

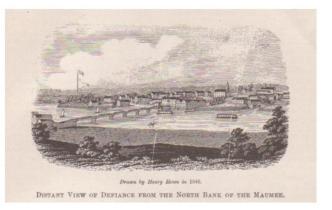
Defiance County, Ohio 2012

Board of Defiance County Commissioners' Annual Report

History of Defiance County, Ohio

On August 8, 1794, General Anthony Wayne and his soldiers arrived at the confluence of the Maumee and Auglaize Rivers and built "Fort Defiance".

In 1803, Ohio was the first state carved from the Northwest Territory. The organization of Defiance County began on February 12, 1820, when the Ohio Legislature passed an Act. The Act provided that all the land in the State of



Ohio was to become 14 separate counties. Originally, Williams County, organized in April 1824, occupied the northwest corner of the State, but included most of the area that is now Defiance County. January 13, 1825, after a resolution passed the Ohio Legislature, the town of Defiance was established as the Seat of Justice for the County of Williams. There was great dissatisfaction in Defiance after the Michigan boundary settlement in 1836. This added about 150 square miles to the north end of Williams County and the village of Defiance became more of a border town. In 1846, Bryan became the County seat, much to the dissatisfaction of the people of Defiance, as it was located near the center of the County.

A petition was prepared in December 1844, and circulated. The Legislature passed the bill March 4, 1845, which provided for parts of Williams, Henry and Paulding counties to become a separate county to be named Defiance County. The bill also provided that the Seat of Justice would be established at the town of Defiance.

The afternoon of March 13, 1845, at "Old Fort Defiance" a celebration of the erection of Defiance County was held. Despite high waters and bad roads, a large number of people attended the event.

The first term of court in the newly established Defiance County was opened April 2, 1845. The first County Commissioners were appointed by the Court of Common Pleas on April 3, 1845, and served until December 1, 1845. A special election for county officers was held April 15, 1845, and October 14, 1845, and officers were elected.

Community Profile

Defiance County is located in the heart of a diverse region – it is within an hour drive of the cities of Toledo, Lima and Findlay, Ohio and Fort Wayne, Indiana. Defiance County residents are able to enjoy the benefits of urbanization within a rural, small-town atmosphere that accommodates a variety of lifestyles.

Defiance County is approximately 414 square miles and home to 39,037 people. Cities and villages in Defiance County include the City of Defiance, Village of Hicksville, Village of Ney and Village of Sherwood.



Defiance County is home to NASCAR driver and Indy Car Series champion Sam Hornish, Jr. Some Major league baseball players who called Defiance county home include Ned Garver, Doug Bair, Scott Taylor, Chad Billingsley, Jon Niese, Chad Reineke and Dace Kime.

Defiance County also was home to the author of *The Prizewinner of Defiance, Ohio*, Terry "Tuff" Ryan. It was a memoir of her life and that of her family, especially her mother, a 1950's housewife with 10 children who provided for the family by winning contests. The book was optioned by DreamWorks SKG and released as a theatrical film in November 2005. It starred Julianne Moore as her mother, Evelyn Ryan, and Woody Harrelson as her father, Kelly Ryan.

Employers with the largest work forces in 2012 include General Motors Powertrain, Defiance Metal Products, Johns Manville, Defiance Regional Medical Center, Defiance Clinic/Mercy Hospital, Defiance County, Fort Worth Tower, Keller Logistics, Nemco Food Equipment and Sensory Effects. Defiance County employed approximately 287 full-time and 87 part-time employees in 2012 and had an annual payroll of \$12,128,331. Defiance County has five school

districts that accounted for approximately 6,165 students in the 2012-2013 school year: Defiance City, Ayersville Local, Northeastern Local, Central Local and Hicksville Exempted school district. The Defiance College is located in the City of Defiance with nearly 1,100 students.

Defiance County leaders' fiscally sound stewardship has earned the County an A3 bond rating. This rating reflects the cooperative efforts of private citizens, civic leaders, government officials and business representatives.



