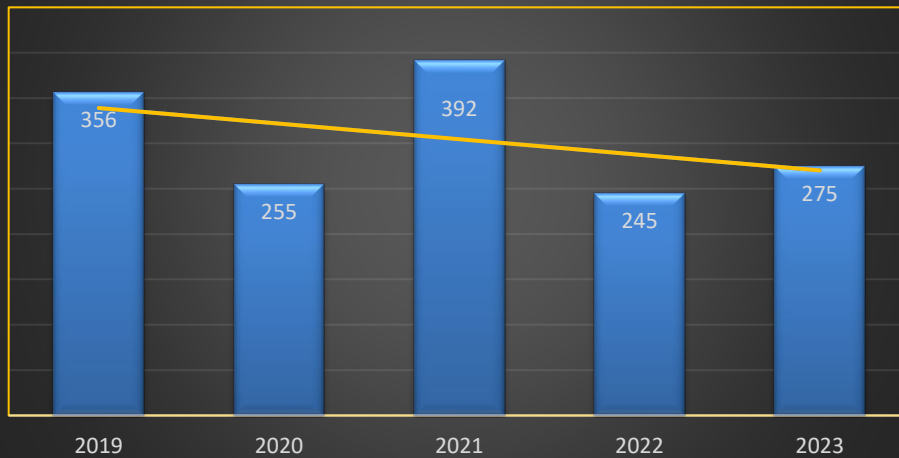
The following several pages graphically display caseloads by case type over the last five years, with trend lines superimposed to convey case filing trends. The total annual cases comparison is the last graph displayed.



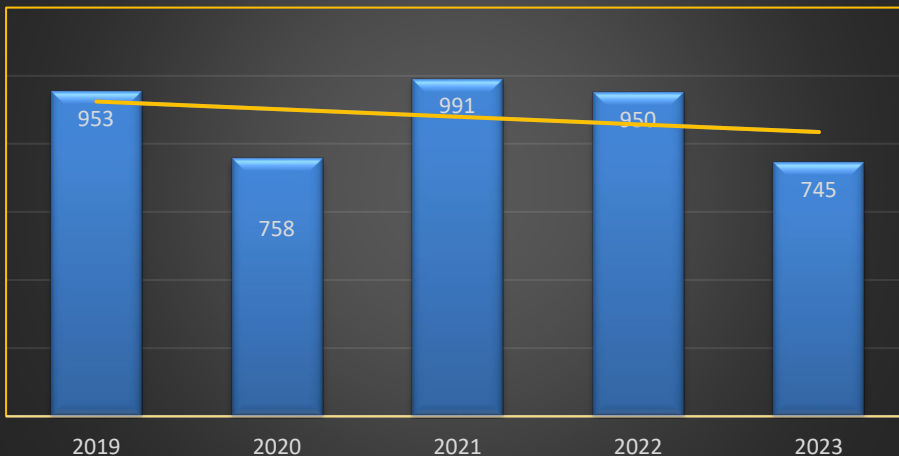
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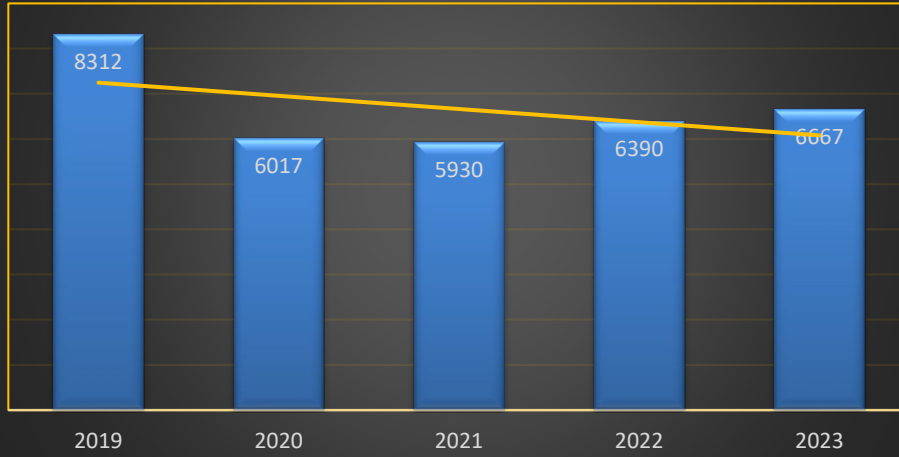
### Other Civil



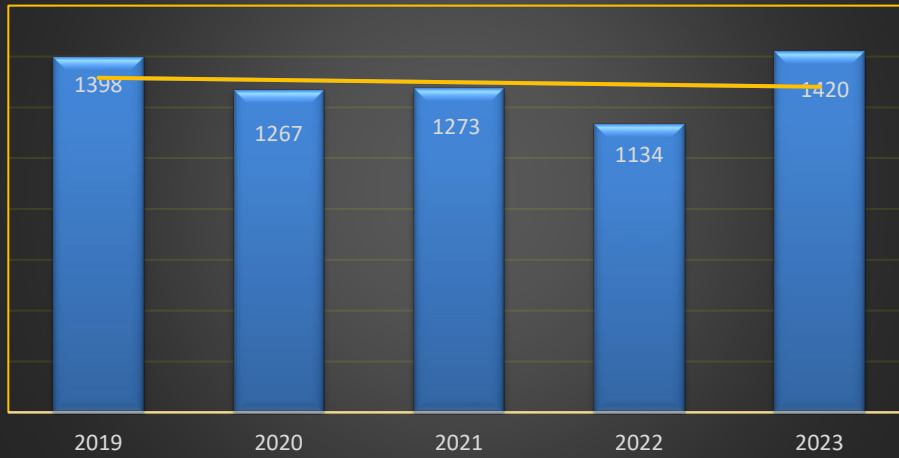
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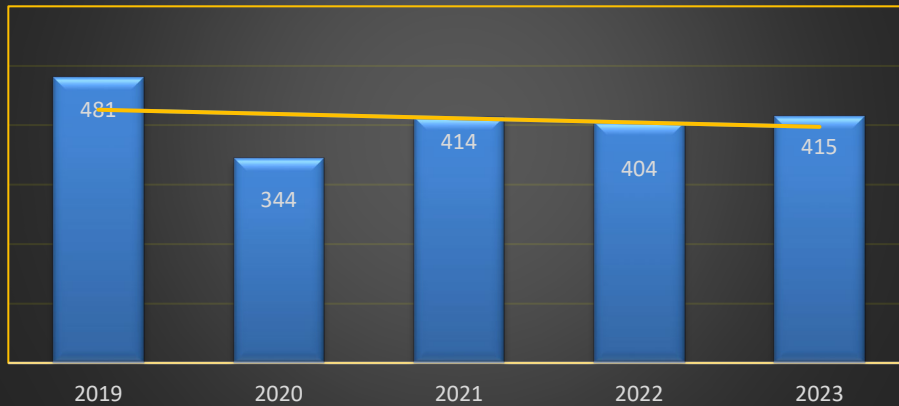
### Traffic Offenses



