



Defiance County Annual Report 2016

Organization of County Departments

Defiance County Electorate

2016



Independent Agencies

Agricultural Society (Fair Board)

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

Defiance-Paulding Consolidated Job & Family Services

Fort Defiance Humane Society (Animal Shelter)

Health Department

Historical Society (Auglaize Village)

Juvenile 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.



Otto L. Nicely

1995 - 2016



Ryan Mack

2015 - Present



Thomas L. Kime

2001 - 2016



Mick Pocratsky

2017 - Present

Contact Information
Defiance County Board of
Commissioners
500 Court Street, Suite A
Defiance, OH 43512
P: 419-782-4761

Sherry Carnahan
Finance Manager/Administrator

Stephanie Metz
Clerk

Lanie Lambert
HR/Finance Deputy Clerk

Emily Meyer
Receptionist/Deputy Clerk



Gary L. Plotts

2017 - Present

Commissioners' Appointments in 2016

Otto L. Nicely

Board Chairman/President

Committee Assignments:

- ⇒ Area 7 Board
- ⇒ Board of Revisions
- ⇒ Community Corrections of Northwest Ohio Board (CCNO)
- ⇒ Community Corrections Planning Board
- ⇒ Defiance County Planning Commission Executive Council
- ⇒ E-911 Board of Directors
- ⇒ National Association of Counties Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee (NACo)
- ⇒ NACo Rural Action Caucus Steering Committee
- ⇒ NACo Veterans & Military Services Committee
- ⇒ Defiance County Records Commission
- ⇒ Defiance County Tax Incentive Review Committee

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

- ⇒ Board of Directors
 - ⇒ Code of Regulations Review Committee
 - ⇒ Executive Committee
 - ⇒ General Government & Operations Committee
 - ⇒ Health & Human Services Committee as Co-Chairman
 - ⇒ Justice & Public Safety Committee
 - ⇒ Nominating Committee
-

Commissioners' Appointments in 2016

Ryan Mack

Board Vice-Chairman/Vice-President

Committee Assignments:

- ⇒ Defiance Chamber Agri-Business
- ⇒ Area Office on Aging
- ⇒ Defiance Area Human Relations Committee
- ⇒ FEMA—United Way
- ⇒ Maumee Valley Guidance Center Board of Directors
- ⇒ Maumee Watershed Steering Committee
- ⇒ Municipal Justice Board
- ⇒ Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission (NOCAC)
- ⇒ Youth Workforce Development Committee

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

- ⇒ Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee
- ⇒ Jobs, Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee

Thomas L. Kime

Commissioner

Committee Assignments:

- ⇒ County Commissioners Association of Ohio Revision of Drainage & Ditch Laws (CCAO)
 - ⇒ Community Improvement Corporation Board of Trustees (CIC)
 - ⇒ County Risk Sharing Authority Board of Directors (CORS)
 - ⇒ Four County Juvenile Detention Board (NWOJDC)
 - ⇒ Maumee Valley Planning Organization Executive Council (MVPO)
 - ⇒ Northwest Community Corrections Center (NWCCC)
 - ⇒ Northwest Ohio Juvenile Detention Center (NWOJDC)
 - ⇒ Defiance County Revolving Loan Fund Committee
 - ⇒ Defiance County Tax Incentive Review Committee
-

Commissioners' Appointments in 2016

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
Defiance-Paulding Consolidated Job & Family Services
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)