Organization of County Departments Defiance County Electorate 2012 Prosecuting Board of County Common Pleas Probate & Auditor Clerk of Courts Coroner Engineer Municipal Court Recorder Sheriff Treasurer JuvenileCourt Commissioners Court Attorney County Highway Victims Assistance Fiscal Child Support Adult Probation JuvenileCourt Legal Investigations & Sarah's House Garage Domestic Juvenile Communications Licensing Title Dog Warden Tax Mapping Relations Division Probation 911 Environmental Real Estate General Division Probate Court Court Security Services/Landfill Family & Children Weights & First Council/Help Road Patrol Measures Me Grow Job & Family Services Maintenance Public Safety/EMA **Record** Center Senior Services Wastewater

Independent Agencies

Agricultural Society (Fairboard) Airport Authority Board of Development Disabilities (Good Samaritan School) Board of Elections Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio (CCNO) Community Investment Corporation (CIC) Defiance Development & Visitors Bureau Fort Defiance Humane Society (Animal Shelter) **Health Department** Historical Society (Auglaize Village) **Iuvenile Detention Center** Law Library Multi-Area Narcotics (M.A.N.) Unit **Maumee Valley Planning Organization Metropolitan Park Board** Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center **Ohio State Extension Regional Port Authority of Northwest Ohio** Soil & Water Conservation **Solid Waste Management District Veterans Affairs**

Office of the County Commissioners

The Board of County Commissioners is the policy making and legislative body of this County. It is the County government's taxing, budgeting, appropriating and purchasing authority and holds title to County property. The Board is also responsible for hearing and ruling on annexations, approving drainage improvements through the petition ditch process, and making improvements to and providing for solid waste disposal.



Thomas L. Kime



Otto L. Nicely



James E. Harris, Jr.

Sherry Carnahan, Finance Manager/Administrator • 419-782-4761

The Finance Manager/Administrator's primary objective, under the general direction of the Board of County Commissioners, is to oversee the fiscal and general operations of Defiance County to include implementing the policies of the Board of County Commissioners. Authority includes organizing and directing overall activities of departments under the jurisdiction of the Board of Commissioners, establishing and monitoring policies, practices and programs in the areas of employee relations, compensation, benefits, recruiting and training, and serving as an official County representative to answer questions, provide information and serve as a liaison between the Board of Commissioners, elected officials, department heads, employees and the public.

Budget

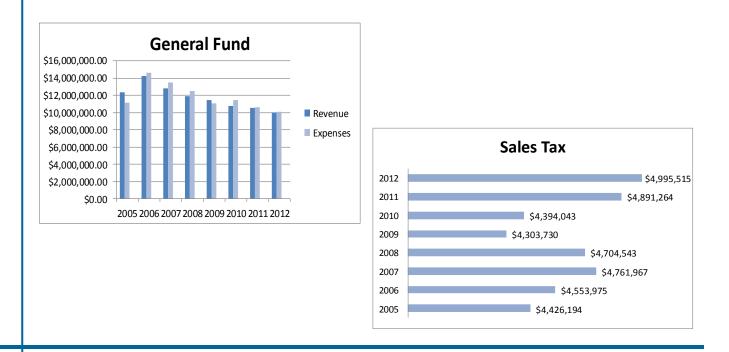
It is the function of the Board of Commissioners to create and adopt an annual budget for the County. The County continues to experience decreases in revenue due to state mandates and cuts, but remains in fair fiscal condition. The Board of Commissioners continued to retain a fiscally cautious approach to the 2012 budget by working with the Defiance County Elected Officials and County offices to reduce the 2012 budget by 1.09% over the 2011 budget.

General Fund revenue in 2012 equated to \$10,027,627.17; General Fund expenses were \$10,099,631.79.

Sales Tax Revenue in 2012 surpassed revenue totals prior to the recession - a total of \$4,995,514.91 was received. As an added note, the Board of Defiance County Commissioners continued in 2012 to retain a 6.5% County sales tax, which is lower than that of neighboring counties.

Local Government Funds and interest revenue continue to decrease each year. In 2012, Defiance County received \$542,357.53 in local government funds compared to receiving \$772,608.91 in 2011 - a 29.8% decrease in funds. Interest revenue decreased 6.56%. In 2012, Defiance County received \$546,495.68 in interest income compared to \$584,817.34 in 2011.