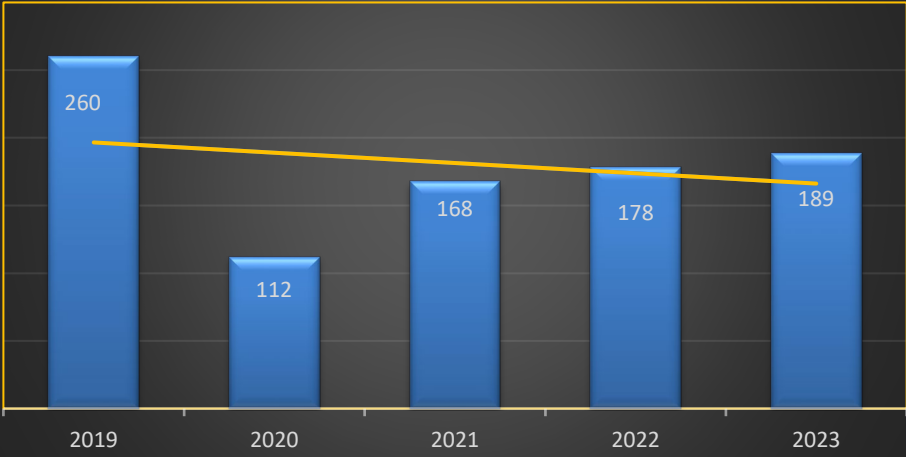
### Misdemeanors



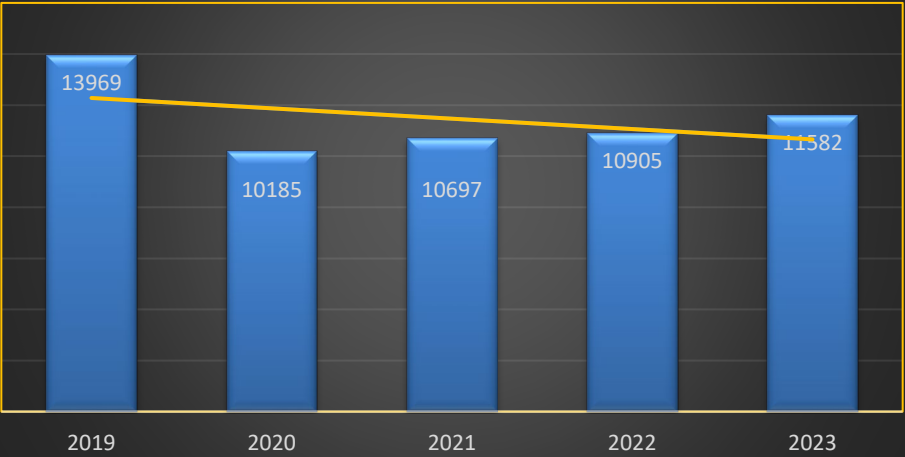
### Operating A Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs (O.V.I.)



### Felonies



### TOTAL CASES FOR 2023



The following table stretches over several pages. It summarizes all receipts and disbursements, alphabetically arranged by recipient, which the Clerk's office made during the referenced 12-month period in 2023.

Civil Account Balance Listing						
For 01/01/2023 To 12/31/2023						
Account	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Agency Checks	Checks	Ending Balance	Applied Distributions
<b>Disbursement</b>						
BOND DEPOSIT CIVIL	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
CIVIL AGENCY CHECK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CIVIL EOM ADJUSTMENT	(3,997.79)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(3,997.79)	0.00
CIVIL HOLDING ACCOUNT DEPOSIT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,100.00
CIVIL REFUNDS	(58.00)	2,929.72	0.00	2,954.72	(83.00)	0.00
GARNISHMENTS	54,030.68	1,346,806.88	0.00	1,372,773.80	28,063.76	0.00
	49,974.89	1,350,736.60	0.00	1,375,728.52	24,982.97	5,100.00
<b>MEDINA CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR</b>						
1% ADMINISTRATIVE FEE	47.07	638.45	612.85	0.00	72.67	0.00
10% BOND - CIVIL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CASE MANAGEMENT FUND	12,930.60	14,419.14	13,895.00	0.00	13,454.74	0.00
CIVIL OVERPAYMENT	0.00	7.03	7.00	0.00	0.03	0.00
CIVIL UNCLAIMED FUNDS	0.00	775.73	775.73	0.00	0.00	0.00
CLERKS COMPUTER IMPROVEMENT FU - CIVIL	25,871.20	28,838.28	27,790.00	0.00	26,919.48	0.00
COMMUNITY SERVICE SPECIAL PROJ	1,235.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,235.52	0.00
COMPUTER LEGAL SERVICES FUND	7,758.36	8,651.48	8,337.00	0.00	8,072.84	0.00
COURT'S SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND CIVIL	4,140.00	57,676.60	55,580.00	0.00	6,236.60	0.00
FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EXPENSE ACCOUNT-CIVIL	0.00	8,681.00	5,643.00	0.00	3,038.00	0.00
MEDINA CITY BAILIFF FEE - CIVIL	1,804.00	25,107.61	24,281.24	0.00	2,630.37	0.00
MEDINA CIVIL COURT COSTS	25,783.80	312,839.20	309,971.90	0.00	28,651.10	0.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND CV - DRUG TESTING	1,035.00	14,400.00	13,880.00	0.00	1,555.00	0.00
WEDDING CEREMONY	40.00	640.00	640.00	0.00	40.00	0.00
	80,645.55	472,674.52	461,413.72	0.00	91,906.35	0.00
<b>TREASURER STATE OF OHIO</b>						
BOND SURCHARGE - CIVIL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CIVIL STATE FEE	4,659.93	63,181.34	60,646.41	0.00	7,194.86	0.00
	4,659.93	63,181.34	60,646.41	0.00	7,194.86	0.00
<b>Disbursement Total</b>	<b>135,280.37</b>	<b>1,886,592.46</b>	<b>522,060.13</b>	<b>1,375,728.52</b>	<b>124,084.18</b>	<b>5,100.00</b>
<b>Holding</b>						
FOREIGN SHERIFF	0.00	1,575.00	0.00	1,400.00	175.00	0.00
NEWSPAPER ADS	0.00	700.00	0.00	700.00	0.00	0.00
SECURITY FOR COSTS	0.00	3,750.00	0.00	3,000.00	750.00	0.00
	0.00	6,025.00	0.00	5,100.00	925.00	0.00
<b>Holding Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,025.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,100.00</b>	<b>925.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL - CIVIL</b>	<b>135,280.37</b>	<b>1,892,617.46</b>	<b>522,060.13</b>	<b>1,380,828.52</b>	<b>125,009.18</b>	<b>5,100.00</b>

