



# MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT 2024 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, 2025

Medina City Mayor  
Medina City Council  
Medina County Commissioners

The following is the 2024 annual report of operations for the Medina Municipal Court as required by Ohio Revised Code Sec. 1901.14.

The Court received new filings of **11,753 cases** and terminated **12,635 cases**.

These cases generated **\$4,938,374.81** 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
Robert Campbell	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
Dennis Fossett	Bailiff
Stephanie Farley	Bailiff
Josh Strong	Bailiff
Ron Cox	Security Officer
Nick McCoy	Security Officer
TJ Duff	Security Officer
Chris Falkenstein	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
Kevin Ross	Probation Officer
Vicki Knipp	Probation Secretary

# MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT

## CLERK OF COURT STAFF LISTINGS

### Supervisory Staff

**Mike Kovack**

**Clerk of Court**

Heather Silbaugh

Chief Deputy Clerk

### Criminal Traffic

Doris Sidwell

Deputy Clerk

Sam Daniels

Deputy Clerk

Josh Kutz

Deputy Clerk

Jenna Branch

Deputy Clerk

Tracy Wasmer

Deputy Clerk

Meg Tumney

Bookkeeper/Deputy Clerk



### Civil/Small Claims

Laura Riegelsberger

Deputy Clerk

Joyce Cerasi

Deputy Clerk

Tracy Evans

Deputy Clerk

Katie Zachery

Deputy Clerk

Nicole Massey

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.

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>CRIMINAL &amp; TRAFFIC CASES</b>					
<b>FELONIES</b>					
Cases Filed	178	189	178	168	112
Cases Terminated	214	227	191	182	130
<b>MISDEMEANORS</b>					
Cases Filed	1029	1420	1134	1273	1267
Cases Terminated	1322	1732	1389	1498	1438
<b>O.M.V.I. (DUI)</b>					
Cases Filed	329	415	404	414	344
Cases Terminated	365	437	441	441	409
<b>TRAFFIC</b>					
Cases Filed	6643	6667	6390	5930	6017
Cases Terminated	7338	7387	6969	6429	6472
<b>CIVIL &amp; SMALL CLAIMS CASES</b>					
<b>PERSONAL INJURY/PROPERTY DAMAGE</b>					
Cases Filed	2	14	12	16	16
Cases Terminated	3	21	10	19	13
<b>CONTRACTS</b>					
Cases Filed	2253	1550	1327	1296	1248
Cases Terminated	2089	1453	1160	1371	1598
<b>F.E.D. (Forcible Entry and Detainer)</b>					
Cases Filed	297	307	265	217	168
Cases Terminated	303	283	291	210	257
<b>OTHER CIVIL</b>					
Cases Filed	216	275	245	392	255
Cases Terminated	194	270	291	377	247
<b>SMALL CLAIMS</b>					
Cases Filed	806	745	950	991	758
Cases Terminated	807	740	968	888	1079
<b>TOTAL CASES FILED</b>	11753	11582	10905	10697	10185
<b>TOTAL CASES TERMINATED</b>	12635	12550	11703	11415	11643

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 2024-2020</b>					
<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Brunswick City	555	450	361	383	592
Brunswick Hills Township	445	440	451	592	393
Bureau of Criminal Investigation	0	0	0	0	0
Chippewa Lake	3	2	3	2	1
Chippewa Lake - Zoning	0	0	0	4	2
Chippewa Lake Constable	0	0	0	0	0
Division of Watercraft Safety	0	0	0	1	0
Division of Wildlife	6	31	8	3	0
Granger Township Constable	0	0	0	0	0
Hinckley Twp.	322	334	281	227	305
Lafayette Twp.	0	0	1	0	0
Litchfield Twp.	3	2	3	4	4
Liverpool Twp.	1	0	0	1	3
Medina City Police	1319	1359	1428	1393	1433
Medina City Bldg. Dept.	2	6	0	0	0
Medina City Parks	12	12	0	7	0
Medina City Zoning	0	3	2	12	9
Medina Co. Drug Task Force	22	20	16	12	0
Medina Co. SPCA	0	0	0	0	0
Medina County Parks	0	2	0	0	2
Medina County Sheriff Dept.	594	543	449	495	336
Medina Dog Warden	3	1	1	0	0
Medina Twp.	255	300	295	424	351
Medway Enforcement Group	0	0	0	0	0
Metro Parks	2	9	11	9	10
Montville Twp.	549	767	547	499	414
North Royalton	0	1	0	3	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	0
Ohio Dept. Natural Resources	2	3	0	0	0
Ohio Dept. of Transportation	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio Investigative Unit	2	3	7	9	5
Ohio State Patrol	3990	4253	3714	3148	3274
Ohio Dept. Taxation	2	7	2	3	0
Private Citizens	0	0	0	0	3
Society Prevention of Cruelty	0	4	0	1	2
SPCA	0	0	1	0	0
Southwest General Hospital Police	1				
Spencer Police	92	132	124	130	144
Spencer Village	0	0	2	1	3
State of Ohio	0	0	0	0	0
Strongsville	0	0	3	1	1
Zoning Violations	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>8182</b>	<b>8684</b>	<b>7710</b>	<b>7364</b>	<b>7290</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 2024-2020</b>					
<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Brunswick City	33	34	40	44	57
Brunswick Hills Twp.	17	20	16	30	23
Chippewa Lake	0	0	0	0	0
Hinckley Twp.	34	29	27	11	20
Lafayette Twp.	0	0	0	0	0
Litchfield Twp.	0	0	0	0	0
Liverpool Twp.	0	0	0	0	0
Medina City Police	66	81	78	60	56
Medina County Parks	0	0	0	0	0
Medina County Sheriff Dept.	42	28	41	29	18
Medina Twp.	17	27	41	22	33
Metro Parks	1	1	0	0	0
Montville Twp.	41	83	31	24	22
North Royalton	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio State Patrol	78	111	128	195	114
Spencer Village	0	0	0	1	2
Strongsville	0	0	4	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>345</b>

The Brunswick Mayor's Court, which is within the Court's jurisdiction, provided the following information for this 2024 Annual Report.