Regional Jail and Juvenile Detention Center costs continue to climb. Regional Jail cost for 2012 was \$1,378,970.00. Juvenile Detention Center costs were \$289,675.00 for 2012



Each year, the Commissioners appoint citizens to a variety of boards and commissions:

Apiary Inspector CCNO Citizens' Advisory Committee Community Corrections Planning Board Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Tax Airport Authority

All the Board members serve on the following Boards and Commissions:

Community Improvement Corporation (CIC)

Defiance County Planning Commission

Defiance County Fair Board

Four County Joint Board of Commissioners (Defiance/Henry/Paulding/Williams)

Investment Advisory Board

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Maumee Valley Planning Organization

Northwest Ohio Commissioners & Engineers Association

Northwest Ohio Passenger Rail Association (NOPRA)

Sherwood Area Economic Development

Four County Joint Solid Waste District (Defiance/Henry/Paulding/Williams)

Workforce Development (WIA)

Thomas L. Kime

Board Chairman/President

Committee Assignments:

- \Rightarrow Defiance County Board of Revision
- ⇒ County Commissioners of Ohio Boards Coordinating Council (CCAO)
- \Rightarrow Community Improvement Corporation Board of Trustees (CIC)
- \Rightarrow County Risk Sharing Authority Board of Directors Chairman (CORSA)
- \Rightarrow Four County Juvenile Detention Board (NWOJDC)
- ⇒ Maumee Valley Planning Organization Executive Council (MVPO)
- \Rightarrow Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission Executive Finance Committee (NOCAC)
- \Rightarrow Northwest Community Corrections Center (NWCCC)
- \Rightarrow Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention Center (NWOJDC)
- \Rightarrow Defiance County Revolving Loan Fund Committee
- \Rightarrow Defiance County Tax Incentive Review Committee

Otto L. Nicely

Board Vice-Chairman/Vice-President

Committee Assignments:

- \Rightarrow Area 7 Board
- $\Rightarrow \ \, \text{Bureau of Adult Detention}$
- \Rightarrow Community Corrections of Northwest Ohio Board (CCNO)
- \Rightarrow Community Corrections Planning Board
- \Rightarrow E-911 Board of Directors
- \Rightarrow FEMA—United Way
- \Rightarrow National Association of Counties Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee (NACo)
- \Rightarrow NACo Rural Action Caucus Steering Committee
- \Rightarrow Defiance County Records Commission
- \Rightarrow Rural & Economic Development State Board
- \Rightarrow Social Services Agency
- \Rightarrow Defiance County Tax Incentive Review Committee

Commissioner Nicely also served on the following County Commissioners Association of Ohio Committees (CCAO):

- \Rightarrow Board of Directors
- \Rightarrow County & Local Government Reform
- \Rightarrow General Government & Operations Committee
- \Rightarrow Health & Human Services Committee as Co-Chairman
- \Rightarrow Jail Advisory Board
- \Rightarrow Legislative Committee
- ⇒ Ohio Department of Veterans Services Advisory Committee—Alternate
- \Rightarrow Public Safety & Criminal Justice Committee

James E. Harris, Jr.

Committee Assignments:

- \Rightarrow Defiance Chamber Agri-Business
- \Rightarrow Area Office on Aging
- \Rightarrow Conservancy District Committee
- \Rightarrow Defiance Area Human Relations Committee
- \Rightarrow Maumee Valley Guidance Center Board of Directors
- \Rightarrow Maumee Watershed Steering Committee
- \Rightarrow Municipal Justice Board
- \Rightarrow Northwest Ohio Commissioners & Engineers Association Chairman

Commissioner Harris also served on the following County Commissioners Association of Ohio Committees (CCAO):

- ⇒ Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee
- ⇒ Jobs, Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee
- \Rightarrow Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Notable Projects in 2012

Courthouse ADA Restroom Project

Courthouse ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Restroom Project consisted of new construction of the ADA restrooms on the first floor of the Courthouse. It was completed in the Fall of 2012. The cost of this project totaled \$88,368.00. Of that total amount, Defiance County qualified for \$66,090.27 through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).



Economic Development

Defiance County was fortunate to welcome two industries to the area – Fort Worth Tower (FWT) in Hicksville, OH and Consolidated Grain and Barge (CGB) in Defiance.