**Traffic/ Criminal Account Balance Listing**

For 01/01/2023 To 12/31/2023

Account	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Agency Checks	Checks	Ending Balance	Applied Distributions
<b>Disbursement</b>						
AGENCYCHECK	(505.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(505.00)	0.00
BOND DEPOSIT	99,810.70	404,157.01	0.00	345,380.21	158,587.50	(168,094.09)
CRIMINAL EOM ADJUSTMENT	(44,116.18)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(44,116.18)	0.00
CRIMINAL REFUNDS	251.60	11,471.11	0.00	11,597.71	125.00	0.00
MEDINA COMMON PLEAS COURT COST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MIAMI CO SHERIFF FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
RESTITUTION	0.00	15,453.70	0.00	15,453.70	0.00	516.86
	55,441.12	431,081.82	0.00	372,431.62	114,091.32	(167,577.23)
<b>BRUNSWICK HILLS FISCAL OFF</b>						
BRUNS HILLS DUI ENFRMENT ACCT	0.00	353.65	353.65	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	353.65	353.65	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP, ETAL</b>						
BRUNS. HILLS TWP. POLICE FEES	143.22	2,092.16	2,115.38	0.00	120.00	96.72
	143.22	2,092.16	2,115.38	0.00	120.00	96.72
<b>CAPITAL RECOVERY</b>						
CAPITAL RECOVERY COLLECTIONS	4,481.81	50,152.56	49,076.37	0.00	5,558.00	600.50
	4,481.81	50,152.56	49,076.37	0.00	5,558.00	600.50
<b>CLERK BRUNSWICK MAYORS COURT</b>						
BRUNS CITY DUI ENFORCEMENT	30.84	679.11	677.52	0.00	32.43	15.75
BRUNSWICK CITY DRUG ENF.	0.00	770.00	720.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
BRUNSWICK CITY ORDINANCE FINES	1,506.50	14,532.53	15,544.03	0.00	495.00	810.00
BRUNSWICK MAYOR'S COURT COSTS	160.00	4,680.00	4,640.00	0.00	200.00	360.00
	1,697.34	20,661.64	21,581.55	0.00	777.43	1,185.75
<b>CLERK CHIPPEWA VILLAGE</b>						
CHIPPEWA VILLAGE FINES	25.00	1,812.00	1,837.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	25.00	1,812.00	1,837.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>CLEVELAND METROPARKS SYSTEM</b>						
METROPARK PARK FINES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>CUYAHOGA COUNTY SHERIFF</b>						
CUYAHOGA COUNTY SHERIFF	206.35	(119.41)	86.94	0.00	0.00	0.00
	206.35	(119.41)	86.94	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>DIVISION OF WATERCRAFT SAFETY</b>						
MEDINA CO. SHERIFF CIVIL FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>HINCKLEY TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER</b>						
HINCKLEY TWP DUI ENFRMNT ACCT	70.00	843.44	853.44	0.00	60.00	0.00
HINCKLEY TWP. DRUG ENFORC.	100.00	880.00	930.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
HINCKLEY TWP. POLICE FEES	160.00	1,729.13	1,749.13	0.00	140.00	49.39
	330.00	3,452.57	3,532.57	0.00	250.00	99.39
<b>HURON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b>						
HURON COUNTY SHERIFF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

## Traffic/ Criminal Account Balance Listing

For 01/01/2023 To 12/31/2023

Account	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Agency Checks	Checks	Ending Balance	Applied Distributions
<b>MEDINA CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR</b>						
10% BOND - CRIMINAL	2,843.70	41,377.19	40,356.39	0.00	3,864.50	41,702.49
BANK PROCESSING FEE	2.00	58.00	56.00	0.00	4.00	0.00
BOND FORFEIT - CRIMINAL	435.00	21,454.30	20,741.30	0.00	1,148.00	21,449.30
CASE MANAGEMENT FUND EXPENSE	3,229.20	38,875.87	39,762.45	0.00	2,342.62	1,417.78
CLERKS COMPUTER IMPROVEMENT FU -	6,206.40	72,030.10	73,666.29	0.00	4,570.21	2,835.65
COMMUNITY SERVICE SPECIAL PROJ	80.00	1,940.00	1,980.00	0.00	40.00	160.00
COMPUTER LEGAL SERVICES FUND	2,239.71	29,228.51	29,892.25	0.00	1,575.97	850.62
CONTEMPT OF COURT	250.00	650.00	900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
COURT REPORTER	60.00	1,070.00	1,080.00	0.00	50.00	30.00
COURT'S SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	11,745.00	153,487.00	156,790.50	0.00	8,441.50	5,020.50
CRIMINAL JURY FEES	460.00	1,854.00	2,314.00	0.00	0.00	194.00
CRIMINAL OVERPAYMENT	2.00	95.95	88.25	0.00	9.70	0.00
CRIMINAL UNCLAIMED FUNDS	0.00	3,397.00	3,397.00	0.00	0.00	3,325.00
EXPUNGE OF RECORDS - LOCAL	0.00	225.00	225.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EXPENSE	35.00	10,705.04	8,420.82	0.00	2,319.22	115.66
INDIGENT DRIVER ALCOHOL -15%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INDIGENT DRVR ALCHL TRTMNT ACT	1,460.79	20,290.88	20,538.04	0.00	1,213.63	751.24
INTERPRETER FEE	0.00	189.30	0.00	0.00	189.30	0.00
LOCAL COST DEFAULT	0.00	13.00	13.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MED 40% FINES AUDITOR CIR.81-5	710.00	7,537.30	7,826.80	0.00	420.50	368.00
MED 40% OSHP FINE ALL OTHERS	0.00	1,700.00	1,500.00	0.00	200.00	225.20
MED 40% OSHP FINES 4511-4513	9,250.40	100,535.93	104,269.13	0.00	5,517.20	1,612.00
MEDINA CITY BAILIFF FEES - CRIMINAL	878.50	10,192.50	10,401.50	0.00	669.50	2,216.50
MEDINA CITY DRUG ENFORC.	207.00	2,020.00	2,227.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
MEDINA CITY DUI ENFORCEMENT	50.00	1,908.16	1,912.58	0.00	45.58	77.00
MEDINA CITY ORDINANCE FINES	2,620.00	32,539.00	33,344.00	0.00	1,815.00	227.00
MEDINA CITY STREET M&R	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MEDINA CITY ZONING	0.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
MEDINA COUNTY LAW LIBRARY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MEDINA COURT COSTS	31,717.16	390,793.19	389,459.72	7,000.00	26,050.63	29,126.19
MEDINA JURY FEES	(25.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(25.00)	0.00
MEDINA WITNESS FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PROBATION SERVICES FEE	7,058.00	79,045.35	81,939.25	0.00	4,164.10	687.00
PROBATION SERVICES FEE - ODT	150.00	1,680.00	1,730.00	0.00	100.00	60.00
PSI SPECIAL PROJECT	2,415.00	36,729.30	37,189.80	0.00	1,954.50	1,224.64
SEALING OF RECORDS - LOCAL	75.00	1,620.00	1,695.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SPECIAL PROBATION PROGRAMMING FUND	480.00	6,634.00	6,484.00	0.00	630.00	335.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND CR - DRUG	2,901.08	37,477.32	38,291.29	0.00	2,087.11	1,171.38
SPF-INDIGENT DRIVERS INTERLOCK	1,068.81	17,271.39	17,350.87	0.00	989.33	561.14
	<b>88,604.75</b>	<b>1,125,874.58</b>	<b>1,137,092.23</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>	<b>70,387.10</b>	<b>116,293.29</b>