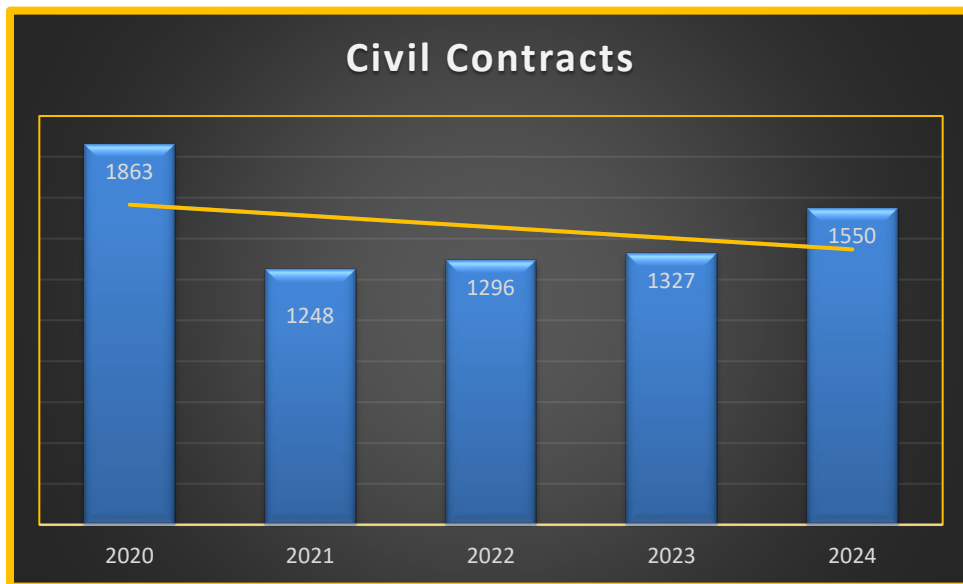
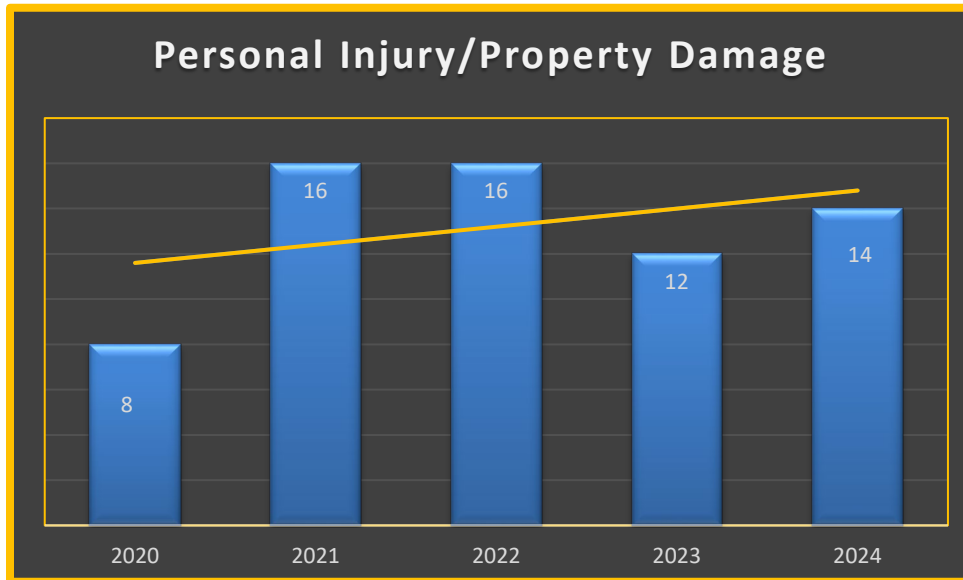
<b>CASES TYPE</b>	<b>CASES FILED</b>	<b>CASES TRANSFERRED TO</b>	<b>Transfer</b>
		<b>MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT</b>	<b>%</b>
Traffic	1,548	71	4.59%
OVI	60	9	15.00%
Criminal	235	56	23.83%
Tax	21	1	4.76%
Dog	17	1	5.88%
Building	17	0	0.00%



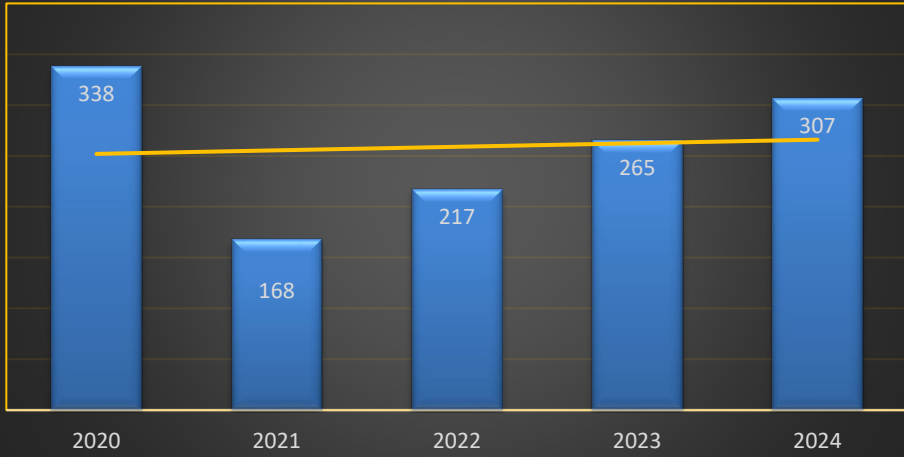
The following breaks down total "Other Traffic" cases based upon the originating state, county, municipal, or township arresting agency.

<b>MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT</b>					
<b>CASELOAD COMPARISON BY ARRESTING AGENCIES</b>					
<b>TOTAL OTHER TRAFFIC CASES</b>					
<b>2024-2020</b>					
<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Brunswick City	272	143	143	171	341
Brunswick Hills Twp.	378	354	390	514	314
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.	228	237	214	182	241
Lafayette Twp.	0	0	1	0	0
Litchfield Twp.	3	2	3	4	4
Liverpool Twp.	1	0	0	1	3
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	852	778	1039	942	1005
Medina County Parks	1	0	0	0	0
Medina County Sheriff Dept.	374	340	256	332	221
Medina Twp.	146	157	216	265	221
Metro Parks	1	3	1	0	1
Montville Twp.	424	445	392	378	326
North Royalton	0	1	0	1	0
Ohio Dept of Liquor	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio Investigative	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio State Patrol	3877	4075	3627	3009	3198
Ohio Dept. Taxation	0	0	0	0	0
Private Citizen	0	0	0	0	0
SPCA	0	0	0	0	0
Spencer Police Dept	87	126	112	122	138
Spencer Village	0	0	2	1	3
State of Ohio	0	0	0	0	0
Strongsville	0	0	0	1	1
Zoning Violations	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6644</b>	<b>6661</b>	<b>6396</b>	<b>5923</b>	<b>6017</b>

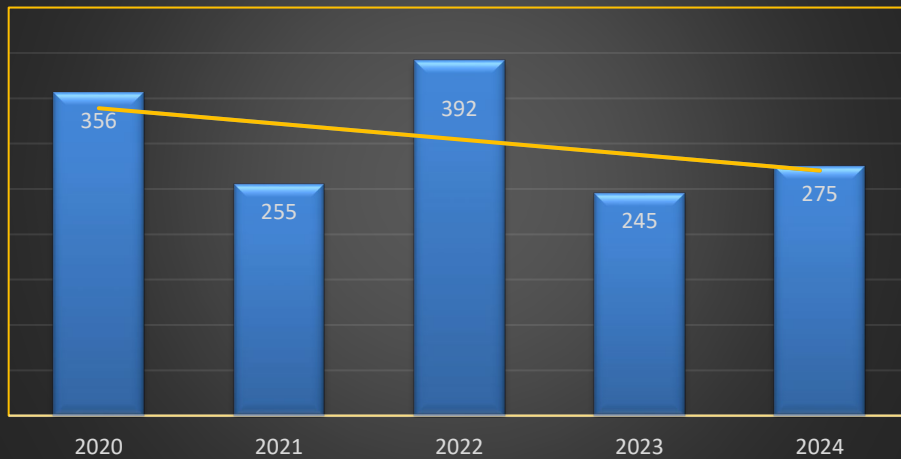
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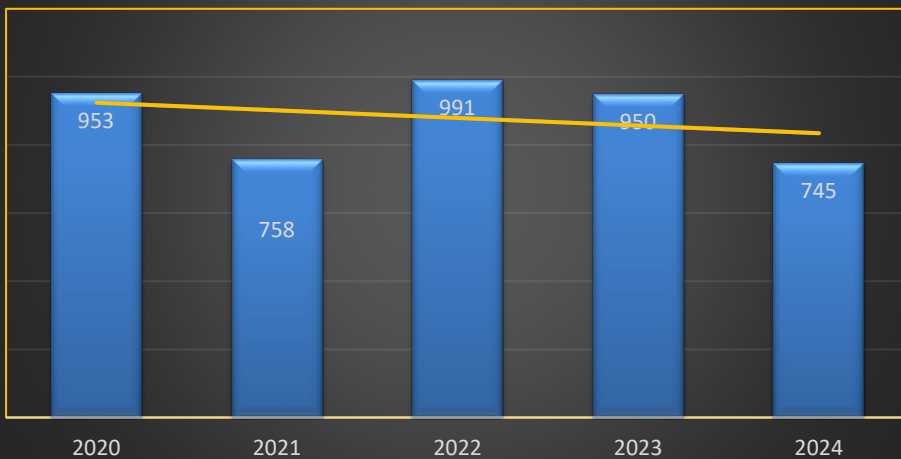
### Forcible Entry and Detainer