Prescription Drug Discount Plan

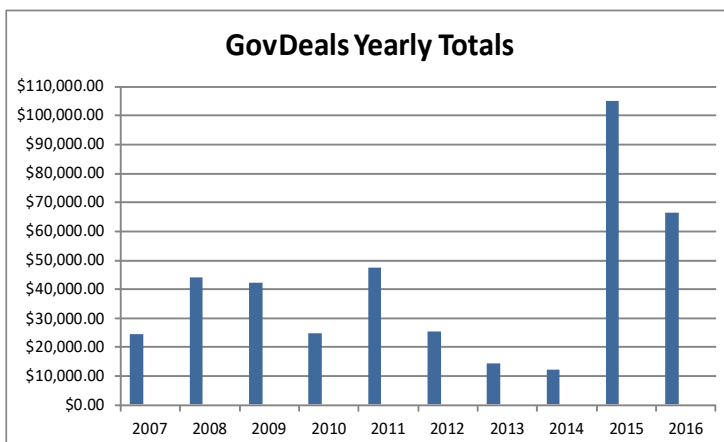


The Board of Defiance County Commissioners once again participated in the National Association of Counties (NACo) Prescription Discount Plan. For calendar year 2016, Defiance County helped 372 residents fill 692 prescriptions through the program in conjunction with NACo. The retail price of these prescriptions totaled \$40,646.07. The price savings to Defiance County residents totaled \$13,668.21; an average price savings of \$19.98 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 its inception in 2002, Defiance County has received \$417,899.30 by utilizing GovDeals. In 2016, Defiance County received \$66,146.54. 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.



Activate Health and Wellness Center



Our Activate Health & Wellness Center has been open for two years now, and it continues to grow. Werlor Waste Control and Northern Buckeye Health Plan have joined our center. This takes our total enrollees to approximately 12,989.

The Center continues to provide quality care to employees and dependents on our health insurance plan. The staff includes a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner and four medical assistants. They provide a variety of services; preventative care, management of chronic conditions and can treat occupational injuries. They can serve as the patient's primary care doctor.

The Center has early and late appointments to accommodate patient's schedules. They have over 50 generic drugs that can be provided to a patient on site that cover a variety of conditions. They can also provide bloodwork draws, EKG's, sleep studies and various other tests.

The Center continues to assess their services periodically and discusses with the partnering companies/organizations about adding additional services, if they see the need. Having the Center as an added benefit to our health insurance plan, has helped keep medical cost increases down.

Financials

The Board of County Commissioners strives to achieve a general fund budget that is structurally balanced; that is, on-going revenues meet or exceed on-going expenditures. The Board, Elected Officials and Department Heads have worked together to keep the County in fair fiscal condition.

The Board of County Commissioners appropriated a general fund budget of \$14,732,848.51 in 2016. The adjusted budget was \$18,420,018.79; this was due to carried over purchase orders and receiving more income than expected. Actual expenditures were \$14,899,418.74 or 81% of the appropriated adjusted budget amount.

General Fund Revenues

- *Sales Tax*. Sales tax is the largest single general fund revenue, making up approximately 42% of the total. General fund sales tax increased during 2016. Total collected was \$5,896,224.55.
- *Local Government Fund (LGF)*. This state revenue-sharing mechanism decreased this past year. In 2016, the County received \$437,746.08, down from \$440,476.65 in 2015.
- Casino revenue increased slightly from \$446,565.50 in 2015 to \$454,107.78 in 2016.
- Total General Fund revenue in 2015 was \$12,535,628.72. In 2016, it was \$13,990,613.48; an increase of \$1,454,984.76.

Judicial Expenditures

Judicial expenses continue to rise. (This includes, regional jail, all court related expenses and Sheriff's Office expenditures.) The regional jail (CCNO) costs were \$1,576,802.25 in 2016. The County only collected \$171,396.47 in fees and fines towards this expense. Therefore the general fund is responsible for paying the difference.

There was an increase in interest rates this past year. The revenue we receive from interest continue to help fund judicial expenditures. This year's interest collected was \$485,075.65 compared to \$382,16.48 in 2015.

Total expenditures for all general fund judicial departments equaled \$5,507,607.25 in 2015, and \$5,819,732.86 in 2016. This equates to almost 40% of total general fund expenses for 2016.

General fund total expenses for 2015 were \$12,047,546.15 and \$14,899,418.74 in 2016. Please see the chart on the next page for the breakdown of expenditures by department.