Fort Worth Tower (FWT) is a manufacturer of custom steel structures and other products for utility transmission, distribution, substations and

communication purposes. FWT anticipates the creation of approximately 200 jobs.

Consolidated Grain and Barge (CGB) will be a grain shipment facility. Construction began in early 2012 and expects completion in June, 2013. When complete, the facility will include over two million bushels of grain storage and will have the capacity to load 90 rail cars on a loop track. The creation of 15 new jobs is anticipated.



Purple Heart County

Defiance County became the second Ohio County to receive Purple Heart designation with the Board of Commissioners proclaiming Defiance County a "Purple Heart Community". On Saturday, June 9, 2012, Defiance County honored veterans from all wars and from peace time. Hundreds of citizens turned out for the Purple Heart Ceremony. It was reminiscent of events that took place in the early twentieth century – at the steps of the County Courthouse. Twenty -one signs depicting the designation are placed at each entrance to the County as well as near each high school.



Neighborhood Stabilization Grant

In Defiance County, 10 homes were demolished as part of a Neighborhood Stabilization Grant. The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) was established for the purpose of stabilizing communities that have suffered from foreclosures and abandonment. Through the purchase and redevelopment of foreclosed and abandoned homes and residential properties, the goal of the program is being realized. NSP is a component of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The CDBG regulatory structure is the platform used to implement NSP and the HOME program provides a safe harbor for NSP affordability requirements.

NSP grantees develop their own programs and funding priorities. However, NSP grantees must use at least 25 percent of **the funds appropriated for the purchase and redevelopment of abandoned or foreclosed homes** or, residential properties that will be used to house

individuals or families whose incomes do not exceed 50 percent of the area median income. In addition, all activities funded by NSP must benefit low and moderate income persons whose income does not exceed 120 percent of area median income.



Prescription Drug Discount Plan

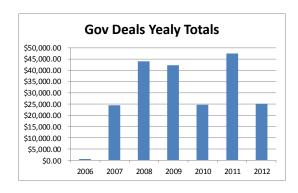


The Board of Defiance County Commissioners once again participated in the National Association of Counties (NACo) Prescription Discount Plan. For calendar year 2012, Defiance County helped 1,245 residents fill 1,285 prescriptions through the Defiance County Prescription Discount program in conjunction with NACo. The 2012 card discount prices for prescriptions totaled \$81,649.41. The retail price of these prescriptions totaled \$111,979.48. The price savings to Defiance County residents totaled \$30,330.07, an average price savings of \$9.44 per prescription.

GovDeals.com

GovDeals.com is utilized for Defiance County to dispose of unneeded, obsolete or unfit County personal property via Internet Auction. Since it's inception in 2002, Defiance County has received \$308,547 by utilizing GovDeals. In 2012, Defiance County received \$25,079.27. GovDeals.com is open to the public for viewing and purchasing of items.

Examples of items sold on GovDeals.com are automobiles, office furniture (filing cabinets, desks, chairs), office equipment (monitors, printers) and large equipment such as excavators, snow plows and trucks.





Child Support Enforcement Agency

Sandra Schappert, Director •419-784-2123

The Defiance County Child Support Enforcement Agency provides services designed to insure that appropriate financial support is provided to children by their parents. Federal and State laws set forth our responsibilities and provide a majority of the funding for operation of the agency. There is no fee charged for the services, regardless of income. IV-D services include enforcement of existing child support and/or medical orders; location of non-custodial parents; paternity establishment, genetic testing; establishment of a support order and/or a cash medical order; modification or adjustment of existing child support orders; and interstate actions. The Agency cannot provide services for change of custody, visitation issues or collection of unpaid medical bills. An attorney appears at all court hearings but represents the State of Ohio and the best interest of the child and does not represent individual parties.

In 2012 the State Office of Child Support initiated the I-70 project for counties to increase collections to 70% statewide. For incentive purposes the calculation is – the total amount of support distributed as current support during the Federal Fiscal Year divided by the total amount of support due for IV-D Cases for the Federal fiscal year. Currently Defiance County CSEA's rate is 75.76%. Defiance County CSEA has been reviewing and working the reports provided to the CSEA by the State to ensure that we are monitoring all our cases appropriately.