## Traffic/ Criminal Account Balance Listing

For 01/01/2023 To 12/31/2023

Account	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Agency Checks	Checks	Ending Balance	Applied Distributions
<b>MEDINA COUNTY AUDITOR</b>						
BOND FORFEIT - OSP AUDITOR	0.00	27.50	0.00	0.00	27.50	27.50
BRUNS HILLS FINE AUD-CIR 81-5	700.00	8,132.00	8,551.00	0.00	281.00	877.00
BRUNS HILLS FINES 4511-4513	1,190.00	26,507.51	26,216.25	0.00	1,481.26	96.00
BRUNS HLS FINES ALL OTHER TRAF	675.00	5,419.45	6,044.45	0.00	50.00	0.00
BRUNSWICK CITY FINES 4511-4513	455.34	7,890.57	7,940.01	0.00	405.90	142.38
BRUNSWICK CITY FINES ALL OTHER	732.00	13,806.50	14,101.50	0.00	437.00	1,951.50
BRUNSWICK CITY FINES AUD CIR	500.00	5,624.00	6,124.00	0.00	0.00	713.00
CNTY 10% OSHP FINE AUD-CIR81-5	177.50	1,878.70	1,951.70	0.00	104.50	92.00
COUNTY 10% OSHP FINE 4511-4513	2,312.60	25,133.97	26,067.27	0.00	1,379.30	402.99
COUNTY 10% OSHP FINE ALL OTHER	0.00	425.00	375.00	0.00	50.00	56.30
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE ALL OTHER	0.00	850.00	850.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPUNGE OF RECORDS- COUNTY	0.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FUND	0.00	491.00	491.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HINCKLEY ALL OTHER TRAFFIC	500.00	4,765.00	4,915.00	0.00	350.00	150.00
HINCKLEY FINES 4511-4513	1,801.00	26,428.60	26,162.60	0.00	2,067.00	175.00
HINCKLEY FINES AUD-CIR 81-5	100.00	3,794.00	3,619.00	0.00	275.00	400.00
INDIGENT APPLICATION FEE	875.50	12,570.50	12,706.00	0.00	740.00	2,353.00
LAFAYETTE FINES 4511-4513	0.00	90.00	90.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LAFAYETTE FINES AUD-CIR 81-5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LAFAYETTE TWP. CONST 4511-4513	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LITCHFIELD DUI ENFORCEMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LITCHFIELD TWP. 4511-4513	50.00	275.00	325.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LITCHFIELD TWP. ALL OTHER	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LITCHFIELD TWP. AUD. CIR. 81-5	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LIVERPOOL TWP. AUD. CIR. 81-5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LIVERPOOL TWP. FINES 4511-4513	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MEDINA CITY FINES ALL OTHER	2,304.00	37,740.10	36,306.20	0.00	3,737.90	2,237.50
MEDINA CITY FINES 4511-4513	727.00	30,468.35	30,418.77	0.00	776.58	933.25
MEDINA CITY FINES AUD CIR	1,814.00	21,832.50	21,958.50	0.00	1,688.00	2,470.00
MEDINA CO PARKS 4511-4513	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MEDINA CO PARKS ALL OTHER SEC	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MEDINA CO. CR. FINES ALL OTHER	100.00	1,526.00	1,576.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
MEDINA CO. FINES AUD-CIR 81-5	0.00	2,281.50	2,131.50	0.00	150.00	0.00
MEDINA CO.CITY TR FINE 4511-13	0.00	286.85	286.85	0.00	0.00	0.00
MEDINA COUNTY DOG WARDEN FINES	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MEDINA COUNTY DUI JAIL COSTS	1,209.65	20,482.63	20,387.66	0.00	1,304.62	926.26
MEDINA COUNTY LIQUOR FEES	0.00	162.50	162.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
MEDINA COUNTY SEALING OF RECORDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MEDINA COUNTY WITNESS FEES	0.00	903.00	847.00	0.00	56.00	30.00
MEDINA TWP FINES 4511-4513	2,390.40	17,664.85	18,772.02	0.00	1,283.23	783.35
MEDINA TWP FINES AUD-CIR 81-5	300.00	4,880.00	4,830.00	0.00	350.00	368.00
MEDINA TWP FNS ALL OTHER TRAFF	425.00	7,627.00	7,452.00	0.00	600.00	750.00
METRO PARK FINES 4511-4513	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
METRO PARK FINES ALL OTHER SEC	0.00	525.00	525.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MONTVILLE FINES 4511-4513	2,025.00	31,746.91	30,821.79	0.00	2,950.12	277.68
MONTVILLE FINES ALL OTHER TRAF	500.00	8,240.50	7,653.00	0.00	1,087.50	758.00
MONTVILLE FINES AUD-CIR 81-5	850.00	15,730.50	15,080.50	0.00	1,500.00	795.00
NORTH ROYALTON 4511-4513	50.00	75.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
NORTH ROYALTON ALL OTHER SEC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OHIO DEPT OF TAX ALL OTHER	0.00	770.00	770.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SHERIFF DEPT DRUG ENFORCEMENT	60.00	700.00	710.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
SHERIFF DUI ENFORCEMENT ACCT	25.00	533.17	558.17	0.00	0.00	22.50
SHERIFF'S OFFICE 4511-4513	1,373.00	20,351.74	20,658.74	0.00	1,066.00	200.70
SHERIFF'S OFFICE AUD-CIR 81-5	200.00	7,624.00	7,009.00	0.00	815.00	405.00
SHERIFF'S OFFICE OTHER TRAFFIC	790.00	15,952.00	16,012.00	0.00	730.00	900.00
SPCA ALL OTHER SECTIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SPENCER DUI ENFORCEMENT ACCT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SPENCER VILLAGE FINE AUD CIR	75.00	900.00	900.00	0.00	75.00	75.00
SPENCER VILLAGE FINES 4511-13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SPENCER VILLAGE FINES ALL OTHE	50.00	1,950.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
STRONGSVILLE FINES 4511-4513	0.00	727.11	727.11	0.00	0.00	0.00
WATERCRAFT SAFETY DIV ALL OTHE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ZONING VIOLATIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>25,386.99</b>	<b>396,250.51</b>	<b>395,659.09</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>25,978.41</b>	<b>19,668.91</b>