### Other Civil



### Small Claims



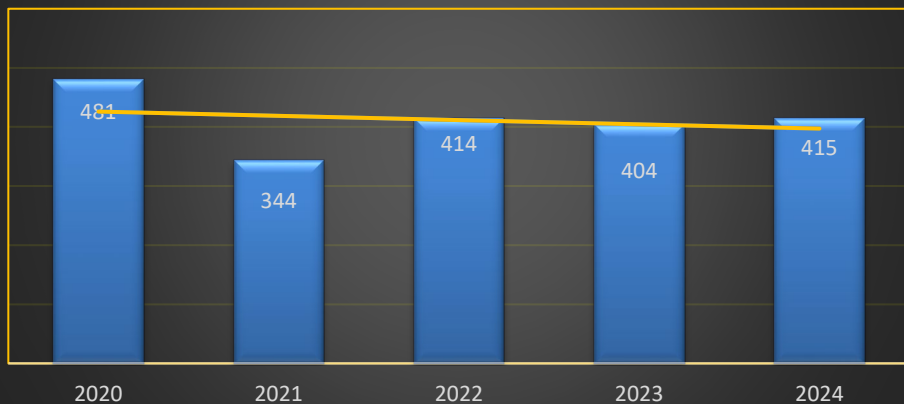
## Traffic Offenses

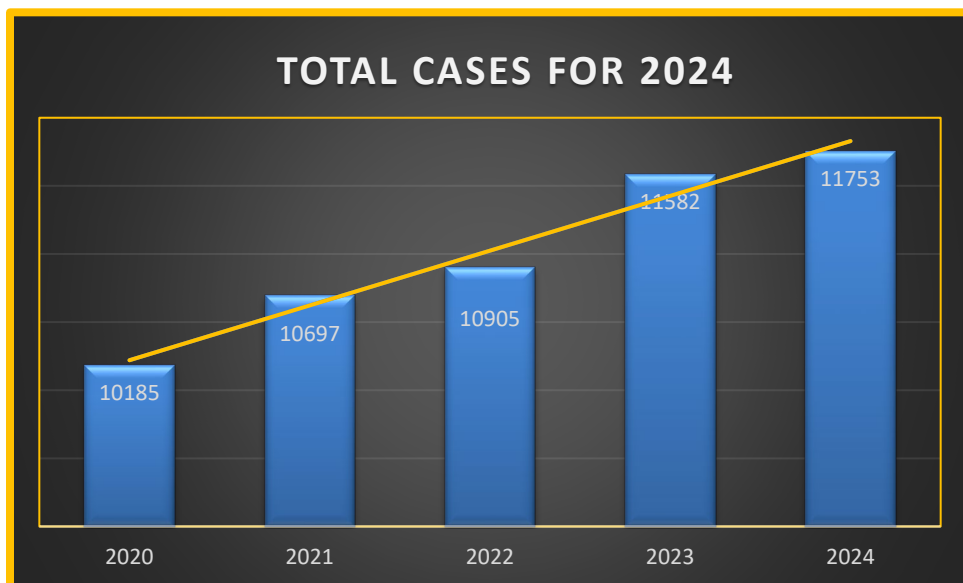
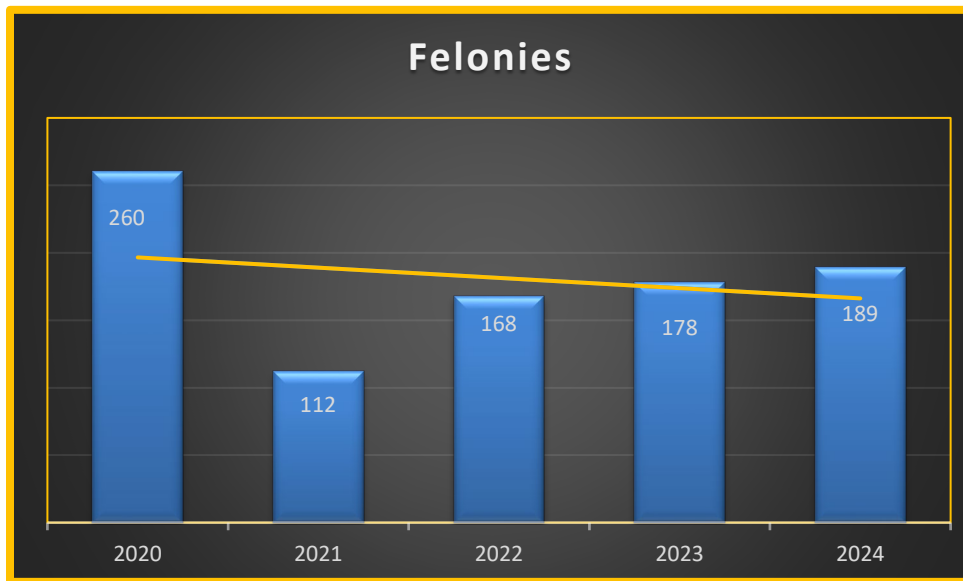


## Misdemeanors



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





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 2024.

