

MARIETTA MUNICIPAL COURT
WASHINGTON COUNTY, OHIO

ANNUAL REPORT

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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

I am pleased to present to you the 2025 Marietta Municipal Court Annual Report. It contains information on the Court’s cases, services, and programs provided to the citizens of Washington County. The Marietta Municipal Court works closely with numerous other county and city agencies, departments, and service providers to follow through with its mission of serving the residents and visitors of Washington County.

Several changes have been made to the court in the year 2025. We welcomed Hailey Reynolds as the Court's new Magistrate to help with the large caseload of the Court. The previous Magistrate, Laura Silwani, moved to the Court of Common Pleas when that position opened and she remains as an Acting Judge for the Municipal Court. 2025 also saw the swearing-in of our new Clerk of Court, Leah Gregory, who is doing a tremendous job in her new role. In addition, with the rapid expansion of civil cases, Julie Thomas was sworn in as Chief Civil Deputy Clerk.

Many improvements were made to the Court, both with regards to the physical structure, as well as its inner workings. The Court has updated its email to .gov accounts and transitioned its storage to a cloud-based service, increasing redundancy. Computers were added to each clerk window increasing the speed and efficiency in which citizens can be served, the Courthouse switch was replaced, and all machines were upgraded to Windows 11 for security reasons. The probation department upgraded to MARCS radios allowing them to seamlessly integrate and communicate with other law enforcement departments across the county.

The Court also installed an entirely new security camera system, *at no cost to the taxpayer*, spending only security funds to do so. A check-in kiosk system has also been employed to increase the security and speed of handling citizens. The Court also received the 2025 Supreme Court Technology Grant, worth \$150,000, to assist with the costs of transitioning to a new case management system required for new e-filing requirements.

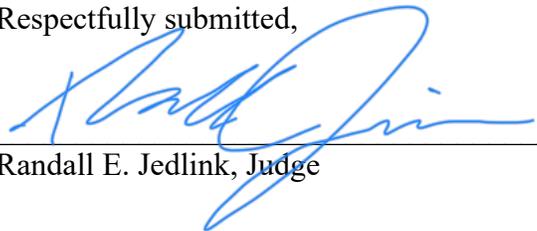
During Judge Jedlink's second year, the Court finished fiscal year 2025 dispersing back into the general fund a total of \$789,075, almost exactly on target with the Court's estimates. For contrast, the year prior to Judge Jedlink's first term, the Court only dispersed \$306, 213 into the general fund. The increase in court costs, better aligning

with its peer Courts across the State, the implementation of special project funds, bailiff and magistrate fees, and security fees, has resulted in a 257% increase in disbursement to the City's general fund, resulting in a significantly lower burden for the taxpayer. After reducing the Court's total budget by the total number of grants received, and the county paid portion, as well as the total disbursements to the general fund, less than 22% of the Court's total budget was funded by the general fund and its taxpayers.

The Court also engaged with the community in many ways in 2025. Municipal Court hosted the High School District and Regional Mock Trials, allowed its property to be used for the River City Farmers Market, as well as a fundraiser for Boy Scouts of America during Sternwheel Weekend. The Court also hosted the Community Corrections Luncheon, Crisis Intervention Training Committee, and the SEOLS Expungement Clinic.

The day-to-day operations of the Court, including supervision of all employees, are managed by the Court Administrator, Jason Hamilton. If you have any concerns about the Court, or questions about the Court or this report, please contact him at (740) 373-4474.

Respectfully submitted,



Randall E. Jedlink, Judge

CIVIL DIVISION

A. New Filings – Comparative Table

Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Civil	2,058	1495	1302	1176	1011
Small Claims	51	42	41	41	93

B. Hearings – Comparative Table

Held By:	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Magistrate	75	45	48	27	32
Magistrate Small Claims	24	18	24	27	68

C. Receipts and Expenditures

Payee	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
City – General	291,076.48	216,491.84	172,797.40	133,808.14	97,718.87
Court – Computer	38,883	18,277	10,632	9,712	8,776
Court – Capital Imp.	31,545	22,897	19,607	17,890	15,727
Ohio – Legal Aid	53,454.56	38,696.13	33,599.61	30,654.36	26,885.43
Total Disbursements:	414,959.04	296,361.97	236,636.01	192,064.50	149,107.30

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DIVISION

A. New Filings – Five Year Comparative Table

Type Offense	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Felonies	342	397	404	347	430
Misdemeanors	822	913	966	1,168	1,553
OVI	187	151	190	204	250
Other Traffic	5,299	4,668	4,740	4,992	6,703
Total:	6,650	6,129	6,300	6,711	8,936

B. Trials

The Court held 6 Jury Trials. The Court held 19 bench trials on contested traffic and criminal cases. In addition, the Court held 24 preliminary hearings. These totals do not include motion hearings, probation violations, contempt, or restitution hearings.