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<b>MEDINA COUNTY CLERK OF COURT</b>						
APPEALS - MEDINA COUNTY CLERK OF	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>MEDINA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT</b>						
FELONY - BOND SURCHARGE	340.00	85.00	340.00	0.00	85.00	170.00
	340.00	85.00	340.00	0.00	85.00	170.00
<b>MEDINA COUNTY PARKS</b>						
MEDINA COUNTY PARK DISTRICT	0.00	750.00	600.00	0.00	150.00	0.00
	0.00	750.00	600.00	0.00	150.00	0.00
<b>MEDINA COUNTY SHERIFF</b>						
MEDINA COUNTY MISC. COSTS	329.50	4,636.76	4,654.76	0.00	311.50	1,313.50
SHERIFF'S OFFICE POLICE FEES	78.63	1,374.35	1,360.62	0.00	92.36	75.67
	408.13	6,011.11	6,015.38	0.00	403.86	1,389.17
<b>MEDINA COUNTY SHERIFF</b>						
MEDINA CO. SHERIFF FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>MEDINA TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER</b>						
MEDINA TWP DUI ENFRMNT ACCT	101.66	905.59	941.65	0.00	65.60	133.54
MEDINA TWP POLICE FEES	142.76	1,389.31	1,459.40	0.00	72.67	97.10
	244.42	2,294.90	2,401.05	0.00	138.27	230.64
<b>MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER</b>						
MONTVILLE DUI ENFORCEMENT ACCT	0.00	1,523.91	1,325.73	0.00	198.18	19.68
MONTVILLE TWP. DRUG FINES	250.00	4,235.00	4,335.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
MONTVILLE TWP. POLICE FEES	236.28	3,401.68	3,380.19	0.00	257.77	167.39
MONTVILLE TWP. RESOLUTION FINE	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
	486.28	9,165.59	9,040.92	0.00	610.95	337.07
<b>ODNR - OFF BUDGET &amp; FINANCE</b>						
OHIO DEPT. NATURAL RESOURCES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>OHIO BOARD OF PHARMACY</b>						
OHIO BOARD OF PHARMACY	695.00	7,517.00	8,012.00	0.00	200.00	350.00
	695.00	7,517.00	8,012.00	0.00	200.00	350.00
<b>OSPD - TREASURER STATE OF OHIO</b>						
OSP DRUG ENFORCEMENT	50.00	1,630.00	1,530.00	0.00	150.00	100.00
	50.00	1,630.00	1,530.00	0.00	150.00	100.00
<b>PORTAGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b>						
PORTAGE COUNTY SHERIFF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>ROBERT SCHUERGER</b>						
COLLECTIONS - SCHUERGER	385.65	1,020.75	1,287.90	0.00	118.50	0.00
<b>SPCA</b>						
SOCIETY PREVENTION OF CRUELTY	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>SPENCER VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER</b>						
SPENCER VILLAGE FINES	555.00	9,795.00	9,800.00	0.00	550.00	0.00
	555.00	9,795.00	9,800.00	0.00	550.00	0.00
<b>STARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b>						
STARK COUNTY SHERIFF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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<b>STATE OF OHIO TREASURER</b>						
OSP DUI ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNT	278.57	2,522.35	2,625.92	0.00	175.00	131.34
	278.57	2,522.35	2,625.92	0.00	175.00	131.34
<b>STRONGSVILLE POLICE DEPT</b>						
STRONGSVILLE DUI ENFORCEMENT ACCT	0.00	74.90	75.00	0.00	(0.10)	0.00
	0.00	74.90	75.00	0.00	(0.10)	0.00
<b>SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF</b>						
SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TREASURER STATE OF OHIO</b>						
BMV PROCESSING FEE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BOND FORFEIT - OSP STATE	0.00	137.50	0.00	0.00	137.50	137.50
CHILD HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND	50.00	725.00	650.00	0.00	125.00	50.00
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES 35%	2,043.56	25,497.05	26,033.65	0.00	1,506.96	1,031.65
EXPUNGE OF RECORDS - STATE	0.00	90.00	0.00	0.00	90.00	0.00
INDIGENT DEFENSE SUPPORT FUND	14,111.67	187,368.15	190,509.66	0.00	10,970.16	18,844.41
INDIGENT DEFENSE SUPPORT-50%	2,919.38	36,421.57	37,189.39	0.00	2,151.56	1,473.87
MOVING VIOLATION COURT COSTS	0.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OHIO DEPT. OF LIQUOR CONTROL	0.00	162.50	162.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
STATE 45% OSHP FINE 4511-4513	9,366.75	98,869.73	103,101.53	0.00	5,134.95	454.50
STATE 45% OSHP FINE ALL OTHERS	0.00	1,912.50	1,687.50	0.00	225.00	253.35
STATE 45% OSHP FINE AUD CIR815	798.75	8,431.65	8,762.65	0.00	467.75	414.00
STATE 45% OSHP FINE OVI	1,052.80	14,117.11	14,098.01	0.00	1,071.90	1,358.99
STATE COST DEFAULT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
STATE SEAT BELT FINE	1,330.00	26,200.00	26,750.00	0.00	780.00	60.00
STATE TRAUMA FUND	1,129.50	12,137.41	12,619.11	0.00	647.80	124.65
STATE TRAUMA FUND OVI	117.16	1,567.76	1,565.82	0.00	119.10	150.99
STATE VICTIMS OF CRIME FUND	5,272.92	65,613.63	67,011.46	0.00	3,875.09	2,653.04
STATE'S INDIGENT DRIV INTERLOC	5.00	210.00	207.50	0.00	7.50	2.50
	38,197.49	479,471.56	490,358.78	0.00	27,310.27	27,009.45
<b>TOTAL - CR</b>	<b>217,957.12</b>	<b>2,553,050.24</b>	<b>2,144,521.73</b>	<b>379,431.62</b>	<b>247,054.01</b>	<b>85.00</b>

**MAGISTRATES' OFFICE**  
**2023 REPORT**

LINDA A. LEGGETT – CHIEF MAGISTRATE  
CHARLES T. LAWRIE – MAGISTRATE

Chief Magistrate Leggett and Magistrate Lawrie are both active members of the Ohio Association of Magistrates.