Account Balance Listing						
For 01/01/2024 To 12/31/2024						
Account	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Agency Checks	Checks	Ending Balance	Applied Distributions
<b>Disbursement</b>						
<b>MEDINA CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR</b>						
CASE MANAGEMENT FUND EXPENSE	(188.70)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(188.70)	0.00
CLERKS COMPUTER IMPROVEMENT FU -	(422.37)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(422.37)	0.00
COMPUTER LEGAL SERVICES FUND	(113.22)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(113.22)	0.00
COURT'S SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MEDINA CITY BAILIFF FEES - CRIMINAL	(62.50)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(62.50)	0.00
MEDINA COURT COSTS	(3,211.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(3,211.00)	0.00
	(3,997.79)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(3,997.79)	0.00
<b>Disbursement Total</b>	<b>(3,997.79)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(3,997.79)</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Disbursement</b>						
BOND DEPOSIT CIVIL	1,000.00	275.00	0.00	1,000.00	275.00	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	0.00
CIVIL REFUNDS	0.00	7,254.93	0.00	7,172.93	82.00	0.00
GARNISHMENTS	31,868.82	1,568,663.88	0.00	1,527,334.10	73,198.60	0.00
	28,871.03	1,576,193.81	0.00	1,535,507.03	69,557.81	0.00
<b>MEDINA CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR</b>						
1% ADMINISTRATIVE FEE	72.67	805.79	803.76	0.00	74.70	0.00
10% BOND - CIVIL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CASE MANAGEMENT FUND	13,454.74	17,820.86	17,730.00	0.00	13,545.60	0.00
CIVIL OVERPAYMENT	0.03	3.44	3.41	0.00	0.06	0.00
CIVIL UNCLAIMED FUNDS	0.00	2,730.19	2,730.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
CLERKS COMPUTER IMPROVEMENT FU -	26,919.48	35,641.72	35,460.00	0.00	27,101.20	0.00
COMMUNITY SERVICE SPECIAL PROJ	1,235.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,235.52	0.00
COMPUTER LEGAL SERVICES FUND	8,072.84	10,692.52	10,638.00	0.00	8,127.36	0.00
COURT'S SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND CIVIL	6,236.60	71,283.40	70,940.00	0.00	6,580.00	0.00
FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EXPENSE	3,038.00	38,516.63	38,304.00	0.00	3,250.63	0.00
MEDINA CITY BAILIFF FEE - CIVIL	2,630.37	33,344.63	33,143.00	0.00	2,832.00	0.00
MEDINA CIVIL COURT COSTS	28,651.10	401,094.97	397,150.70	0.00	32,595.37	0.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND CV - DRUG	1,555.00	17,825.00	17,730.00	0.00	1,650.00	0.00
WEDDING CEREMONY	40.00	723.00	683.00	0.00	80.00	0.00
	91,906.35	630,482.15	625,316.06	0.00	97,072.44	0.00
<b>MEDINA COUNTY CLERK OF COURT</b>						
APPEALS - MEDINA COUNTY CLERK OF	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	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	7,194.86	79,772.68	79,572.24	0.00	7,395.30	0.00
	7,194.86	79,772.68	79,572.24	0.00	7,395.30	0.00
<b>Disbursement Total</b>	<b>127,972.24</b>	<b>2,286,698.64</b>	<b>705,138.30</b>	<b>1,535,507.03</b>	<b>174,025.55</b>	<b>0.00</b>
FOREIGN SHERIFF	175.00	2,696.64	0.00	2,396.64	475.00	0.00
NEWSPAPER ADS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SECURITY FOR COSTS	750.00	9,154.00	0.00	6,904.00	3,000.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL - CIVIL</b>	<b>128,897.24</b>	<b>2,298,549.28</b>	<b>705,138.30</b>	<b>1,544,807.67</b>	<b>177,500.55</b>	<b>0.00</b>

## Account Balance Listing

For 01/01/2024 To 12/31/2024

Account	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Agency Checks	Checks	Ending Balance	Applied Distributions
AGENCYCHECK	(505.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(505.00)	0.00
BOND DEPOSIT	157,725.00	422,354.20	0.00	454,892.70	125,186.50	0.00
CRIMINAL EOM ADJUSTMENT	(44,116.18)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(44,116.18)	0.00
CRIMINAL REFUNDS	125.00	3,312.10	0.00	3,004.10	433.00	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	14,635.78	0.00	14,635.78	0.00	0.00
	113,228.82	440,302.08	0.00	472,532.58	80,998.32	0.00
<b>BRUNSWICK HILLS FISCAL OFF</b>						
BRUNS HILLS DUI ENFRMNT ACCT	0.00	604.81	546.00	0.00	58.81	0.00
	0.00	604.81	546.00	0.00	58.81	0.00
<b>BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP, ETAL</b>						
BRUNS. HILLS TWP. POLICE FEES	120.00	2,344.68	2,275.59	0.00	189.09	0.00
	120.00	2,344.68	2,275.59	0.00	189.09	0.00
<b>CAPITAL RECOVERY</b>						
CAPITAL RECOVERY COLLECTIONS	5,558.00	43,274.22	47,371.52	0.00	1,460.70	0.00
	5,558.00	43,274.22	47,371.52	0.00	1,460.70	0.00
<b>CLERK BRUNSWICK MAYORS COURT</b>						
BRUNS CITY DUI ENFORCEMENT	32.43	1,135.11	1,089.18	0.00	78.36	0.00
BRUNSWICK CITY DRUG ENF.	50.00	150.00	150.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
BRUNSWICK CITY ORDINANCE FINES	495.00	17,727.50	16,692.50	0.00	1,530.00	0.00
BRUNSWICK MAYOR'S COURT COSTS	200.00	3,800.70	3,653.70	0.00	347.00	0.00
	777.43	22,813.31	21,585.38	0.00	2,005.36	0.00
<b>CLERK CHIPPEWA VILLAGE</b>						
CHIPPEWA VILLAGE FINES	0.00	350.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	350.00	350.00	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
METROPARKS DUI ENFORCMENT ACCT	0.00	100.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
	0.00	100.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
<b>CUYAHOGA COUNTY SHERIFF</b>						
CUYAHOGA COUNTY SHERIFF	0.00	40.63	40.63	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	40.63	40.63	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>						
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HINCKLEY TWP DUI ENFRMNT ACCT	60.00	575.00	625.20	0.00	9.80	0.00
HINCKLEY TWP. DRUG ENFORC.	50.00	150.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HINCKLEY TWP. POLICE FEES	140.00	1,672.67	1,666.77	0.00	145.90	0.00
	250.00	2,397.67	2,491.97	0.00	155.70	0.00
<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