General Fund Expenditure Report

DEPARTMENT	2016 BUDGET	2016 EXPENDED	% DISPURSED
Commissioners	797,797.20	699,679.10	87.70
Regional Jail	1,577,931.00	1,576,802.25	99.93
Auditor	253,955.90	245,777.30	96.78
Treasurer	146,169.00	143,734.86	98.33
Prosecuting Attorney	518,867.60	500,698.77	96.50
Bureau of Investigation	72,000.00	71,036.60	98.66
Data Processing	55,221.22	49,762.49	90.11
Court of Appeals	34,000.00	26,415.10	77.69
Common Pleas	583,632.00	513,560.66	87.99
Jury Commission	2,950.00	1,199.52	40.66
Adult Probation	140,008.00	136,998.40	97.85
Juvenile Court	562,606.13	509,455.49	90.55
Juvenile Probation	236,243.00	210,655.59	89.17
Probate Court	181,844.17	178,562.03	98.20
Clerk of Courts	192,516.00	191,478.09	99.46
Coroner	70,075.00	65,693.12	93.75
Municipal Court	149,640.00	141,685.78	94.68
Board of Elections	301,745.00	291,134.00	96.48
Land	769,202.00	366,398.95	47.63
Maintenance	1,054,938.75	970,213.81	91.97
Hanger	25,200.00	25,200.00	100.00
Courthouse Security	191,700.00	188,121.27	98.13
Sheriff	1,776,981.07	1,611,942.50	90.71
Recorder	135,251.00	129,549.34	95.78
Associate Deputies	6,600.00	6,570.00	99.55
Public Safety Services	135,334.00	133,450.60	98.61
Safety	800.00	603.48	75.44
Agriculture	364,178.84	359,934.60	98.83
Tuberculosis	250.00	0.00	0.00
Registration of Vital Stats	1,250.00	1,206.00	96.48
Other Health	89,779.79	68,279.15	76.05
Children Service Board	660,000.00	660,000.00	100.00
Soldiers Relief	288,140.00	273,982.85	95.09
Veteran Office	63,870.00	60,573.35	94.84
Public Assistance Grant	80,323.27	80,323.27	100.00
Demolition	100,000.00	53,773.25	53.77
Insurance	1,647,600.00	1,608,363.41	97.62
Miscellaneous	2,733,307.59	2,731,288.51	99.93
DCE Maint Building	400,000.00	15,315.25	3.83
Contingencies	2,018,111.26	0.00	0.00
Total	18,420,018.79	14,899,418.74	80.89