**JUDICIAL SEMINARS**

(All seminars are through the Judicial College of the Supreme Court of Ohio unless otherwise noted)

**Magistrate Leggett** attended the following seminar(s):

March 3, 2023: The Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College – Live Interactive Webinar  
*Behavioral Science and Text Messaging*

April 19 – 21, 2023: Ohio Association of Magistrate’s 2023 Spring Conference  
*Eluding Electronic Evidence Errors Wisely; Evidence Rule 601: Presumed Competency, Petulant Children, and Performing Consistently; If Not for the Truth of the Matter, then What?; Legislative and Rules Update; Lessons from the Past Inform the Future: How Slavery, The Holocaust, and Socio-Economic Bias Impact the Bench Today; Implicit Bias Panel Discussion; Small Claims and Unrepresented Litigants; Sealing of Records and Expungements; Sex Offender Registration and Sentencing; Ethics, Fairness, and Access to Justice in DV Cases; REAL Performance: Defining Winning in Your Personal and Professional Lives, Taking Small Steps and Accountability Towards Change.*

June 26, 2023: The Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College – Self Study  
*\*Fundamentals of Case flow Management and Statistical Reporting*  
*\*The Language of Justice: Ensuring Access to Ohio Courts*

July 6, 2023: The Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College – Self Study  
*Personal Security for Judicial Officers*

July 7, 2023: The Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College – Self Study  
*Public Access and Records Retention*

October 19, 2023: The Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College – Self Study  
*Court Security for All Court Employees*

November 28, 2023: The Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College – Self Study  
*\*Handling Contempt Situations*  
*\*What Did You Say? Defining Hearsay*

November 29, 2023: The Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College – Self Study  
*Reporting Requirements for Firearm Prohibitions*

December 11, 2023: The Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College – Self Study  
*\*Accessibility and Accommodation for Individuals with Disabilities*  
*\*Human Trafficking for Judicial Officers*

**Magistrate Lawrie** attended the following seminar(s):

September 6 -8, 2023: Ohio Association of Magistrate’s 2023 Fall Conference  
*Report of the Judiciary: Chief Justice Kennedy; Sovereign Citizens; Marsy’s Law; Ohio Rules of Evidence; Pro Seniors; Living an Intentional Life; Understanding Victim-Abuser Dynamics; BCI Reporting Requirements; Online Dispute Resolution for Eviction Cases; Evictions in Subsidized Housing.*

December 26, 2023: The Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College – Self Study  
*Advanced Hearsay: Admissions*

# **PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

## **2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

Matt Esterle-Chief Probation Officer/Valor Court Program Coordinator  
Gene Merinar-Deputy Chief Probation Officer/PSI Writer  
Amy Darr- High Risk Probation Officer/CCA Grant Coordinator  
Noelle Hayes-ISP Probation Officer/Sealing of Records  
Angela Kiss-Moderate Risk/Specialized Docket Probation Officer  
Melanie Stroup-Domestic Violence, IILOC Probation Officer/Community Service  
Mercedes Giaimo-Administrative Assistant/Secretary

### Our MISSION:

To implement the court's objectives in promoting community safety through a system of graduated sanctions that balance service to the victim, defendant, and community. Through accurate assessment of risk and need, to inform the court's determinations concerning the extent of intervention necessary to effect positive change of those under the Court's jurisdiction.

### Our VISION:

- To respond promptly and professionally to the needs of all court staff for input drawing on the department's specialized areas of training and experience
- To provide dynamic leadership in the community as we design and implement innovative, efficient, fiscally sound programs that are models of success in the criminal justice community
- To recruit and retain well trained staff who demonstrate the highest professional standards as they strive for excellence
- To promote effective interagency and collaborative partnerships that demonstrate the best practices in community based supervision
- To use leading edge technology and service delivery systems

### **SUPERVISION STATISTICS**

On January 1, 2023, the department's adult probation population was 220 individuals under court-ordered supervision. A total of 197 individuals were discharged from probation in 2023, 92% of whom were considered successful releases.

During 2023, the court referred 226 offenders to the Probation Department for placement on supervision and community service orders. Of these, 55% were convicted of OVI or closely related offenses; 5% were convicted of domestic violence/threatening domestic violence; 5% were convicted of property offenses; 12% were other violent offenses (assault); and the remaining 22% were convicted of various offenses including but not limited to drug law violations, sex offenses, and other traffic offenses.

Reporting appointments for the year totaled 1750 total contacts and over 974 drug and alcohol screens were submitted. The Probation Department also supervised individuals ordered to pre-trial bond reporting and electronically monitored house arrest and transdermal alcohol monitoring.

In 2023, the Probation Department completed 631 Pre-Sentence Investigations (PSI) for the court including 125 involving defendants incarcerated in the Medina County Jail. A Pre-Sentence

Investigation is a report prepared by a Court's Probation Officer on request of the court. It is the report of the investigation conducted to verify the defendant's history including but not limited to the educational, criminal, family, and social background of a person convicted of a crime. It summarizes for a court the background information needed to determine the appropriate sentence.

### **RECORD SEALING AND EXPUNGEMENT**

During 2023, the Probation Department completed 125 Sealing of Records investigations for applicants seeking that relief. As of April 2023, Senate Bill 288 amended Ohio Revised Code sections 2953.32 through 2953.34 to allow certain criminal convictions to be "expunged." "Sealing" and "Expungement" produce different results. An "expunged" record is physically destroyed. A "sealed" record is one that knowledge of its existence is legally prevented, and to which public access is strictly limited except for purposes specified by statute. The court may also "unseal" sealed records for specified statutory purposes.

### **VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENTS**

During 2023, the Probation Department processed 162 victim impact statements. Victim impact statements are written or oral information from crime victims, in their own words, about how a crime has affected them. Courts must consider victim input in decision making about, e.g., sentencing, plea agreements, probation revocations, and in the determination of restitution owed to the victim for harms to the victim caused by the crime.

### **MONITORING AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

In 2023, the Probation Department monitored 69 clients on Continuous Alcohol Monitoring (CAM) devices for a total of 4,789 days of monitoring. There were 4 confirmed alcohol consumption violations and 24 instances of tampering with the monitoring equipment. The MMC Probation Department reached a 99.5% "sober days" rating, which means that of the 4,789 days clients were monitored, 99.5% of them were quantifiably abstinent. Nationally, in 2022, the average was 99.0%. Clients in the CAM Program participated for an average of 100 days.