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Account	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Agency Checks	Checks	Ending Balance	Applied Distributions
<b>MEDINA CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR</b>						
10% BOND - CRIMINAL	3,864.50	63,000.70	62,852.20	0.00	4,013.00	0.00
AUCTIONEER	0.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BANK PROCESSING FEE	4.00	82.00	70.00	0.00	16.00	0.00
BOND FORFEIT - CRIMINAL	1,148.00	24,624.10	24,405.10	0.00	1,367.00	0.00
CASE MANAGEMENT FUND EXPENSE	2,342.62	37,249.51	36,386.86	0.00	3,205.27	0.00
CLERKS COMPUTER IMPROVEMENT FU -	4,570.21	70,712.99	69,027.20	0.00	6,256.00	0.00
COMMUNITY SERVICE SPECIAL PROJ	40.00	1,440.00	1,440.00	0.00	40.00	0.00
COMPUTER LEGAL SERVICES FUND	1,575.97	26,102.58	25,519.45	0.00	2,159.10	0.00
CONTEMPT OF COURT	0.00	1,025.00	1,025.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
COURT REPORTER	50.00	1,243.00	1,123.00	0.00	170.00	0.00
COURT'S SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	8,441.50	148,986.05	145,111.95	0.00	12,315.60	0.00
CRIMINAL JURY FEES	0.00	1,585.00	1,585.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CRIMINAL OVERPAYMENT	9.70	171.35	151.05	0.00	30.00	0.00
CRIMINAL UNCLAIMED FUNDS	0.00	4,238.90	4,238.90	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPUNGE OF RECORDS - LOCAL	0.00	60.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EXPENSE	2,319.22	46,374.02	44,685.66	0.00	4,007.58	0.00
INDIGENT DRIVER ALCOHOL -15%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INDIGENT DRVR ALCHL TRTMNT ACT	1,213.63	19,148.32	18,736.88	0.00	1,625.07	0.00
INTERPRETER FEE	189.30	0.00	189.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND	0.00	13,223.38	13,223.38	0.00	0.00	0.00
LOCAL COST DEFAULT	0.00	0.00	48.00	0.00	(48.00)	0.00
MED 40% FINES AUDITOR CIR.81-5	420.50	8,447.45	8,227.55	0.00	640.40	0.00
MED 40% OSHP FINE ALL OTHERS	200.00	660.00	860.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MED 40% OSHP FINES 4511-4513	5,517.20	90,832.80	88,571.36	0.00	7,778.64	0.00
MEDINA CITY BAILIFF FEES - CRIMINAL	669.50	9,820.50	9,680.50	0.00	809.50	0.00
MEDINA CITY BUILDING CODE	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MEDINA CITY DRUG ENFORC.	0.00	600.00	500.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
MEDINA CITY DUI ENFORCEMENT	45.58	1,809.23	1,804.81	0.00	50.00	0.00
MEDINA CITY ORDINANCE FINES	1,815.00	34,770.00	33,502.50	0.00	3,082.50	0.00
MEDINA CITY STREET M&R	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MEDINA CITY ZONING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MEDINA COUNTY LAW LIBRARY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MEDINA COURT COSTS	26,050.63	399,680.63	385,247.29	7,000.00	33,483.97	0.00
MEDINA JURY FEES	(25.00)	500.00	0.00	0.00	475.00	0.00
MEDINA WITNESS FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PROBATION SERVICES FEE	4,164.10	82,339.25	82,221.85	0.00	4,281.50	0.00
PROBATION SERVICES FEE - ODT	100.00	1,666.00	1,675.00	0.00	91.00	0.00
PSI SPECIAL PROJECT	1,954.50	33,566.50	33,361.00	0.00	2,160.00	0.00
SEALING OF RECORDS - LOCAL	0.00	115.60	115.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
SEIZURE AND STORAGE FEE MPD	0.00	129.00	129.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SPECIAL PROBATION PROGRAMMING FUND	630.00	6,867.00	7,083.00	0.00	414.00	0.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND CR - DRUG	2,087.11	36,335.75	35,491.56	0.00	2,931.30	0.00
SPF-INDIGENT DRIVERS INTERLOCK	989.33	15,378.62	15,344.29	0.00	1,023.66	0.00
	<u>70,387.10</u>	<u>1,184,785.23</u>	<u>1,155,694.24</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>92,478.09</u>	<u>0.00</u>



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<b>MEDINA COUNTY AUDITOR</b>						
BOND FORFEIT - OSP AUDITOR	27.50	66.80	94.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
BRUNS HILLS FINE AUD-CIR 81-5	281.00	8,164.50	7,684.00	0.00	761.50	0.00
BRUNS HILLS FINES 4511-4513	1,481.26	31,011.68	30,269.68	0.00	2,223.26	0.00
BRUNS HLS FINES ALL OTHER TRAF	50.00	9,631.55	8,036.55	0.00	1,645.00	0.00
BRUNSWICK CITY FINES 4511-4513	405.90	14,214.78	12,730.68	0.00	1,890.00	0.00
BRUNSWICK CITY FINES ALL OTHER	437.00	13,256.00	12,291.00	0.00	1,402.00	0.00
BRUNSWICK CITY FINES AUD CIR	0.00	7,450.00	6,640.00	0.00	810.00	0.00
CNTY 10% OSHP FINE AUD-CIR81-5	104.50	2,107.80	2,052.20	0.00	160.10	0.00
COUNTY 10% OSHP FINE 4511-4513	1,379.30	22,708.47	22,143.11	0.00	1,944.66	0.00
COUNTY 10% OSHP FINE ALL OTHER	50.00	165.00	215.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE ALL OTHER	0.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AUD CIR	0.00	1,940.00	1,940.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPUNGE OF RECORDS- COUNTY	60.00	935.60	995.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FUND	0.00	1,797.00	1,797.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HINCKLEY ALL OTHER TRAFFIC	350.00	8,655.00	7,430.00	0.00	1,575.00	0.00
HINCKLEY FINES 4511-4513	2,067.00	23,628.00	24,338.36	0.00	1,356.64	0.00
HINCKLEY FINES AUD-CIR 81-5	275.00	4,970.00	5,195.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
INDIGENT APPLICATION FEE	740.00	12,999.41	12,752.41	0.00	987.00	0.00
LAFAYETTE FINES 4511-4513	0.00	50.00	50.00	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	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LITCHFIELD TWP. ALL OTHER	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LITCHFIELD TWP. AUD. CIR. 81-5	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	3,737.90	35,563.32	37,130.22	0.00	2,171.00	0.00
MEDINA CITY FINES 4511-4513	776.58	25,070.88	24,595.46	0.00	1,252.00	0.00
MEDINA CITY FINES AUD CIR	1,688.00	22,212.50	20,900.00	0.00	3,000.50	0.00
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	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MEDINA CO. CR. FINES ALL OTHER	50.00	2,197.50	1,847.50	0.00	400.00	0.00
MEDINA CO. FINES AUD-CIR 81-5	150.00	2,046.90	1,932.40	0.00	264.50	0.00
MEDINA CO. CITY TR FINE 4511-13	0.00	429.12	224.12	0.00	205.00	0.00
MEDINA COUNTY DOG WARDEN FINES	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MEDINA COUNTY DUI JAIL COSTS	1,304.62	20,234.49	20,174.18	0.00	1,364.93	0.00
MEDINA COUNTY LIQUOR FEES	0.00	157.50	157.50	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	56.00	770.00	784.00	0.00	42.00	0.00
MEDINA TWP FINES 4511-4513	1,283.23	14,705.75	14,446.98	0.00	1,542.00	0.00
MEDINA TWP FINES AUD-CIR 81-5	350.00	6,150.00	6,175.00	0.00	325.00	0.00
MEDINA TWP FNS ALL OTHER TRAFF	600.00	7,164.60	7,574.10	0.00	190.50	0.00
METRO PARK FINES 4511-4513	0.00	1,627.00	1,326.00	0.00	301.00	0.00
METRO PARK FINES ALL OTHER SEC	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MONTVILLE FINES 4511-4513	2,950.12	33,411.88	34,157.00	0.00	2,205.00	0.00
MONTVILLE FINES ALL OTHER TRAF	1,087.50	6,357.50	7,345.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
MONTVILLE FINES AUD-CIR 81-5	1,500.00	16,168.00	16,579.00	0.00	1,089.00	0.00
NORTH ROYALTON 4511-4513	0.00	0.00	0.00	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	406.00	406.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SEALING OF RECORDS - COUNTY	0.00	980.00	960.00	0.00	20.00	0.00
SHERIFF DEPT DRUG ENFORCEMENT	50.00	125.00	175.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SHERIFF DUI ENFORCEMENT ACCT	0.00	961.39	951.39	0.00	10.00	0.00
SHERIFF'S OFFICE 4511-4513	1,066.00	30,376.80	30,023.60	0.00	1,419.20	0.00
SHERIFF'S OFFICE AUD-CIR 81-5	815.00	12,481.50	11,246.00	0.00	2,050.50	0.00
SHERIFF'S OFFICE OTHER TRAFFIC	730.00	15,325.80	14,629.80	0.00	1,426.00	0.00
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	300.00	375.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SPENCER VILLAGE FINES 4511-13	0.00	75.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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<b>Disbursement</b>						
<b>MEDINA COUNTY AUDITOR (Continued)</b>						
SPENCER VILLAGE FINES ALL OTHE	0.00	1,270.00	1,270.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
STRONGSVILLE FINES 4511-4513	0.00	0.00	0.00	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
	25,978.41	422,620.02	414,415.14	0.00	34,183.29	0.00
<b>MEDINA COUNTY CLERK OF COURT</b>						
APPEALS - MEDINA COUNTY CLERK OF	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>MEDINA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT</b>						
FELONY - BOND SURCHARGE	85.00	(85.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	85.00	(85.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>MEDINA COUNTY PARKS</b>						
MEDINA COUNTY PARK DISTRICT	150.00	450.00	550.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
	150.00	450.00	550.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
<b>MEDINA COUNTY SHERIFF</b>						
MEDINA COUNTY MISC. COSTS	311.50	3,885.80	3,804.30	0.00	393.00	0.00
SHERIFF'S OFFICE POLICE FEES	92.36	1,557.01	1,514.91	0.00	134.46	0.00
	403.86	5,442.81	5,319.21	0.00	527.46	0.00
<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	65.60	771.75	762.35	0.00	75.00	0.00
MEDINA TWP POLICE FEES	72.67	1,296.17	1,275.67	0.00	93.17	0.00
	138.27	2,067.92	2,038.02	0.00	168.17	0.00
<b>MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER</b>						
MONTVILLE DUI ENFORCEMENT ACCT	198.18	1,416.12	1,489.30	0.00	125.00	0.00
MONTVILLE TWP. DRUG FINES	150.00	475.00	625.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MONTVILLE TWP. POLICE FEES	257.77	2,740.45	2,827.02	0.00	171.20	0.00
MONTVILLE TWP. RESOLUTION FINE	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	610.95	4,631.57	4,946.32	0.00	296.20	0.00
<b>ODNR - OFF BUDGET &amp; FINANCE</b>						
OHIO DEPT. NATURAL RESOURCES	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>OHIO BOARD OF PHARMACY</b>						
OHIO BOARD OF PHARMACY	200.00	3,052.00	2,820.00	0.00	432.00	0.00
	200.00	3,052.00	2,820.00	0.00	432.00	0.00
<b>OSPD - TREASURER STATE OF OHIO</b>						
OSP DRUG ENFORCEMENT	150.00	545.00	670.00	0.00	25.00	0.00
OSP SEIZURE AND STORAGE FEE	0.00	327.50	327.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
	150.00	872.50	997.50	0.00	25.00	0.00
<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	118.50	186.60	320.10	0.00	(15.00)	0.00
	118.50	186.60	320.10	0.00	(15.00)	0.00
<b>SPCA</b>						
SOCIETY PREVENTION OF CRUELTY	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>SPENCER VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER</b>						
SPENCER VILLAGE FINES	550.00	7,675.00	8,100.00	0.00	125.00	0.00
	550.00	7,675.00	8,100.00	0.00	125.00	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
<b>STATE OF OHIO TREASURER</b>						
OSP DUI ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNT	175.00	1,754.96	1,836.30	0.00	93.66	0.00
	175.00	1,754.96	1,836.30	0.00	93.66	0.00