Child Support customers are now able to access up-to-date case and payment information online. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services launched a new online Child Support portal to allow consumers better access to their case information. Consumers can access the portal at https://childsupport.ohio.gov. Once registered, consumers can view case specific address, employment, health insurance and financial history information, including a payment history and answers to frequently asked questions. Enhancements have been made to the system and users are now able to request their user ID if forgotten, and unlock or reset their passwords.

The following are based upon the		
Federal Fiscal year for incentive purposes:		
Paternity Establishment:	103.84%	
Support Establishment:	95.84%	
Collections on Current Support:	75.52%	
Collections on Arrears:	76.60%	

2012 Statistics

Collections:	\$6,934,076.00
Expenditures:	\$661,603.22
Average Caseload:	2,835
Medical reimbursement to the State:	\$70,107.08

Dog Warden

Randy Vogel, Dog Warden • 419-784-2335

Per Ohio Revised Code 955.12, the warden and deputies shall make a record of all dogs owned, kept, and harbored in their respective counties. They shall patrol their respective counties and seize and impound on sight all dogs found running at large and all dogs more than three months of age found not wearing a valid registration tag. If a dog warden has reason to believe that a dog is being treated inhumanely on the premises of its owner, keeper, or harborer, the warden shall apply to the Court of Common Pleas for the county in which the premises are located for an order to enter the premises, and if necessary, seize the dog.

Statistics 2012		
Revenue	\$143,991.27	
Expenses	\$119,979.58	
Dog Licenses Sold	8,284	
(via Defiance County Auditor)		
Complaints	1,347	
Contacts	3,280	
Warnings	301	
Citations	234	
Humane Calls	99	

HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR DEFIANCE COUNTY DOG LICENSE?

Tags May Be Purchased at:

- \Rightarrow Defiance County Auditor's Office Sells tags all year
- \Rightarrow Fort Defiance Humane Society Sells tags all year
- \Rightarrow Hicksville Police Department Sells tags all year
- \Rightarrow Defiance Area Animal Hospital Sells Dec & Jan only
- \Rightarrow Jewell Grain Sells Dec & Jan only
- \Rightarrow Ayersville Carryout Sells Dec & Jan only
- \Rightarrow Defiance Veterinary Clinic Sells Dec & Jan only
- \Rightarrow Pet Supplies Plus—Sells Dec & Jan only



Environmental Services

Tim Houck, Director • 419-782-5442

The Environmental and Administrative Services is tasked with implementing the County's environmental program to improve and protect our environment. The program consists of awareness (informational programs), collection (recycling locations, roadside litter, illegal dumping) and educational presentations to all Defiance County schools. Education programming consist of an in classroom presentation relative to the four methods of waste management (composting, incineration, recycling and landfilling). The goal is to utilize the various waste management options as detailed in the Joint Four County Solid Waste Management District's waste management plan.

The Environmental & Administrative Services' Office also maintains County facilities by providing lawn care, snow removal, and other special projects as requested such as moving equipment, file set up for events, etc.

Defiance County Environmental Services picked up litter from 743 of the 902 miles of County, Township and State roads. Environmental Services provided containment to numerous County-held events throughout the year (City Park Clean Up, Keeping Ohio Beautiful, Great American Roadway Clean-Up, Hicksville Village Clean-Up, Lilac Festival, Maumee River Sweep, Art in the Park, Defiance Fourth of July Festival, Ney Homecoming, Randy Ball Festival, Hicksville Summer Fest, Defiance County Fair, St. Mary's Festival, Defiance Rib Fest, and the Halloween Parade).

Collected during the annual JC/Lafarge HHW event, was 14,803 pounds of Hazardous Household Waste.

Environmental Services provided 56 education workshops/ community outreach presentations with over 1,400 students in kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grades.

