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INTRODUCTION

Chapter 1901 of the Ohio Revised Code governs the conduct of Municipal Courts including the Marietta Municipal Court. Section 1901.14(A)(4) provides as follows:

“On or before the last day of March of each year, the Court shall render a complete report of its operation during the preceding year to the Legislative Authority and to the Board of County Commissioners of each county within its territory. The report shall show the work performed by the Court, a statement of receipts and expenditures of the civil and criminal branches, respectively, the number of cases heard, decided, settled and such other data as the Supreme Court, the Secretary of State, the Legislative Authority, and the Board of County Commissioners required.”

JUDGE'S COMMENTS

Specialized Docket Approval

In November 2021, the Ohio Supreme Court certified the Municipal Court Mental Health Specialized Docket. The program is tailored to serve those qualifying defendants diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illnesses and who are assessed as being moderate to high risk of criminal recidivism. The initial results from the first full year of the docket are encouraging.

Restitution

The Court collected \$42,913.08 in restitution through the Probation Department and the Clerk's Office. This sum was then paid over to victims of criminal offenses.

Court Building

The Court made its payment of approximately \$175,000 on the capital improvement bond for building renovation. These funds are generated by special project fees imposed in court cases. A reserve fund equal to one annual payment is maintained in this fund to protect against unplanned contingencies.

Grants

The Court applied for and received a technology grant of \$35,320 from the Ohio Supreme Court. This grant was primarily used to upgrade our case management system to make it web based and to add a texting module. As part of the grant the Court entered into a pilot program for failure to appear cases. The Court has been tracking the failures to appear rate for the past seven months with three months of data collection remaining. Data collection to this point has been encouraging showing that text reminders do help to