City of Fairfield

Fairfield Municipal Court

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The Fairfield Municipal Court is governed by Chapter 1901 of the Ohio Revised Code. The territorial jurisdiction encompasses the Fairfield City limits. The Court hears all traffic and misdemeanor criminal cases which are alleged to have occurred within the territorial limits of the City, as well as initial appearances and preliminary hearings for felony cases. Civil cases in which the amount in controversy does not exceed $15,000.00 and Small Claims cases with claims of $6,000.00 or less are also heard by the Court. Persons convicted and sentenced to jail are incarcerated in the Butler County Jail located in Hamilton, Ohio.

The Fairfield Municipal Court, like the rest of the nation is beginning to recover from the recent economic crisis. While there was a slight decrease in criminal cases for 2019, the civil and traffic caseloads had slight increases for 2019. The Court continues to be proactive in the collection of outstanding fines and costs for the operation of the Court.

Traditionally, the duty of our criminal courts was limited to the determination of the accused's guilt or innocence and the imposition of a fine and/or jail, as appropriate. In response to societal changes and legislative mandates, the duties of the Court have and will continue to expand and become more complex. In response to these demands, and cognizant of the costs to Fairfield residents, the Court continues to explore and utilize the most efficient and cost effective methods to operate a fair and efficient Court including community control, community service, house arrest and innovative problem solving dockets.

The Fairfield Municipal Court probation department closely supervises thousands of defendants on reporting and non-reporting community control. Close supervision of defendants, together with incentives to obtain and retain gainful employment and to not commit additional offenses, is beneficial to the defendant and our community. The probation officers assist defendants in obtaining employment, substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling and other needed services to aid the individual in becoming a law abiding, productive member of our community.

As an alternative to incarceration or as a condition of community control or as a means to satisfy outstanding fines and costs the Court operates a community service program. The community service program is run seven days a week and is flexible to accommodate the skills of the participants. During this past year the equivalent of over 56.5 work days were performed by defendants throughout the City. This program resulted in jail cost savings in excess of $3,390.00. The community service program continues to be very effective for several reasons: it

allows defendants to pay their debt to society, it conserves limited jail space for violent and repeat offenders, it saves the taxpayers the cost of incarceration ($60.00 per day/per prisoner), and it allows the City, Schools and Non-Profit Groups to receive the benefit of the substantial work performed.

The Court continues to be proactive and is always seeking alternative methods of dealing with the societal problems that are placed in the Court's hands for resolution. In 2000 the Fairfield Municipal Court was the second court in Ohio to establish a mental health court docket (Treatment Alternative Court), modeled after drug courts, to address the needs of non-violent mentally ill defendants. This specialized docket represents an innovative judicial approach in which offenders are held accountable for their actions but are given the tools they need to break the patterns that damage their lives and the community in which they live.

Similarly, the Court has a treatment based rehabilitative approach to repeat offender OVI (Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence) cases. The mission of the STAR (Sobriety, Treatment, Accountability and Recovery) Program is to provide opportunity for repeat OVI offenders to receive effective treatment, including alternative treatment modalities, and supervision that holds offenders accountable for their actions, brings about behavioral change that ends OVI recidivism, stops the substance abuse, treats the victims of these offenders in a fair and just way, and protects the public while reducing the costs to our community.

Specialized dockets are now required to be certified by the Ohio Supreme Court. Both the Treatment Alternative Court and STAR dockets continue to be certified by the Ohio Supreme Court as Specialized Dockets.

The Fairfield Municipal Court belongs to its citizens and they are encouraged to visit and observe its operation. The Court strives to continually improve our justice system and is always receptive to input from the community.

FAIRFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT

2019

ANNUAL REPORT

JOYCE A. CAMPBELL
JUDGE

January 21, 2020

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2019 RECEIPTS - STATE OF OHIO ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT RECEIVED
101	Ohio State Patrol Fines (45%)	11,279.50
102	Victims of Crime Fund	48,650.36
103	Public Defenders Fund	879.00
104	Seat Belt Fines	4,791.00
105	Drug Violation Fines	225.00
106	Liquor Violation Fines (50%)	00.00
107	Dept.of Natural Resources Fines	00.00
108	Expungement Fees	2,100.00
109	Civil Legal Aid Fees	44,882.04
110	Ohio State Patrol DUI Arrest Agy.Fees	852.00
111	Child Safety Seat Fines	900.00
112	Drug Fines – ODPS Arrest	00.00
113	Drug Fines – OSP Arrest	100.00
517	Drug Law Enforcement Fund	13,806.17
519	Indigent Defense Support Fund	136,577.03
520	Justice Program Services Fund	447.26
	TOTAL RECEIPTS – STATE	**$265,489.36**