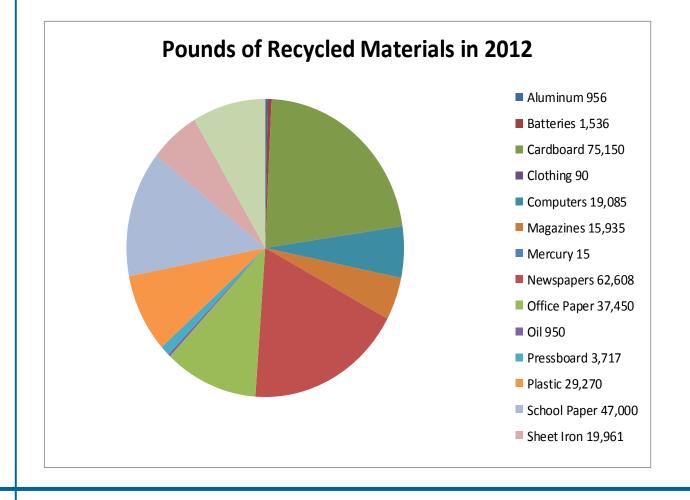


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Defiance County Administrative Services began the mowing season on March 14, 2012 and concluded on November 9, 2012. This department is responsible to mow at 15 County-owned locations. The crew mowed 129 times during this season. The snow removal season began October 30, 2012 with a light dusting of snow. Environmental Services conducts snow removal (salt, plow, and clear) at: Courthouse, Key Bank, Annex, Senior Services, Maumee Valley Guidance Center, Sarah's House, Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Agency, Defiance County East Office Complex, Evergreen Lane Office Complex, Good Samaritan and Fort Defiance Humane Society. In addition, the department worked with other departments to transport files, boxes and furniture.

Solid Waste District – This office coordinates activities of all four county programs (Defiance, Fulton, Williams and Paulding) and is in the process of rewriting our Solid Waste District Plan.



Family & Children First Council

Julie Voll, Coordinator • 419-782-6934

Found in all 88 counties in Ohio, the local Family and Children First serves as a community planning partnership. Under the Ohio Revised Code, the Family and Children First Council is mandated to: create a coordinated system to promote child development, coordinate services for families who have children with multiple needs and build an improved system to serve Defiance County families.

In 2012, Family & Children First Council (FCFC) continued to strive to be a cost-effective, team driven organization that brings families, community and government together to help prevent and solve problems. The FCFC has been a proven vehicle for implementation of policies and effective utilization of resources.

Service continues for children with multiple needs from birth through age 21 and their families through Council's Service Coordination Mechanism. The goal is to keep Defiance County family units intact and, to assist families in building a system of natural supports to gradually reduce family reliance on formal systems as it becomes appropriate. Thirty-three (33) families were served through the Service Coordination Mechanism in 2012.

2012 Statistics	
\$79,470.31	
\$97,627.58	



Help Me Grow

Julie Voll, Coordinator • 419-782-6934

Help Me Grow is a program for expectant parents, newborns, infants, and toddlers that provides health and developmental services so that children start school healthy and ready to learn. Help Me Grow provides the building blocks for success for Ohio's families.

Three Programs comprise Help Me Grow—Central Coordination, Early Intervention and Home Visiting:

- **Central Coordination** serves as the launch point for the two service programs by receiving referrals and holding child find activities.
- **The Early Intervention** program helps parents with the challenges of raising an infant or toddler with a diagnosed developmental delay or disability.
- **Home Visiting** provides first time expectant or new parents with health and child development information.

Ultimately, we want to see Defiance County's children healthy, happy and succeeding!

2012 Statistics

Revenue \$109,633.25

Expense \$114,380.38

Served 95 families with service plans.



Department of Job and Family Services

Corey Walker, Director • 419-782-3881

The Defiance County Department of Job & Family Services has been serving the residents of Defiance County for many years, by administrating public assistance programs of the state and federal government, investigating complaints of suspected child abuse and neglect, and providing needed supportive services. Our mission is to serve the residents of Defiance and Paulding County utilizing the programs and dollars available to us, to help people improve their lives through economic self-sufficiency, protect and provide for those unable to meet their own needs, and to enhance the community for future generations.

2012 was a time of transition for Defiance County Department of Job and Family Services. With the retirement of the Director Jack Graf in May, a memorandum of understanding was entered into with Paulding County to share the services of a Director. In September, the two Counties agreed to share a Children's Services Supervisor.

Public Assistance showed stabilization in numbers with an increase in Medicaid services, but a reduction in other assistance areas. The agency conducted approximately 800 intakes for children services in calendar year 2012.