General Fund Revenue Report

REVENUE	2016		2016
General Property Tax	2,220,586.67	Rental & Lease	306,115.62
Tang Pers Property Tax	13.58	Sale Personal Property	44,223.58
Ppt Reimbursement	0.00	Sale of Real Estate	0.00
Homestead & Rollback	297,629.38	Miscellaneous	125,257.45
House Trailer Tax	7,720.85	Litigation Settlements	0.00
Cigarette tax	486.23	TOTAL DEPT. SALES & SERVICES	475,596.65
Co Piggy Back 1%	5,896,224.55	Indirect Cost	266,325.28
Casino	454,107.78	Delq Tax Advertising cost	6,579.15
TOTAL TAXES	8,876,769.04	BTA-BOR hearing costs	0.00
Vendors Licenses	1,875.00	Election Expense	28,541.22
Junk Yard License	0.00	Pros. Attorney FOJ	0.00
TOTAL LICENCES	1,875.00	Sheriff FOJ	13,111.02
Auditor fees, tax settlement	179,480.70	K-9 Donation	3,075.67
Auditor fees, conveyance	431,907.30	Sheriff Donation	0.00
Auditors fees, transfers	1,092.50	Indigent Defense costs	161,460.98
Auditor Fees, Convey Mfg	2,828.80	Personal Phone calls	835.84
Auditor fee - transfer mfg	71.50	Insurance Claims	9,956.08
Recorders fees	125,909.70	Solid Waste Reim.	3,443.14
Recorders 1% housing	1,424.86	Law Library	0.00
Clerk of Court fees	125,643.23	Unclaimed Monies	0.00
Clerk of Court - Title fees	7,000.00	Workers Comp	8,428.97
Treasurer fees, tax settlement	153,773.92	Refunds & Overpayments	2,283.18
Probate Court fees	34,817.80	Cobra Serv Ins refund	0.00
Juvenile Court fees	27,983.19	Reimbursement Attorney fees	0.00
Juv Ct Home Study Fee	0.00	Reimbursements	331,186.07
Juvenile Probation Fees	0.00	Pop Money	525.81
Sheriff Fees	0.00	Land Forfeiture	4,076.47
Board of Elections	113.33	Enterprise Zone Contribution	0.00
Photocopies	785.41	Port Authority	1,954.12
Prosecuting Attorney fees	20,000.00	Reg. Jail - Other Receipts	70,687.62
Reg. Jail - Sheriff Fees	91,482.70	OTHER RECEIPTS	912,470.62
TOTAL FEES	1,204,314.94	Transfers In (Interest)	0.00
Local Government	437,745.08	Transfers In (Other)	292,547.43
Grant	37,567.40	TOTAL TRANSFER-IN	292,547.43
TOTAL FROM OTHER GOV	475,312.48	Advance In	1,690,000.00
Clerk of Courts fines	3,466.19	TOTAL ADVANCE -IN	1,690,000.00
Municipal Court fines	43,207.08	TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	13,990,613.48
Juvenile Court fines	263.21	Interest Income	485,075.65
Juvenile Restitution	5,564.69	TOTAL GENERAL & INTEREST	14,475,689.13
Reg. Jail - Court Fines	9,226.15		
TOTAL FINES & FORFEITURES	61,727.32		

Courthouse Renovations

• Second Floor •

Space on the second floor was previously shared by the Clerk of Courts and Probate/Juvenile Court. Once the Clerk of Courts was completely moved to the first floor, renovations to make the second floor completely Probate/Juvenile Court began. Maintenance staff handled the painting, wallpapering, and updates to flooring while a contractor handled the woodworking.

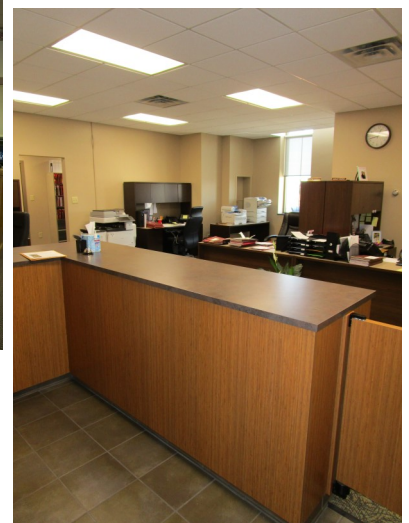
After



Before



After



After



After



Courthouse Renovations

• Third Floor •

While maintenance staff handled the necessary updates to the third floor, Common Pleas Court was temporarily relocated to the Commissioners' Building. Accommodations were made so that court hearings could be held without too much inconvenience. Once the contractor was finished with the woodworking, Common Pleas was eager to move in to their renovated space.

Before



After



Before



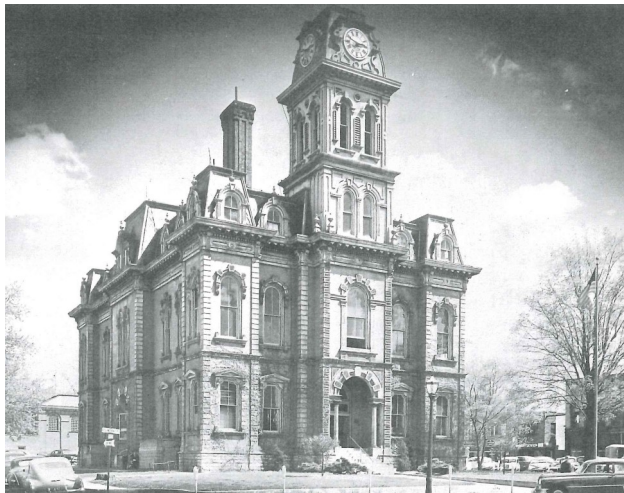
After



Courthouse Renovations

The Courthouse was originally built in 1871 and remodeled once previously in 1959 before the current renovations in 2016. The vision of the project was to restore some of the historical value and recreate the look of the original Courthouse. Construction began in March and was complete in November. DLZ Architecture was used for architectural services and project management. Midwest Contracting was the lead contractor.