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<b>STRONGSVILLE POLICE DEPT</b>						
STRONGSVILLE DUI ENFORCEMENT ACCT	(0.10)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.10)	0.00
	(0.10)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.10)	0.00
<b>SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF</b>						
SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF	0.00	6.64	6.64	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	6.64	6.64	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	137.50	334.00	471.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
CHILD HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND	125.00	774.00	749.00	0.00	150.00	0.00
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES 35%	1,506.96	25,275.30	24,689.69	0.00	2,092.57	0.00
DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION	0.00	10,223.37	10,223.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPUNGE OF RECORDS - STATE	90.00	1,493.40	1,583.40	0.00	0.00	0.00
INDIGENT DEFENSE SUPPORT FUND	10,970.16	188,487.61	184,722.52	0.00	14,735.25	0.00
INDIGENT DEFENSE SUPPORT-50%	2,151.56	36,107.27	35,269.48	0.00	2,989.35	0.00
MOVING VIOLATION COURT COSTS	0.00	90.00	70.00	0.00	20.00	0.00
OHIO DEPT. OF LIQUOR CONTROL	0.00	157.50	157.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
REPARATIONS FUND	0.00	20,446.75	20,446.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
SEALING OF RECORDS - STATE	0.00	1,643.40	1,613.40	0.00	30.00	0.00
STATE 45% OSHP FINE 4511-4513	5,134.95	90,032.37	87,305.37	0.00	7,861.95	0.00
STATE 45% OSHP FINE ALL OTHERS	225.00	742.50	967.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
STATE 45% OSHP FINE AUD CIR815	467.75	9,468.85	9,216.15	0.00	720.45	0.00
STATE 45% OSHP FINE OVI	1,071.90	12,090.06	12,272.94	0.00	889.02	0.00
STATE COST DEFAULT	0.00	(39.00)	0.00	0.00	(39.00)	0.00
STATE SEAT BELT FINE	780.00	17,425.00	17,075.00	0.00	1,130.00	0.00
STATE TRAUMA FUND	647.80	11,139.54	10,833.74	0.00	953.60	0.00
STATE TRAUMA FUND OVI	119.10	1,344.43	1,364.75	0.00	98.78	0.00
STATE VICTIMS OF CRIME FUND	3,875.09	65,074.53	63,583.23	0.00	5,366.39	0.00
STATE'S INDIGENT DRIV INTERLOC	7.50	245.00	240.00	0.00	12.50	0.00
	27,310.27	492,555.88	482,855.29	0.00	37,010.86	0.00
<b>TRUMBULL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b>						
TRUMBULL COUNTY SHERIFF	0.00	32.00	32.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	32.00	32.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Disbursement Total</b>	246,191.51	2,639,825.53	2,156,191.85	479,532.58	250,292.61	0.00
MEDINA BOND ACCOUNT	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>MAHONING COUNTY SHERIFF</b>						
MAHONING 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>TOTAL - CR</b>	246,191.51	2,639,825.53	2,156,191.85	479,532.58	250,292.61	0.00

## **MAGISTRATES' OFFICE 2024 REPORT**

**LINDA A. LEGGETT – CHIEF MAGISTRATE**  
**ROBERT B. CAMPBELL – MAGISTRATE**

Chief Magistrate Leggett and Magistrate Campbell are both active members of the Ohio Association of Magistrates. Magistrate Campbell joined the Court in July 2024. He graduated from the College of Wooster and earned his law degree at Case Western Reserve University. He was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1992. Magistrate Campbell served as a municipal prosecutor, a county prosecutor, and was in private practice for many years. He also served as an Acting Judge for the Medina Municipal Cour for approximately 15 years.