2019 RECEIPTS – CITY OF FAIRFIELD ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT RECEIVED
201	Ohio State Patrol Fines (22.5%)	35,953.66
202	Traffic & Criminal Fines	658,462.69
203	Traffic & Criminal Court Costs	219,388.99
204	Civil & Small Claims Costs & Fees	175,304.60
205	Expungement Fees	4,800.00
206	Witness Fees – City Ordinance Violations	1,892.00
207	Jury Fees	192.00
208	Civil Legal Aid 1% Administration Fees	452.96
209	City DUI Arrest Agency Fees	5,125.00
210	City Indigent DUI Alcohol Treatmt. Fees	13,550.50
211	City DUI Jail Housing Fees	8,825.00
212	Special Projects Fund	61,776.00
213	Computer Equipment Fees	106,701.51
214	Court Checking Acct.-Interest Earned	00.00
215	Wedding Ceremony Fees	25.00
216	Record Check/Copying Fees	1,052.50
217	Drug Fines – City Arrest	300.00
218	Probation Fees Fund	377,798.29
219	House Arrest Fees	9,610.00
220	Mediation Fees	59,850.00

221	Special Projects IDIAMF	9,278.00
222	Scram Fee	14,856.00
223	Credit Card Processing Fee	17,712.00
224	Judgment Poundage Fee	6,920.13
225	Restitution Poundage Fee	3,520.47
	TOTAL RECEIPTS – CITY	**$1,793,347.30**

2019 RECEIPTS – BUTLER COUNTY ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT RECEIVED
301	Ohio State Patrol Fines (10%)	2,575.90
302	Traffic & Criminal Fines-ORC Viol.	20,626.75
304	Dog Warden Fines-ORC Violations	00.00
305	County DUI Jail Hsg.Fees-ORC Viol.	3,815.00
306	Expungement Fees – ORC Cases	100.00
307	Witness Fees – ORC Cases	31.00
308	County Indig.DUI Alco.Treatmt. Fees	500.00
309	County DUI Arrest Agency Fees	25.00
310	Liquor Violation Fees (50%)	00.00
312	Drug Fines – County Arrest	00.00
516	Indigent Application Fee	9,076.75
	TOTAL RECEIPTS – COUNTY	**$36,750.40**

2019 RECEIPTS – BUTLER CO. LAW LIBRARY ACCOUNT

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT RECEIVED
514	Ohio State Patrol Fines (22.5%)	5,075.44
	TOTAL RECEIPTS-LAW LIBRARY	**$5,075.44**

2019 RECEIPTS – MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT RECEIVED
207	Old Jury Demand Fees – Civil	00.00
311	Grand Jury Fees/BC Clerk's Office	00.00
501	Restitution	82,574.04
502	Deposited Funds	4,372.00
503	Appearance Bonds	174,623.20
504	Rent Escrow Account	21,146.40
505	Trusteeship Receipts	00.00
509	Civil Judgments Collected	339,056.79
515	Civil Witness Fees	00.00
701	Probation Investigation Fees	00.00
901	BMV License Forfeiture Fees	30.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS – MISC.	**$621,802.43**

2019 DISBURSEMENTS – STATE OF OHIO ACCOUNTS

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101	Ohio State Patrol Fines (45%)	11,279.50
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110	Ohio State Patrol DUI Agcy. Fees	852.00
111	Child Safety Seat Fines	900.00
112	Drug Fines – ODPS Arrest	00.00
113	Drug Fines – OSP Arrest	100.00
517	Drug Law Enforcement Fund	13,806.17
518	Indigent Drivers Alco.Treat.Fund	00.00
519	Indigent Defense Support Fund	136,577.03
520	Justice Program Services Fund	447.26
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206	Witness Fees – City Ordinance Viol.	1,892.00
207	Jury Fees	192.00
208	Civil Legal Aid 1% Admin. Fees	452.96
209	City DUI Arrest Agency Fees	5,125.00
210	City Indigent DUI Alco.Treatmt.Fees	13,550.50
211	City DUI Jail Housing Fees	8,825.00
212	Special Projects Fund	61,776.00
213	Computer Equipment Fees	106,701.51
214	Court Checking Acct. Interest Earned	00.00
215	Wedding Ceremony Fees	25.00
216	Record Check/Copy Fees	1,052.50
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306	Expungement Fees – ORC Cases	100.00
307	Witness Fees – ORC Cases	31.00
308	County Indigent DUI Alco.Trmt.Fees	500.00
309	County DUI Arrest Agency Fees	25.00
310	Liquor Violation Fines (50%)	00.00
312	Drug Fines – County Arrest	00.00
516	Indigent Application Fee	9,076.75
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS-COUNTY	**$36,750.40**

2019 DISBURSEMENTS – BUTLER CO. LAW LIBRARY ACCT.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT DISBURSED
514	Ohio State Patrol Fines (22.5%)	5,075.44
	TOTAL DISBURSMTS - LAW LIB.	**$5,075.44**

2019 DISBURSEMENTS – MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT DISBURSED
207	Old Jury Demand Fees – Civil	00.00
311	Grand Jury Fees/BC Clerks Office	00.00
501	Restitution Paid to Victims	77,043.37
502	Deposits Refunded	3,795.00
503	Appearance Bonds Refunded	144,472.20
504	Rent Escrow Pymts. To Landlords	29,546.55
505	Trusteeship Distributions	00.00
509	Civil Judgments Paid to Plaintiffs	346,474.91
515	Civil Witness Fees	00.00
701	Probation Investigation Fees	00.00
901	BMV License Forfeiture Fees	00.00
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS-MISC.	**$601,332.03**