Statistics				
		<u>2011</u>	VS.	<u>2012</u>
٠	Cash Assistance Average per Month	155		104
٠	Food Assistance Average per Month	5,388		5,479
٠	Annual Food Assistance	\$7,690,110		\$8,098,685
•	Medicaid Recipients Average per Month	7,142		7,038



Defiance County Landfill

Tim Houck, Director • 419-784-2844

The Landfill is a publicly owned facility that operates as a true business. The cost to operate the facility is budgeted at just over \$3,000,000/year. Because the Landfill is a public facility, it is a proprietary fund account and per the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) it is to be a non-profit operation. The Landfill is required to have a myriad of environmental protection elements. Monthly monitoring of water, (storm & groundwater), air (dust control and vehicle emissions), and methane gas is required and reporting is provided to Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA). The facility will be able to accommodate the waste disposal needs of its customers of northwest Ohio, specifically Defiance County residents (its owners), for the next 75 years.

A permit which details the design to incorporate the environmental protection and waste placement was approved by OEPA in 2006. This permit requires the facility to utilize "Best Available Technology" (BAT) in its construction, monitoring and operations. The facility will expand by constructing it 3rd BAT Phase for waste in 2013.

In 2012, the Landfill updated its compaction equipment by purchasing two new 115,000 pound Aljon 500 compactors. It is anticipated that the facility will see a minimum of a 7% increase in compaction over the life of these units. The Landfill staff inspected system pumps, seeded 6 acres and complied with all OEPA reporting including: renewal of license, annual report, air permit, Title V certification report, Ground water, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Green House Gas (GHG) and quarterly Ohio EPA inspections.

2012 Statistics	
Revenue	\$3,990,882
Expenses	\$3,941,542





Defiance County Maintenance

Ron Cereghin, Supervisor • 419-782-2911

Maintenance oversees the day-to-day cleaning and maintenance of all County-owned buildings including: Commissioners' Building, Courthouse, Courthouse Annex, Defiance County East, Senior Center, Sheriff/911 Office, Evergreen Lane Office Complex and Emergency Management Agency.



In 2012 the Maintenance Department completed the following projects: installed a new HVAC unit to the 911 data room, replaced an electrical panel for the Defiance County East building cooling tower, switched out two heat exchangers from units on the Commissioners' Building, remodeled the ladies' restroom in the Record Center, replaced the metal siding on the front of the Emergency Management Agency building, installed a mini-split system in the Common Pleas Court Judge's office, striped the Defiance County Senior Center's new parking lot, and replaced two roofs on the Courthouse building. Also in 2012, the custodial side of maintenance crews continued to clean, wax, buff, and paint, and perform routine maintenance of all County buildings.

2012 Statistics	
Appropriations	\$940,000.00
Expenses:	\$905,096.10

Public Safety Services

Julie Rittenhouse, Coordinator • 419-782-1130

The Defiance County Emergency Management Agency was established in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (ORC 5502) in 1989 to serve as a countywide agency to oversee the four phases of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. The Public Safety Services/EMA office assists county government and local communities in responding to natural disasters and special needs situations.

In 2012, the Defiance County Public Safety Services/EMA received FEMA approval of the Defiance County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. FEMA requires this plan be updated every five years.

This agency and the Local Emergency Planning Committee coordinated hazardous materials emergency planning and training development for first responders. We had the opportunity to host two exceptional trainings in 2012; HazMat IQ and Ethanol Safety. A full scale exercise dealing with a hazardous material release was conducted in May with participation from multiple local first responder agencies and a couple of local businesses.

This agency continued to administer the State Homeland Security Grants, State Emergency Response Commission Grant, Emergency Management Performance Grant, and the County-wide Cost Recovery Program for hazardous material response. The agency helped collect \$3,671.48 for the County's first responders in 2012 for response to hazardous material incidents. Utilizing the State Homeland Security Grant program, this agency assisted first responder agencies with the upgrade of their equipment to meet narrowband requirements.

This agency oversees the Citizen Corp - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and volunteers. This agency has had 14 CERT classes graduate since the program began in 2003. We currently have 92 volunteers on the roster. The CERT volunteers were activated four times in 2012.

Other responsibilities of this agency are administration of workers compensation claims for county employees, all aspects of risk management, and safety planning and training.

