



Fairfield Municipal Court

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The Fairfield Municipal Court is a full-time court 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 arraignments and preliminary hearings for felony cases. Civil cases in which the amount in controversy does not exceed \$15,000.00 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 country, continues to be negatively impacted by the current economic crisis. However, both the criminal and civil caseload has remained relatively the same. 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 probation, 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 probation. 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 probation 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 783 work days were performed by defendants throughout the City. This program resulted in jail cost savings in excess of \$46,980. The community service program continues to be very effective for several reasons:

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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 STAR (Sobriety, Treatment, Accountability and Recovery) Program continues to be funded by a grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety. The mission of the STAR 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.

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.

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ANNUAL REPORT

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2011 RECEIPTS - STATE OF OHIO ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT RECEIVED
101	Ohio State Patrol Fines (45%)	19,365.90
102	Victims of Crime Fund	40,413.42
103	Public Defenders Fund	10,901.00
104	Seat Belt Fines	5,281.00
105	Drug Violation Fines	00.00
106	Liquor Violation Fines (50%)	200.00
107	Dept.of Natural Resources Fines	25.00
108	Expungement Fees	2,250.00
109	Civil Legal Aid Fees	39,263.01
110	Ohio State Patrol DUI Arrest Agy.Fees	1,420.00
111	Child Safety Seat Fines	1,030.00
112	Drug Fines – ODPS Arrest	00.00
113	Drug Fines – OSP Arrest	2,221.00
517	Drug Law Enforcement Fund	9,346.23
518	Indigent Drivers Alco.Treat.Fund	4,135.50
519	Indigent Defense Support Fund	104,860.69
520	Justice Program Services Fund	292.16
	TOTAL RECEIPTS – STATE	\$241,004.91

2011 RECEIPTS – CITY OF FAIRFIELD ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT RECEIVED
201	Ohio State Patrol Fines (22.5%)	66,307.84
202	Traffic & Criminal Fines	592,574.63
203	Traffic & Criminal Court Costs	285,782.37
204	Civil & Small Claims Costs & Fees	181,421.90
205	Expungement Fees	5,210.00
206	Witness Fees – City Ordinance Violations	2,264.00
207	Jury Fees	492.00
208	Civil Legal Aid 1% Administration Fees	395.99
209	City DUI Arrest Agency Fees	6,265.33
210	City Indigent DUI Alcohol Treatmt. Fees	7,358.50
211	City DUI Jail Housing Fees	10,701.00
212	Special Projects Fund	57,730.55
213	Computer Equipment Fees	98,437.60
214	Court Checking Acct.-Interest Earned	326.22
215	Wedding Ceremony Fees	2.00
216	Record Check/Copying Fees	1,859.25
217	Drug Fines – City Arrest	1,701.00
218	Probation Fees Fund	536,906.38
219	House Arrest Fees	13,827.00
220	Mediation Fees	51,100.00

221	Special Projects IDIAMF	11,314.50
222	Scram Fee	10,211.00
223	Credit Card Processing Fee	10,767.00
224	Judgment Poundage Fee	7,974.33
225	Restitution Poundage Fee	1,876.70
	TOTAL RECEIPTS – CITY	\$1,962,807.09

2011 RECEIPTS – BUTLER COUNTY ACCOUNTS

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT RECEIVED</u>
301	Ohio State Patrol Fines (10%)	3,873.18
302	Traffic & Criminal Fines-ORC Viol.	19,808.37
304	Dog Warden Fines-ORC Violations	00.00
305	County DUI Jail Hsg.Fees-ORC Viol.	4,752.00
306	Expungement Fees – ORC Cases	40.00
307	Witness Fees – ORC Cases	368.00
308	County Indig.DUI Alco.Treatmt. Fees	1,179.00
309	County DUI Arrest Agency Fees	00.00
310	Liquor Violation Fees (50%)	50.00
312	Drug Fines – County Arrest	00.00
516	Indigent Application Fee	2,890.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS – COUNTY	\$32,960.55

2011 RECEIPTS – BUTLER CO. LAW LIBRARY ACCOUNT

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT RECEIVED</u>
514	Ohio State Patrol Fines (22.5%)	<u>13,752.24</u>
	TOTAL RECEIPTS-LAW LIBRARY	\$13,752.24

2011 RECEIPTS – MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT RECEIVED</u>
207	Old Jury Demand Fees – Civil	00.00
311	Grand Jury Fees/BC Clerk's Office	337.30
501	Restitution	79,262.86
502	Deposited Funds	1,423.00
503	Appearance Bonds	114,454.10
504	Rent Escrow Account	14,109.48
505	Trusteeship Receipts	00.00
509	Civil Judgments Collected	390,731.35
515	Civil Witness Fees	00.00
701	Probation Investigation Fees	00.00
901	BMV License Forfeiture Fees	90.00
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2011 DISBURSEMENTS – BUTLER CO. LAW LIBRARY ACCT.