2019 ACCOUNT TOTALS

RECEIPTS

STATE ACCOUNTS	265,489.36
CITY ACCOUNTS	1,793,347.30
COUNTY ACCOUNTS	36,750.40
COUNTY LAW LIBRARY ACCOUNT	5,075.44
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS	621,802.43
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$2,722,464.93

DISBURSEMENTS

STATE ACCOUNTS	265,489.36
CITY ACCOUNTS	1,793,347.30
COUNTY ACCOUNTS	36,750.40
COUNTY LAW LIBRARY ACCOUNT	5,075.44
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS	601,332.03
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**$2,701,994.53**

UNDISBURSED FUNDS – JANUARY 1, 2020

ACCT.NO.	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
207	Old Jury Demand Fees – Civil	192.00
311	Grand Jury Fees – BC Clerks Office	1,245.80
501	Restitution Collected for Victims	12,363.84
502	Deposited Funds (court, jury, appeal costs)	20,584.86
503	Appearance Bonds	155,848.78
504	Rent Escrow	9,163.08
509	Civil Judgments (held for distrib.to Plaintiff)	5,984.57
515	Civil Witness Fees	744.00
901	BMV License Forfeiture Fees	444.00
	TOTAL UNDISBURSED FUNDS	**$206,570.93**

CASH RECONCILIATION

UNDISBURSED FUNDS – January 1, 2019	$186,100.53
2019 RECEIPTS – ALL COURT DIVISIONS	$2,722,464.93
TOTAL 2019 RECEIPTS + 1/1/20 UNDISB. FUNDS	**$2,908,565.46**
LESS: 2019 FUNDS DISBURSED	**$2,701,994.53**
TOTAL UNDISBURSED FUNDS – 12/31/19	**$206,570.93**
Bank Account Balance 12/31/19	**$398,196.90**
Less O/S checks	($191,625.97)
Book Balance	**$206,570.93**

FAIRFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT

FIVE YEAR STATISTICAL COMPARISON

RECEIPTS	**2015**	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**
Criminal/Traff	1,865,942	1,817,295	2,038,541	1,939,685	2,399,722
Civil/Sm.Clai	495,816	412,438	396,704	489,470	508,843
TOTAL	**2,361,758**	**2,229,733**	**2,435,245**	**2,429,155**	**2,908,565**
DISBURSEMENTS					
City of Fairfield	1,426,956	1,360,248	1,575,09	1,561,380	1,793,347
State of Ohio.	195,163	198,621	206,824	213,318	265,489
Butler County	46,211	30,575	29,930	28,247	36,750
Co. Law Librar	5,298	4,917	3,484	3,145	5,075

CASELOAD ANALYSIS FOR FIVE-YEAR PERIOD

TRAFFIC OFFENSES

Number of Cases Filed					
DUI Cases	296	311	421	312	508
Parking Violations	70	65	111	47	53
All Other Traffic	2,720	2,885	2,932	3,341	4,370
TOTAL	**3,016**	**3,261**	**3,464**	**3,700**	**4,931**

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

Number of Cases Filed					
Felony Cases	227	293	380	328	263
Misdemeanor Cases	2,642	3,010	4,017	3,737	3,419
TOTAL	**2,869**	**3,303**	**4,397**	**4,065**	**3,682**

TOTAL TRAFFIC & CRIMINAL CASES FILED

	5,885	**6,564**	**7,861**	**7,765**	**8,613**

Civil & Small Claims Division					
Civil Summons' Filed	455	589	704	635	1,071
Eviction Cases Filed	583	488	514	713	680
Small Claims	114	111	88	90	82
TOTAL	**1,152**	**1,188**	**1,306**	**1,438**	**1,833**

TOTAL CASES	**7,037**	**7,752**	**9,167**	**9,203**	**10,466**

City of Fairfield Municipal Court

Community Service Data - 2019

Month	Total # of Cases	Total # of Days Sentenced	Total # of Days Served	Savings* to the city
January	4	15	0	$ -
February	8	36	6	$ 360.00
March	0	35	9.5	$ 570.00
April	6	25	8	$ 480.00
May	6	28	5	$ 300.00
June	5	28	0	$ -
July	1	5	0	$ -
August	7	27	17	$ 1,020.00
September	5	25	5	$ 300.00
October	9	45	5	$ 300.00
November	2	4	1	$ 60.00
December	9	528	0	$ -
Totals	62	801	56.5	$ 3,390.00

Community Service Program Details:

Total number of cases assigned		62
Total number of days sentenced		801
Total number of days served		56.5
Total savings** for hours worked	$	3,864.60
Total saving from jail fees averted	$	3,390.00
Total estimated saving for city	**$**	**7,254.60**

** - Based on $60.00 per day.*

*** - Based on the Ohio minimum wage rate of $8.55 per hour.*