C. Criminal/Traffic Receipts and Disbursements – Comparative Table

Payee	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
City of Marietta General Fund	789,075.13	592,038.96	306,213.22	321,636.91	392,179.18
Capital Improvement Fund	248,744.70	181,734.20	126,651.14	132,404.11	172,129.39
Court Computer/ Convenience Fee	124,801.56	55,480.77	70,111.90	72,325.83	91,308.67
Indigent Alcohol Fund	6,827.64	7,191.65	10,076.00	10,212.00	11,171.00
County General Fund	151,975.84	164,508.42	168,710.09	180,030.66	192,471.94
Security Fee	80,9903.09	52,853.80	11,309.20	10,421	13,846.44
Probation/ House Arrest	315,148.26	192,598.34	167,767.37	159,493.38	182,936.56
Law Library	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00
Sheriff	8,922.25	8,223.65	7,788.59	7,773.29	8,946.15
State of Ohio*	372,630.65	334,067.35	375,963.74	396,297.89	503,480.01
Beverly	172.00	25.00	254.00	101.00	373.00
New Matamoras	0.00	94.00	198.00	690.00	498.00
Lowell	0.00	0.00	130.00	150.00	65.00
Macksburg	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Recovery					

	23,099.44	21,192.39	25,791.62	20,549.17	24,964.16
Belpre	2,127.30	1,459.20	1,813.00	1,788.00	2,342.00
College Law Enf.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Common Pleas Court	13,881.10	9,427.61	9,353.10	5,997.37	13,958.83
Total Disbursements	2,872,808.96	1,626,395.34	1,287,630.97	1,325,370.61	1,616,170.33

* State of Ohio includes Ohio State Highway Patrol, Criminal Reparations Account, Child Restraint, Pharmacy Board, Liquor Control, Division of Conservation, etc.

D. Other Special Project Funds

	Civil & Small Claims	Traffic & Criminal	Total
Bailiff Fee	6,306	16,716	23,022.00
Magistrate Fee	10,510	27,885	38,395.00
Staff Training Fee	4,290	11,142	15,432.00
Legal Research Fee	6,220	16,881.10	23,101.10

UNPAID FINES AND COSTS

The Court is owed \$377,463.04 for unpaid fines and costs imposed in calendar year 2025. Cases with delinquent fines and costs are assigned to the Court's collection agency, Platinum Recovery, and the statutory thirty percent fee is added to the amount due. This collection fee is paid by the offender. The collection agency is not paid from the fines and costs it collects. Collection efforts continue for prior years on accumulated fines and costs. Uncollected fines imposed prior to January 1, 2020 are deemed uncollectible but are subject to being reopened if the offender appears in court for another reason.

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDS

In 2024 the Court collected \$55,480 in its Computer Fund. The Court collected \$181,735 in Court Capital Improvement funding. The Court paid the annual bond payment for its share of the renovation of the current court facility from its Court Capital Improvement Fund. The Computer Fund and the Capital Improvement Fund are separately generated by the Court through the assessment of fees on offenders and other users of court services.

PROBATION REPORT

The Chief Probation Officer is responsible for security at the Court. One full-time Court Security Officer provided security in and around the court building. Security screened 16,427 people in 2025, an average of 316 people a week. Offenders worked 658 hours of community service in lieu of jail for numerous departments. The Washington County Jail inmates worked 2,282 hours of supervised community service totaling \$22,100 which was credited for court fines. The probation department collected restitution from 33 offenders in 2025. The total amount collected and distributed to the victims was \$18,172.33.

Case Management Services:

Case Managers Akaysha Shankland and Angela Grasley received 136 new referrals to case management services who were classified moderate to very high risk of future criminal conduct. 33 individuals were referred and placed in long-term residential treatment, 79 were referred to a Certified Driver Intervention Program, 165 Alcohol/Drug assessment referrals, 85 Mental Health Assessment referrals, 40 were referred to Thinking for a Change group. The Probation Department monitored 78 No Contact Orders.

Moderate - Very High-Risk Offenders:

Probation Officers Chandler Brockmeier, and Derek Johnson provided supervision to moderate risk, high risk, and very high-risk offenders. They worked with Case Management and targeted 33 moderate-to very high-risk offenders for extended, inpatient rehabilitation. The inpatient treatment phase averaged ninety days.

Each probation officer carried an average caseload of 196 offenders. These offenders reported to their assigned officer based on their assessed risk level with targeted offenders reporting several times weekly. In accordance with established policies based on criminal risk factors these moderate to very high-risk offenders were referred to local intensive outpatient treatment providers as appropriate. Probationers were subject to frequent drug testing together with follow up home visits. The probation department and case managers completed 24 hours in evidence-based practices.

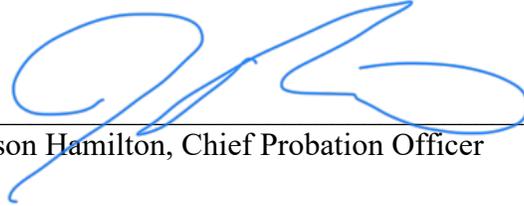
Pretrial Supervision:

Pretrial supervision continued to prove beneficial to the Court as well as those who are facing trial. 117 individuals were monitored. 56 individuals received electronic monitoring services as part of their bond. 92 percent of individuals who were placed in pretrial services appeared for their court hearing. 79 percent of these individuals were referred to and actively participated in treatment services for either mental health or substance abuse issues.

Accomplishments:

Probation Officer Derek Johnson was promoted to Deputy Chief Probation Officer and oversees the day-to-day operations of the probation department. With Leah Gregory being appointed Clerk of Court, Akaysha Shankland was hired as a new Case Manager. Angela Grasley filled the role of Senior Case Manager and has taken on the responsibility of monitoring data and success rates to help guide decision making within the Probation Department. Probation Officer Amanda Townsend completed her bachelor's degree from Ohio University. For a second time in the past 10 years, the

Probation Department was nominated for the Cliff Skeen Award which is an award presented annually by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to recognize excellence in community corrections programs.



Jason Hamilton, Chief Probation Officer