Original Courthouse, picture taken in 1951



After 2016 Renovation Project



Prior to 2016 Renovation Project



Courthouse Renovations



Courthouse Renovations



Courthouse Renovations



Demolition Program

Through the Moving Ohio Forward Program and Neighborhood Stabilization Program, many blighted residential structures were demolished in Defiance County. In 2016, the Defiance County Commissioners decided to implement a similar program using County funds. Through this program, property owners were able to have blighted residential structures demolished and hauled to the Defiance County Landfill at no cost to them. They were able to retain the property in their names; it did not have to become the property of the County. To qualify for assistance in demolition, there were certain requirements that the project had to meet:

- It had to be a *residential home*, meaning it was on zoned land for residential use, had been used as a residential dwelling, or connected to a structure that had been a residential dwelling mix.
- It had to be *vacant*, meaning the property was unoccupied, and had been, for at least 90 days, but was previously residential and documentation of such status could be verified.

Each Local Government Entity (i.e. Township, Village of City) in the County was provided an opportunity to submit a project for the Program. After reviewing the applications submitted, the following projects were chosen and completed:

LOCAL ENTITY	OWNER NAME	PROPERTY ADDRESS	TITLE SEARCH COST	ASBESTOS SURVEY COST	ASBESTOS REMEDIATION COST	DEMOLITION CONTRACTOR	DEMOLITION COST	TOTAL PROJECT COST
City of Defiance	Becky D. Miles	662 Perry Street	\$ 175.50	\$ 2,575.00	\$ 3,465.00	Sines Excavating	\$ 11,525.00	\$ 17,740.50
Village of Hicksville	Sharon Meine (executor for Ruth Miller)	409 Elm Street	\$ 175.75	\$ 2,125.00	N/A	Oz Tire & Equipment	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 6,700.75
Adams Township	Joan Wagner	27624 Mekus Rd	\$ 176.25	\$ 3,175.00	\$ 1,545.00	Oz Tire & Equipment	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 13,096.25
Richland Township	Centurial Farms LLC	09576 Adams Ridge Road	\$ 175.75	\$ 1,835.00	N/A	Panning Excavating	\$ 9,267.60	\$ 11,278.35
Tiffin Township - #1	Hornish Properties LLC	24013 Bannerschool Road	\$ 175.50	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 1,200.00	GoGreen LLC	\$ 8,964.00	\$ 12,389.50
Washington Township	Samuel & Jami Speiser	16394 Scott Rd.	\$ 178.25	\$ 2,090.00	\$ 10,660.00	GoGreen LLC	\$ 6,467.00	\$ 19,395.25
Farmer Township	Susan & Matt Oskey	9860 St Rt 249	\$ 175.50	\$ 3,125.00	N/A	Shinger Surface Drainage	\$ 7,075.00	\$ 10,375.50
Total Program Cost							\$90,976.10	

Some of these projects were unable to be completed in 2016, so the demolition was completed and the area seeded with grass in the Spring of 2017.

The Commissioners also chose to continue this program into 2017.

Demolition Program

BEFORE



662 Perry Street



AFTER



9860 SR 249



24015
Bannerschool
Road



Defiance County Auditor

Jill Little • 419-782-1926

The Auditor's office has a variety of unique and important responsibilities.