**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):**

April 10-12, 2024: Ohio Association of Magistrate's 2024 Spring Conference

*Evidence and Self-Represented Parties; Artificial Intelligence 101 for Magistrates; Panel on Language Interpreters/Telephonic Interpretation (Language Line); The Supreme Court of Ohio Website Overview; Social Media Do's & Don'ts; Case Law Update; Notice and Service in Eviction Cases; Animal Law; Replevin; Recreational/Adult Use of Marijuana.*

September 4-6, 2024: Ohio Association of Magistrate's Fall Conference

*The Roll of Magistrates in Achieving Justice: 35 Years of Experience;  
Writing: I heard the Evidence, Now What?;  
Top Ten Reasons for Reversal;  
Mental Health: Colleague or Attorney Issues;  
Maintaining Control of the Courtroom;  
What Works in Treatment;  
Reimagining Responses to Impaired Driving;  
Evictions & Damages;  
BMV LEADS;  
Garnishment Objection, Stacking, and Priorities; and  
Lessons from the Great Dissenter.*

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

September 25-27, 2024: The Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College New Magistrate's Orientation

*PREWORK: Understanding and Using Contempt;  
Legal Writing for the Judicial Writer;  
Personal Security for Judicial Officers;  
Court Security for All Court Employees;  
Judicial Ethics;  
Implicit Bias.  
CONFERENCE: Welcome to the Ohio Court System;  
Magistrate's Authority & Rules of Practice;  
Evidence;  
Effective Communication;  
Ethical & Professional Conduct for Magistrates;  
Magistrates Demeanor and Courtroom Control;  
Practice Area Sessions;  
Courtroom Exercises;  
Ohio Lawyers Assistance Program;  
Ensuring Access with Language Services;  
Preventing "Justice Delayed" with Case flow Management and Statistical Reporting;  
Legal Advice & Legal Information/Self-Represented Litigants;  
Judicial Decision Writing; and  
Procedural Fairness & Implicit Bias.*

**PROBATION DEPARTMENT 2024 ANNUAL REPORT**

Matt Esterle-Chief Probation Officer / Valor Court Program Coordinator

Gene Merinar-Deputy Chief Probation Officer / PSI Writer  
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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, 2024, the department's adult probation population was 226 individuals under court-ordered supervision. During 2024, 229 individuals were discharged from probation, 93% of whom were considered successful releases. Also during 2024, 226 offenders were referred to the Probation Department for placement on supervision and community service orders. Of these, 54% were convicted of OVI or closely related offenses; 6% 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 2,575 total contacts and over 944 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 2024, the Probation Department completed 661 Pre-Sentence Investigations (PSI) for the court including 129 defendants incarcerated in the Medina County Jail. A PSI report is prepared by a court's Probation Officer on the court's request. It is the report of the investigation conducted to verify the defendant's history including but not limited to the education, 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**

The Probation Department completed 160 Sealing of Records investigations for applicants seeking relief. As a result of Senate Bill 288, Ohio amended Ohio Revised Code sections R.C. 2953.32 -2953.34 allowing certain criminal convictions to be "expunged." "Sealing" and "expungement" are words certain jurisdictions use interchangeably but they are NOT the same thing. A granted expungement deletes and destroys a record and treats it as if it had never happened – sealing does not do this. Generally, record

sealing involves the process of removing from general review the records pertaining to a court case. However, the records may not completely disappear and may still be reviewed under limited circumstances. In most instances, it requires a Court order to unseal records once they are sealed.

### **VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENTS**

The Probation Department processed 154 victim impact statements during 2024. Victim impact statements are written or oral information from crime victims, in their own words, about how a crime has affected them. All 50 states allow victim impact statements at some phase of the sentencing process. Most states permit them at sentencing hearings and victim impact information is generally included in the pre-sentencing report presented to the judge. 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 2024, the Medina Municipal Court (MMC) Probation Department monitored 77 clients on a Continuous Alcohol Monitoring Device (CAM) for a total of 5240 days of monitoring. There were 0 confirmed alcohol consumption violations and 22 instances of tampering with the monitoring equipment. The MMC Probation Department reached a 99.6% "sober days" rating, meaning of the 5,240 days' clients were monitored, 99.6% of them were quantifiably abstinent. Nationally, in 2024, the average was 99.0%. Clients in the CAM Program participated for an average of 68 days.

In 2024, 9 clients were monitored with Global Positioning (GPS) for a total of 527 days.

In 2024, 3000 Hours of Community Service Work (CSW) was completed during the year on projects benefitting the citizens of this jurisdiction and representing a savings of approximately \$30,000.00 USD to 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, the Honorable Gary F. Werner, Judge of the Medina Municipal Court, established the State of Ohio's 29th Veterans Treatment Court Program, otherwise known as Valor Court. Veteran's Treatment Courts are specialized dockets dedicated to participants 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.

In 2024, The Valor Court Program applied for re-certification. The Supreme Court of Ohio staff attended/observed and evaluated the Valor Court Program with certification being granted when the written materials submitted and a site review demonstrate compliance with the certification standards under Ohio Supreme Court's Rules of Superintendence, Rules 36.20 through 36.26. Valor Court received final certification in December 2024 earning three (3) additional years to operate as a Specialized Docket.

To date, thirty-Six (36) individuals have elected to participate in Valor Court since program inception. Twenty-two (22) Vets have completed their placements and period of supervision earning successful releases.

In 2024, Valor Court also introduced two new pathways for entering the program referred to as "Diversion Track & Alternative Amendment Tracks." This is in addition to the two (2) established pathways for admission, Probation & Intervention in Lieu of Conviction. These four (4) admission tracks is a benefit for

program participants by expanding the program's reach to now include those vets who may have otherwise been excluded by specialized docket criteria.

Valor Court received grant funding (\$75,000.00) 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 (7/01/2024 – 6/30/2025) . The Valor Court Program also received an ATP (Addiction Treatment Programming) Grant in the amount \$19,129.00 from the Medina County Mental Health & Recovery Board to expand and offer resources to veterans who are otherwise not eligible to receive Department of Veterans Affairs benefits.

## **MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT BAILIFF'S OFFICE** **2024 YEARLY REPORT**

Ryan Nagy, Bailiff  
Patty Lavery, Deputy Bailiff  
Nathan Janus, Deputy Bailiff  
Steve McBride, Deputy Bailiff  
Dennis Fossett, Deputy Bailiff  
Stephanie Farley, Deputy Bailiff  
Josh Strong, Deputy Bailiff

### **OFFICE FUNCTIONS**

Current staffing of the court's bailiff's office consists of the Chief Bailiff, five full-time Deputy Bailiffs, and 1 part time Deputy Bailiff. Bailiffs remain responsible for courtroom and general building security, attending to the court's audio recording system, assisting the Clerk of Court's operation by way of in court operation of the Benchmark Case Management System, and assisting the court's Probation Department by conducting field visits. The Chief Bailiff also supervises four additional part-time security guards who operate the court's metal detector at the court's security checkpoint.

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

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. During 2024, the bailiff's office scheduled and executed 116 Writs of Execution (eviction orders). (See Table #1) zero (0) Replevin action and zero (0) Court ordered auctions were conducted during 2024.

The bailiff's office continues to pursue defendants who have failed to appear at the court, or otherwise ignored court orders. The Bailiff's office cleared a total of 950 warrants by all means. This compares to the 780 total warrants cleared in 2023 by the Bailiff's Office.