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302	County Auditor Assmt. Payment	5,038.00
514	Ohio State Patrol Fines (22.5%)	8,714.24
	TOTAL DISBURSMTS - LAW LIB.	\$13,752.24

2011 DISBURSEMENTS – MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT DISBURSED</u>
207	Old Jury Demand Fees – Civil	00.00
311	Grand Jury Fees/BC Clerks Office	00.00
501	Restitution Paid to Victims	87,832.34
502	Deposits Refunded	863.00
503	Appearance Bonds Refunded	85,113.20
504	Rent Escrow Pymts. To Landlords	10,297.98
505	Trusteeship Distributions	00.00
509	Civil Judgments Paid to Plaintiffs	416,060.32
515	Civil Witness Fees	00.00
701	Probation Investigation Fees	00.00
901	BMV License Forfeiture Fees	00.00
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS-MISC.	\$600,166.84

2011 ACCOUNT TOTALS

RECEIPTS

STATE ACCOUNTS	241,004.91
CITY ACCOUNTS	1,962,807.09
COUNTY ACCOUNTS	32,960.55
COUNTY LAW LIBRARY ACCOUNT	13,752.24
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS	600,408.09
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$2,850,932.88

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COUNTY ACCOUNTS	32,960.55
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MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS	600,166.84
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,850,691.63

UNDISBURSED FUNDS – JANUARY 1, 2011

<u>ACCT.NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
207	Old Jury Demand Fees – Civil	16.00
311	Grand Jury Fees – BC Clerks Office	903.10
501	Restitution Collected for Victims	7,361.92
502	Deposited Funds (court, jury, appeal costs)	10,669.52
503	Appearance Bonds	71,888.80
504	Rent Escrow	4,900.50
509	Civil Judgments (held for distrib.to Plaintiff)	6,599.89
515	Civil Witness Fees	744.00
901	BMV License Forfeiture Fees	120.00
	TOTAL UNDISBURSED FUNDS	\$103,203.73

CASH RECONCILIATION

UNDISBURSED FUNDS – January 1, 2011	\$102,962.48
2011 RECEIPTS – ALL COURT DIVISIONS	<u>\$2,850,932.88</u>
TOTAL 2011 RECEIPTS + 1/1/11 UNDISB. FUNDS	\$2,953,895.36
LESS: 2011 FUNDS DISBURSED	<u>\$2,850,691.63</u>
TOTAL UNDISBURSED FUNDS – 12/31/11	<u>\$103,203.73</u>
Bank Account Balance 12/31/11	\$281,408.78
Interest for Oct. – Dec.	\$61.49
Credit Card Fee Oct.- Dec.	(\$1,148.65)
Less O/S checks	(\$177,117.89)
Book Balance	<u>\$103,203.73</u>

FAIRFIELD MUNICIPAL COURT

FIVE YEAR STATISTICAL COMPARISON

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Criminal/Traffic	2,175,979	2,386,588	2,091,131	2,437,367	2,224,384
Civil/Sm.Claims	1,137,511	1,060,312	767,661	619,739	625,922
TOTAL	\$3,313,490	\$3,446,900	\$2,858,792	\$3,057,106	2,850,306

DISBURSEMENTS

City of Fairfield	1,868,491	2,034,418	1,880,907	2,074,224	1,962,807
State of Ohio.	174,697	207,838	211,196	239,994	241,005
Butler County	45,676	41,295	20,939	28,870	32,334
Co. Law Library	6,899	8,402	6,972	8,750	13,752

CASELOAD ANALYSIS FOR FIVE-YEAR PERIOD

TRAFFIC OFFENSES

Number of Cases Filed

DUI Cases	545	691	493	442	424
Parking Violations	13	18	86	140	92
All Other Traffic	3,150	3,791	3,235	3,505	2,435
TOTAL	3,708	4,500	3,814	4,087	2,951

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

Number of Cases Filed

Felony Cases	315	301	305	272	234
Misdemeanor Cases	3,748	3,822	4,397	4,206	4,100
TOTAL	4,063	4,123	4,702	4,478	4,334

TOTAL TRAFFIC & CRIMINAL CASES FILED

	7,771	8,623	8,516	8,565	7,285
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Civil & Small Claims Division

Civil Summons' Filed	1,162	1,204	929	859	799
Eviction Cases Filed	675	760	761	699	719
Small Claims	177	172	147	102	149
TOTAL	2,014	2,136	1,837	1,660	1,667

<u>TOTAL CASES</u>	9,785	10,759	10,353	10,225	8,952
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