Chief Assessor

- Establishing the value of all property within the County.
- Oversees a full appraisal every six years and update of values in the third year of the reappraisal cycle.
- Verifying that tax exempt and tax abated properties qualify for that status
- Maintaining a locating record for parcels

Chief Fiscal Officer

- Responsible for all financial transactions.
 - In 2016 - 11,504 checks were created
- Account of every board, department, office, agency and district.
- Distributing funds
- Payroll
 - In 2016 - 10,466 payroll checks were created

Real Estate

- Updating property records with necessary information
 - New construction
 - In 2016 - 1,491 parcels were updated for new construction or improvements
 - Demolition
 - Change of ownership
 - In 2016 - 2,191 properties were transferred
- Calculates property taxes
- Tax Reduction Programs
 - Homestead Exemption
 - Non-business credit
 - Owner-Occupied credit
 - Current Agricultural Use Value

Defiance County Auditor

Jill Little • 419-782-1926

Weights and Measurers

- Inspection, testing and sealing all devices used in retail trade that weigh or measure.
 - Scales calibrated include:
 - Gasoline pumps
 - Livestock scales
 - Food scales
 - Vehicle scales
 - Public scanners

Licenses and Permits

- Issuing licenses and permits for:
 - Wholesale and retail vendors
 - In 2016 - 74 wholesale/retail licenses were sold
 - Dogs
 - In 2016 - 7,264 dog licenses were sold
 - Kennels
 - In 2016 - 69 kennel tags were sold
 - Cigarette vendors
 - In 2016 - 39 cigarette vendors licenses were sold
 - Moving permits for manufactured homes

Contact Information

Defiance County Auditor
500 W Second St
Suite 301
Defiance, OH 43512

P: (419) 782-1926 - General
P: (419) 784-3111 - Real Estate
F: (419) 784-2761

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Defiance County Engineer

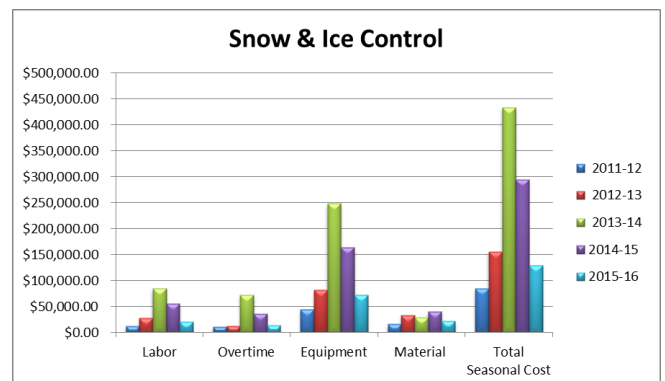
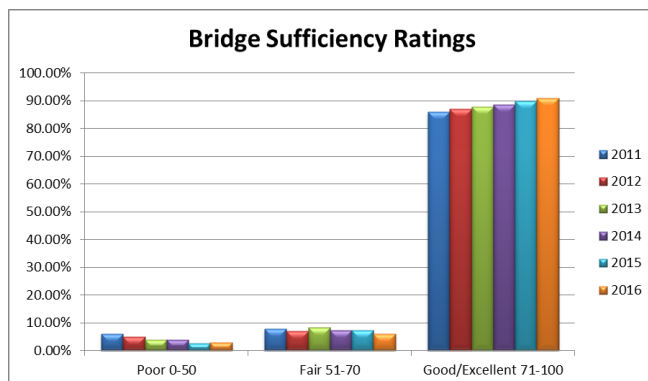
Warren J. Schlatter • 419-782-4751



Our Highway Garage Staff replaced three county bridges and also did much of the support work for the roadside grading and widening work. There were a total of twenty-three culverts replaced this year. They continued with their various other duties as well (replacing berm, mowing, patching, sign replacement, roadside tree trimming and removal, snow & ice control/removal, etc.).

This year we paved several roads throughout the County. Some of these include: Cicero Rd between SR 249 and the Defiance-Williams Co Line Rd, Cicero Rd between SR 2 and SR 249, Evansport Rd between SR 15 and Schick, Highland Center Rd between Blanchard and Sutphen Rd, Banner School Rd between US 24 and Independence Rd. The total project cost was \$1,070,341.62 and was funded by OPWC at 50%.