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

The monitoring of defendants not in custody, and under court issued conditions of bond remains an important function of the bailiff's office. The bailiff's office enters those defendants into the NCIC/LEADS Supervised Release File, which allows law enforcement to be aware of the status of these defendants should they have contact with them. This allows the court to assist the county jail in reducing the jail population which is a critical need. This in turn allows the release of more low risk defendants, and yet maintain some pre-adjudication control of these defendants by way of imposing certain conditions of bond which are fashioned to encourage compliance.

During 2024 the bailiff's office entered 131 defendants into the NCIC/LEADS Supervised Release File (with an additional 99 defendants already previously entered and active at the beginning of 2024). These entries produced a number of subsequent contacts with law enforcement agencies for a variety of reasons. Additionally, the bailiff's office was notified by outside law enforcement agencies when those agencies came into contact with defendants. Once a notification was received the bailiff's office follows up by contacting that agency to determine if a violation of their bond had been committed. If it was determined that a violation had been committed the defendant would then be ordered in for a bond hearing with the Magistrate to address the violation.

In addition to the aforementioned defendants entered into the NCIC/LEADS Supervised Release File, the court's bailiff's office also enters convicted defendants who are on probation with the court. These entries allow law enforcement agencies across the nation to identify people they have come into contact with who are on probation with the court. These agencies may then contact the court's Probation Department for additional information as necessary, (e.g. individuals being screened by ICE, or individuals being screened for a firearm purchase). This ultimately allows the court's Probation Department to better monitor those probationers.

During 2024 the court received notifications ("hits") relating to probationer's contacts with law enforcement. These notifications were forwarded to the supervising Probation Officer who handled following up on whether or not these contacts were violations of conditions of probation. These contacts range 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.

Furthermore, the bailiff's office also assists the Probation Department by partnering with a Probation Officer at the Probation office's request in order to conduct home visits. The number of Bailiff/Probation Officer visits were drastically reduced due to the number of Probation Officer's that are currently armed and to the reduced need for bailiff assistance in that manner. These visits are performed in an effort to monitor the defendant and insure compliance with their conditions of probation.

Bailiff  
Ryan P. Nagy

## **SECURITY INCIDENTS**

In regard, to the court security function, the bailiff's office handled four (4) extraordinary incidents in the court. A synopsis of these incidents is listed in the accompanying attachment.

### **2024 SECURITY INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

1/18/2024

Deputy Bailiff McBride, while attempting to park the Court's Bailiff vehicle struck another vehicle in the parking lot of the court that belonged to one of the Clerk of Courts employees.

6/24/2024

Deputy Bailiffs checking on male lying in the grass area of the courthouse with his legs stretched out into a parking spot. Upon checking on the male it was determined that he was intoxicated and had been while he was participating in his court hearing. Bailiff staff had the defendant perform a portable breath test, which



concluded with a result of .307. Due to the test result, the defendant could not be transported to the County Jail and subsequently, was transported by squad to the hospital to be medically cleared.

7/2/2024

Defendant was escorted into the jury room to begin serving a 7 day sentence. While being patted down and searched prior to being transported to the County Jail, the defendant was observed to spin 3 times and fall, striking his head on the door when he fell. LST was advised, responded, and transported the defendant to the hospital. The defendant was given a medical furlough from his sentence.

9/26/2024

Deputy Bailiff McBride contacted the Brunswick Police Dept via telephone to inform them that he was conducting an eviction in their city. After serving the male at the residence with the eviction notice, Bailiff McBride returned to his vehicle to missed phone calls from Brunswick Police. Bailiff McBride returned the phone call and determined that the male, subject of the eviction, had a warrant for his arrest. Bailiff McBride returned to the residence, and made contact with the male and assisted the Brunswick Police Dept in arresting the male.

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

<b>Year</b>	<b># of Evictions</b>
2017	132
2018	113
2019	141
2020	73
2021	83
2022	95
2023	105
2024	116

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

TOTAL NUMBER OF WARRANTS RESOLVED.....950  
TOTAL NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS.....785

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

# **IT DEVELOPMENT**

## **2024 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 2024. 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. Including replacing End of Support Meraki network switches with Unifi switches, new Unifi Wi-Fi 7 access points, new Cisco firewall for connectivity to DPS, migrating from on premise outlook server to outlook 365, and new battery backup batteries to maintain infrastructure stability during power fluctuations.

### **CYBERSECURITY**

The department worked closely with Medina City to implement new enhanced cybersecurity measures such as multi factor authentication for email as well as migrate email from on premise end of life outlook server to the cloud with outlook 365.

The department secured for the Court's e-citation 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, is legally authorized to conduct business, they actually are present at the address they list, etc. This validation level takes the longest and costs the most, but Extended Validation SSL certificates are more trustworthy than other types of SSL certificates. This SSL Certificate enables Ohio State Patrol to send new citations electronically and securely.

### **EQUIPMENT**

The court's equipment in place consists of 14 virtual servers, 3 wireless access points, 4 switches, 6 desktop printers, 5 Multi-Function centralized printers (3 with VoIP fax lines), 49 desktop workstations, and 6 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 implemented to segment our network and protect sensitive data. For virus protection, the court has Trend Micro running on all systems, although the department has been investigating alternative options and this may change in the coming year. Three new Unifi Wi-Fi 7 access points have been installed to allow employee and visitor access to the internet. Unifi switches are used for both edge and server cluster connectivity.

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 a 3<sup>rd</sup> party support company sCube who is developing an e-filing system to allow the community and lawyers to submit court filings via a web interface as opposed to filing via fax and in person only.

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.

### **KEY ACHIEVEMENTS**

The department completed a complete network infrastructure upgrade replacing Meraki network gear that was rapidly approaching end of support with new gear from Unifi including switch replacement and wireless access point replacement along with the support of Technology Engineering Group. The server switch upgrade allows us to have redundant 10Gig fiber connections to our server cluster.

Email has received a complete overhaul, due to a completed migration from an end of support on premise Outlook server to Microsoft Outlook 365 cloud hosting. This project included the implementation of multi factor authentication to protect against cybersecurity attacks. We also purchased a new email domain migrating from @medinamunicipalcourt.org to @mmcourt.org. The court is retaining the @medinamunicipalcourt.org email domain and can still receive emails sent to that domain in an effort to make inbound communications from the public as easy as possible.

This past year the department has played a significant role in reviewing and contributing to the development of plans for the Municipal Court Renovation project of the 1969 Medina County Courthouse located at 93 Public Square.

This year we continued working closely with WRIS on our new website. Furthering development and maintaining a much cleaner and easier portal for the public to navigate, receive news announcements from the court, interact with the court, look up case information, and find/access our forms and other 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, Natalie Harjar-DiSalvo; Medina City Police Department, Sgt. D. Zaremba; General Manager of Medina TV, Jarrod Frye; Medina City residents; and others.

In 2024 the court visited Lorain Municipal Court to view their operational process, Benchmark implementation, e-filing portal, as well as Garfield Heights Municipal Court to investigate their courtroom technology and case information system.

**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 37 weddings in 2024.

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Respectfully submitted:

MEDINA MUNICIPAL COURT

MARCH 31, 2024

*Gary F. Werner*

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GARY F. WERNER, JUDGE

*Mike Kovack*

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Clerk of Courts