2012 Statistics

 Appropriations:
 \$106,690.00

 Grant Awards:
 \$76,803.00

 Expenses:
 \$138,817.78

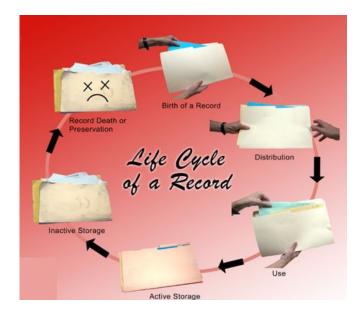


Records Center

419-782-8918

Created in 1993, the Records Center provides records management services to 15 Defiance County offices. The Center offers secure, environmentally sound storage of paper records, preservations microfilming, and digital imaging services.

Records Center staff saw a large increase in the number of public records requests in 2012. In addition, staff finished correcting the indexes for Delayed Birth Registrations and Birth Corrections, completed an index of all death records from 1867 – 1908, and proofread 36 rolls of microfilm. Staff also assisted several county offices with storage needs, records retention schedules, and legal destruction of records.



Rec	cords Center Statistics	
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
 Records Requests Revenue Microfilm Production Scanning Production Records In Records Out 	2,854 \$1,668.93 44 rolls 12,477 images 338 boxes/books 143 boxes/books	2,995 \$1,426.01 113 rolls 2,440 images 120 boxes/books 201 boxes/books

Senior Services

Tina Hiler, Director • 419-782-3233

The Defiance County Senior Services provides senior adults throughout Defiance County with nutritional, educational, social and wellness programming in a safe and comfortable environment. We welcome senior adults age 60 and older to take part in: meal programs, grocery shopping assistance, activities, information and assistance with Medicare Part D, transportation, a rest and recuperation program, notary services and legal services. Defiance County Senior Services is very grateful to those who donate their time and talents as well as their financial gifts.

SERVICES

Meal Services – Lunch is available at two Defiance County Centers – one in Defiance and one in Hicksville. In 2012, we provided 14,182 congregate meals and 80,036 home delivered meals.

Nutrition Nurse will help you assess the programs to best fit your needs as well as education on other community resources.

Nutrition Education provides up to date information of a wide variety of nutrition related topics. *The Farmer's Market Program* provides vouchers for senior adults to enhance your diet with Ohio grown fruits, vegetables and herbs.

Transportation Program provides reliable rides to enhance your independence and meet your needs. In 2012, we provided 11,941 transportation trips and 489 Out-of-County Medicaid Trips.

Supportive Services include grocery shopping assistance, notary publics and assistance with Medicare part D.

Rest and Recuperation Program places trained volunteers in the homes of individuals with Alzheimer's disease in order to provide the primary caregiver a period of respite.

Alzheimer's Support Group offers a confidential setting, pertinent information and a time to share. In 2012, we provided 399 Alzheimer's visits.

Information Services includes our monthly newsletter, a website, speakers and assistance in locating needed resources.

Wellness Programming invites you to get active with bowling, sit down dancing, Zumba®, yoga, crafts, Wii® games, join in health programs or become an active volunteer.

2012 Statistics

Revenue: \$1,276,549.79 Expenses: \$1,265,841.89



Wastewater Operations

Greg Reinhart, Director • 419-782-3230

The Defiance County Wastewater Operations office oversees the operation of numerous wastewater collection and treatment facilities within Defiance County. There are approximately 860 households served through the following sewer systems: Middle Gordon Creek, Auglaize River, Evergreen Lane Office Complex, Evansport and Express Sewer. The Defiance County Wastewater Operations Office also oversees the following operations: Billing Office (billing, collection, and accounting), Sampling program, Laboratory, Data collection and reporting and general office operation.

During 2012, The Defiance County Commissioners and Paulding County Commissioners signed a contract for Defiance County Wastewater to operate the Defiance-Paulding County Auglaize River Sewer Lagoon System. They also contract with Paulding County to operate their portion of the Auglaize River Collection System which pumps to the County Lagoons. Also in 2012, a 40' x 60' storage building was constructed for the Auglaize River Sewer System to store equipment, chemicals, and vehicles.

2012 Statistics	
Income	\$2,725,821.10
Expenses	\$2,576,455.62