Several roads were widened this year as well, including: Evansport Rd, Openlander Rd, Highland Center Rd, Flory Rd, Hicksville Edgerton Rd, and Casebeer Miller Rd.



Defiance County Engineer

Warren J. Schlatter • 419-782-4751

Our administrative staff manages the overall office functions and budget of the Engineer's Office. They also help with the designing, engineering and overseeing of all aspects of the construction projects. With their diligence, we were able to obtain \$534,839.77 in federal and state grants for this year's projects as well.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Defiance County for the opportunity to serve you.

2016 Road Resurfacing Program

County

Cicero Road	7.01 miles
Evansport Road	1.10 miles
Highland Center Road	1.50 miles
Banner School Road	1.00 mile
Flory Road	0.99 miles
Tons of Asphalt Applied	16,054.22

2016 Sign Replacements

<u>Type of Sign</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Stop Sign	4
Stop Ahead	2
Warning	4
Road Name	15
Other	3

2016 Bridge Replacement

Conkle Road Bridge south of Graber Road	\$39,643.37
Lake Road Bridge north of SR 249	\$20,600.00
Hicksville Edgerton Road Bridge south of Buckskin Road	\$89,301.67

Defiance County Juvenile Court

Judge Jeffrey A. Strausbaugh • 419-782-0226

Erin Spieth, Administrator



Defiance County Juvenile Court has the responsibility to hear and determine all cases and issues concerning children in Defiance County. In 2016, 773 complaints and/or new cases were formally filed. This total includes: 311 delinquent child complaints; 39 unruly child complaints; 264 juvenile traffic complaints; 41 dependency, neglect and child abuse cases; 12 permanent custody cases; and 106 cases involving custody/visitation, support, paternity and other actions.

DELINQUENCY CASES: Any child under age 18 who violates any state or federal law or any local ordinance or regulation, which would be a crime if committed by an adult, or who violates any lawful court order is a delinquent child. In 2016, the Defiance County Juvenile Court had 311 delinquency complaints filed. Of the 311 complaints filed, 52 were felony charges and 259 were misdemeanors and probation violations.

UNRULY CASES: Any child who violates a law applicable only to a child; who is habitually truant from school and who previously has not been adjudicated an unruly child for being a habitual truant; who does not subject the child's self to the reasonable control of the child's parents, teachers, guardian or custodian by reason of being wayward or habitually disobedient; or engages in other conduct defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 2151.022 is an unruly child. In 2016, the Defiance County Juvenile Court had 39 unruly complaints filed.

JUVENILE TRAFFIC CASES: A child who violates any traffic law, traffic ordinance or traffic regulation of the state or local political subdivision is a juvenile traffic offender. The Defiance County Juvenile Court has exclusive jurisdiction over all juvenile traffic cases. In 2016, there were 264 juvenile traffic cases filed in the Defiance County Juvenile Court.

Defiance County Juvenile Court

Judge Jeffrey A. Strausbaugh • 419-782-0226

Erin Spieth, Administrator

ABUSE, NEGLECT AND DEPENDENCY: Case management for abuse, neglect and dependency cases is provided by the Defiance County Department of Job and Family Services under the mandates and guidelines of the State of Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. The Defiance County Juvenile Court provides additional support in these cases through the appointment of Guardians Ad Litem (GALs). In 2016, there were 41 abuse, neglect, dependency cases filed in the Defiance County Juvenile Court.

PERMANENT CUSTODY: The Defiance County Juvenile Court has jurisdiction to determine motions for permanent custody that may require the permanent termination of parental rights and placement of a child in the permanent custody of the Defiance County Department of Job & Family Services for eventual permanent adoptive placement of the child. Twelve (12) new motions for permanent custody were filed in the court in 2016.