In 2023, 6 MMC clients were monitored with Global Positioning (GPS) for a total of 328 days.

During 2023, 3,000 Hours of Community Service Work (CSW) were completed on projects benefitting the citizens of this jurisdiction. The services these projects represent reflect a savings of approximately \$30,000.00 to local taxpayers. The three most utilized agencies for CSW were:

1. City of Medina Public Works/Service Department
2. Goodwill
3. Salvation Army

### **VETERANS TREATMENT COURT**

In 2021, Judge Werner established the State of Ohio's 29th Veterans Treatment Court Program, otherwise known as Valor Court. Final certification was granted by the Supreme Court of Ohio on 12/26/21 for three (3) years of operation. The Valor Court Program is currently applying for re-certification in 2024 seeking three (3) additional years of operation as a Certified Specialized Docket.



Veteran's Treatment Courts are specialized dockets dedicated to defendants with military experience who find themselves in the criminal justice system. It was established recognizing that

many of our veterans return to civilian life with serious physical, substance abuse disorders, and/or mental trauma. Too often, these conditions lead to their involvement with the criminal justice system. Valor Court provides an evidenced-based alternative to traditional sentencing methods. It uses a non-adversarial approach to addressing criminal offenses and is structured to assist the veteran with access to programs, treatment, and interaction with mentors to promote sustained success.

To date: Twenty-Eight (28) individuals have elected to participate in Valor Court since program inception. Fifteen (15) Vets completed their placements and period of supervision earning successful releases. Valor Court received grant funding (\$150,000.00) from the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OMHAS) to be used for the operation of the Valor Court Program through fiscal year 2025. The Valor Court Program also received an ATP (Addiction Treatment Programming) Grant in the amount \$31,050.00 from the Medina County Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Board and Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Department (OMHAS) to expand and offer resources to veterans who are otherwise not eligible to receive Department of Veterans Affairs benefits.

### **GOALS**

The Probation Department's goals for 2024 include: expanding Valor Court access to assist more justice involved veterans; increasing success rates of individuals placed on probation; and working with local treatment providers to increase access to support systems and substance abuse treatment programming, including medication assisted therapy (MAT).

## **MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT BAILIFF'S OFFICE** **2023 YEARLY REPORT**

Ryan Nagy, Bailiff  
Patty Lavery, Deputy Bailiff  
Nathan Janus, Deputy Bailiff  
Steve McBride, Deputy Bailiff  
Ty Stupak, Deputy Bailiff  
Dennis Fossett, Deputy Bailiff  
Josh Strong, Deputy Bailiff

### **OFFICE FUNCTIONS**

Bailiffs have primary responsibility for ensuring courtroom and general building security. They also operate the Court's audio recording system; assist, document, and process in-court proceedings using the court's Benchmark Case Management System; and assist the Court's Probation Department by conducting field visits. The Chief Bailiff also supervises three additional part-time security guards who operate the Court's metal detector at the Court's security checkpoint.

### **SERVICE AND ENFORCEMENT OF ORDERS**

During 2023, the Bailiff's Office scheduled and executed 105 Writs of Execution (eviction orders) (*see* Table #1) and zero (0) Replevin actions; and conducted two (2) Court ordered auctions. One

Deputy Bailiff is responsible for the service of subpoenas and other court documents throughout the Court's jurisdiction. This includes executing evictions and Court ordered recovery/sales of property.

The Bailiff's Office continues to pursue and apprehend defendants who have failed to appear in Court, or otherwise ignored court orders. The Bailiff's Office cleared a total of 780 warrants by all means in 2023. This compares to the 234 total warrants cleared in 2022 by the Bailiff's Office. Staffing levels and other contributing factors reduced the Office's involvement in serving warrants during 2023.

### **PRETRIAL AND POST-SENTENCING MONITORING**

The Bailiff's Office is responsible for entering defendant information into the NCIC/LEADS Supervised Release File data base. Law enforcement then may access this information when subsequent contact is made with these defendants and may ascertain their status with the Court. The Bailiff's Office manages this data for defendants that are not in custody but are being monitored by the Court on pretrial release (e.g., as a condition of their bond) and for convicted defendants who are on probation with the Court. This remains an important Bailiff's Office function.

Monitored pretrial release allows the Court to maintain some pre-adjudication control over low-risk defendants and to assist the county jail in reducing the jail population, which is always a priority. Law enforcement contacts with probationers are reported to the Court's Probation Department. This enhances the Department's probationer monitoring and provides additional important information (e.g. individuals being screened by ICE, or individuals being screened for a firearm purchase).

During 2023, the Bailiff's Office entered into the Supervised Release File 163 defendants on pretrial release (79 defendants were already active in that data base at the beginning of 2023). The subsequent contacts with law enforcement agencies that these produced were investigated by the Bailiff's Office. Potential bond violations are referred to the Magistrate for a hearing.

At the end of 2023, 191 Court probationers were listed in the Supervised Release File. The notifications ("hits") the Court received from law enforcement during 2023 concerning probationer contacts were forwarded to the Probation Department. These contacts ranged from minor traffic violations, to more serious misdemeanor offences such as OVI, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE and VIOLATING PROTECTION ORDERS, as well as felony violations including FELONIOUS ASSAULT, AGGRAVATED DRUG POSSESSION and VANDALISM. The Probation Department evaluates these contacts for potential probation violations.

Furthermore, the Bailiff's Office also partners with Probation Officers when requested to assist in conducting home visits to probationers. These visits are performed in an effort to monitor the probationer and insure compliance with their conditions of probation.

Bailiff  
Ryan P. Nagy



## **SECURITY INCIDENTS**

In regards to the court security function, the Bailiff's Office handled six (6) extraordinary incidents in the Court. A synopsis of these incidents is listed below.

### **2023 SECURITY INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

#### **1/12/2023**

Threats made via telephone toward a specific Probation Officer and other court staff. Medina PD was advised and a report was taken.

#### **3/22/2023**

Defendant in court for privileges. When advised that his privileges were no longer valid due to them being expired for a length of time he stated that he was going to Uber home. A Deputy Bailiff observed Defendant drive away, which was addressed at hearing that was set.

#### **5/3/2023**

Defendant showed for Jury trial intoxicated. Medina PD was advised and investigated.

#### **9/11/2023**

Deputy Bailiff serving eviction. Male resident refused to exit home and began barricading the door with household items. Medina PD was advised and assisted in removing male without further incident.

#### **9/12/2023**

Female giving the clerk's office a hard time in reference to how they procedurally conduct business. She was witnessed by numerous staff members, along with other patrons of the court. Chief Bailiff approached and inquired as to what the issues were she began to yell and not wanting to have a conversation. Ultimately she was advised that if her business with the court was finished she could leave the premises. Upon walking outside she approached the Court Manager and another bailiff. She spoke with the Court Manager stating that she wished to file a complaint against the Chief Bailiff. The Court Manager determined what occurred, informed the female that the situation was handled correctly, and advised that she could leave.

#### **10/12/2023**

While an officer from Montville PD was present in the Clerk's office, a defendant who was in the lobby began to yell at the officer and make statements in a threatening tone. The male was advised by numerous court employees to calm down and conduct the business he was present at the court for. The male kept referring to the officer, saying "he and I have a history". The male completed his business with the Clerk's office and exited the building. Once the officer was ready to leave, Chief Bailiff escorted him outside where the male was seen re-entering the parking lot after already leaving, just to make visual contact with the officer.

**TABLE #1**  
**EVICITION ACTIVITY**  
(FORCIBLE ENTRY AND LOCK CHANGE)

<b>Year</b>	<b># of Evictions</b>
2016	155
2017	132
2018	113
2019	141
2020	73
2021	83
2022	95
2023	105

**TABLE #2**  
**WARRANT ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

TOTAL NUMBER OF WARRANTS RESOLVED.....780  
TOTAL NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS.....642

**Warrants Resolved By Action Taken:**

EXECUTED BY ARREST.....0  
CAME TO COURT AFTER HOME VISIT.....0  
CAME TO COURT AFTER PHONE CONTACT.....76  
CAME TO COURT AFTER WARRANT BLOCK.....57

MOST WARRANTS RESOLVED BY DEFENDANTS COMING INTO CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, EITHER WITH THE AGENCIES WE SERVE, OR FOREIGN AGENCIES.

**IT DEVELOPMENT**  
**2023 Annual Report**

*Joshua Strong*  
Senior IT Technician

The IT (Information Technology) Department played a pivotal role in advancing Medina Municipal Court’s strategic goals in 2023. This report highlights key achievements, projects challenges, and outlines the department’s plans. The IT Department remains committed to driving technological innovation, enhancing operational efficiency, and supporting and Court’s overall success.

**INFRASTRUCTURE MODERNIZATION**

The Department completed infrastructure upgrades, improving system reliability and performance.

## **CYBERSECURITY**

The Department worked closely with Medina City to implement new enhanced cybersecurity measures to safeguard sensitive data and emails. The Department secured for the court's domain an Extended Validation SSL certificate, which involves a full background check of the organization. The Certificate Authority will make sure that the organization exists and is legally registered as a business, that they actually are present at the address they list, and so on. This validation level takes the longest and costs the most, but Extended Validation SSL certificates are more trustworthy than other types of SSL certificates.

## **EQUIPMENT**

The courts equipment in place consists of 7 desktop printers, 6 Multi-Function centralized printers (3 with VoIP fax lines), 49 desktop workstations, and 3 laptops. The court currently employs Scale Computing servers. These servers handle the case management system, segmented network storage, and online court access. A Meraki firewall appliance is installed to comply with requirements from the Ohio Leads Organization. For virus protection the court has Trend Micro running on all systems. Three Meraki access points are installed to allow employee and visitor access to the internet.

The court continues to work with Technology Engineering Group for guidance in hardware and software programs. They continue to be a highly valued asset to the courthouse for high level troubleshooting, maintenance, and implementation.

The court utilizes a case management system called Benchmark by Pioneer Technology Group of Sanford, Florida. The IT admin is heavily involved in the continued improvement and operation of the Benchmark software. The courthouse is working very closely with Pioneer and is testing benchmarks implementation for text notifications. Text notifications will provide more convenience for the public providing them with mobile reminders for scheduled appearances, payments due, etc. These notifications should also decrease the number of defendants that fail to appear.

Audio is recorded in both courtrooms by software from FTR systems and is stored on the network drives. Archive audio dates to 2003 and is also backed up using Intronis backup system and stored locally. Post COVID the courthouse has continued the use of remote video hearings for things like Valor Court, arraignments, and for individuals in custody, using our Poly x50 video conferencing systems.

There are two Law Enforcement Automated Data System ("LEADS") systems in use by the court allowing authorized users to look up data for court processing. This also reduces the workload for Medina Police Department. The system is secured by a Meraki firewall and air gapped from our normal production network.

Blue Domino currently hosts the website, but we may revisit hosting options over the coming year.

The court camera system is managed on premise via a Paramount DVR. This year we updated two old/failed cameras, the total number of cameras is 20 (10 IP cameras and 10 analog cameras).

### **KEY ACHIEVEMENTS**

This year the courthouse successfully removed all individual clerk printers fully utilizing centralized printing. This change has proven to save the courthouse a significant amount of funds, as we are not buying many individual toners/drums each month.

After a long year of working closely with WRIS the court has gone live with our new website redesign. This gives the public a much cleaner and easier portal to navigate, receive news announcements from the court, interact with the court, look up case information, or find and access our forms and resources. The site supports the functionality to allow lookups based on case scheduling for criminal, traffic, and civil cases.

### **TRAINING/DEVELOPMENT**

In April, I attended The Ohio Judicial College (OJC) Court Tech Conference in Columbus. The educational topics are relevant to many aspects of technology in the court system. The focus of the conference was on leadership through technological advancements and changes that must last over time to improve court services and access to justice.

I currently participate on the Emerging Technology Committee, the members of which include Medina City Councilman, Paul Rose; Medina City Police Department, Sgt. D. Zaremba; General Manager of Medina TV, Jarrod Frye; Medina City residents; and others.

In September 2023, I was given the opportunity to attend the OPOTA (The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy). Throughout the rigorous training program, I had the privilege of learning from seasoned professionals and dedicated instructors who are committed to shaping individuals into competent and ethical peace officers. The comprehensive curriculum covered a range of critical topics, including criminal law, use of force, crisis intervention, and community policing. The training consisted of 6 days and 40 hours of intense classroom and range qualifications. I successfully completed the OPOTA Program with perfect marksmanship score. Upon my graduation, I was sworn in by Judge Werner as a Deputy Bailiff/Senior IT Technician for the court.

### **FOREIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING SERVICES**

The Court maintains interpreting services for defendants who do not speak English and require assistance in their native language to understand court proceedings. The Supreme Court of Ohio contracts with Language Line Services of Monterey, California and offers their services to Ohio Courts to provide language translation for short court proceedings (approximately 5 to 10 minutes in length). Monarca Language Services, a Medina business, is used by the Court for other translation services.

## **WEDDINGS**

Judge Werner performed 32 weddings in 2023.

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Respectfully submitted:

MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT

MARCH 31, 2023

*Gary F. Werner*

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GARY F. WERNER, JUDGE

*Mike Kovack*

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Clerk of Courts

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