FAILURE TO SEND: No parent, guardian, or other person having care of a child of compulsory school age shall violate any provision of the Ohio Revised Code regarding School Attendance. The juvenile court may require a person convicted of violating this division to give bond in a sum of not more than five hundred dollars, conditioned that the person will cause the child under the person's charge to attend upon instruction as provided by law, and remain as a pupil in the school or class during the term prescribed by law. Defiance County Juvenile Court had 15 failure to send charges filed in 2016.

CUSTODY/VISITATION CASES: The Defiance County Juvenile Court has jurisdiction to hear custody/visitation cases involving children who are not under another Ohio court's jurisdiction. In 2016, there were 18 custody/visitation cases filed in the court.

PATERNITY CASES: Paternity cases determine the parentage of children born out of wedlock. Defiance County Juvenile Court hears paternity matters that are either not determined administratively by the Child Support Enforcement Agency or one of the parties dispute the administrative determination of paternity. In 2016, there were 4 paternity cases filed in the court.

SUPPORT CASES: The Defiance County Juvenile Court has jurisdiction to hear and determine an application for an order of support of any child, if the child is not a ward of another court of this state. In 2016, there were 69 support cases filed in the Defiance County Juvenile Court.

Defiance County Prosecuting Attorney

Morris J. Murray • 419-782-2402



Morris J. Murray
Prosecuting Attorney

The Defiance County Prosecutor's Office employs three full-time Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys and five support staff. The Prosecuting Attorney is, by law, legal counsel for over 40 public clients, including numerous offices, boards and individual elected officials. In 2016, the office was involved in approximately 300 civil matters including such things as real estate tax enforcement, foreclosure actions, pending litigation and the issuing of formal legal opinions.

In addition to these civil matters, the Prosecuting Attorney is responsible for processing all Defiance County cases involving abuse, neglect or dependency of children, as well as delinquency cases, which involve conduct that would otherwise be criminal violations if committed by an adult.

The Prosecuting Attorney is also responsible for representing the State of Ohio in all criminal matters arising from crimes committed to Defiance County. At any given time, there are well over 100 open criminal matters pending in some phase of the criminal justice process. In 2016, approximately 329 new criminal cases were received and reviewed.

The Prosecuting Attorney or his assistants are available to Law Enforcement 24 hours a day to provide advice and legal guidance in criminal investigations and arrests.

Aggressive prosecution of child victim related crimes, sexual assault and drug offenses continue to be of particular emphasis.

Defiance County Recorder

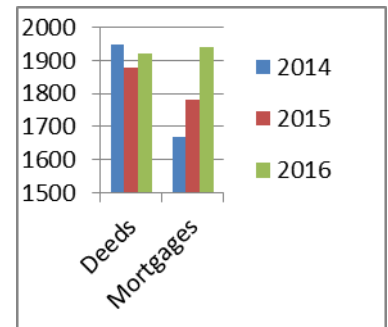
Cecilia Parsons • 419-782-4741



The County Recorder keeps and maintains accurate land records that are current, legible and easily accessible. An important aspect of the work is to index each document so it may be readily located. Accurate indexing makes it possible for persons searching land records to find the documents necessary to establish a "chain of title" (history of ownership) and ensures that any debts or encumbrances against the property are evident. Without the work of the Recorder's Office, it would be nearly impossible to purchase land and be assured of a clear title or to lend money with land as security. The public can come to the Recorder's Office to search records or use the document index online at USLandrecords.com. The index covers years 1994 to the present.

The majority of the documents recorded in the office pertain directly to real estate such as: deeds, mortgages, land contracts, plats, vacations of streets and alleys, zoning resolutions, financing statements and some miscellaneous liens. However there are some additional documents that do not apply to real estate but still come under the office's responsibility. These documents include: Federal Tax Liens, some Power of Attorney records, Military Service Discharges and Veteran's grave records.

The Recorder's Office now has images available on the computer from Deed Book 1 which begins in the mid 1800's to Deed Book 126, which ends in the 1940's. This not only makes access to the records easier, but will expedite document recovery if there was ever a disaster that damaged or destroyed records.



Defiance County Treasurer

Vickie S. Myers • 419-782-8741



The Treasurer's Office is responsible for the collection of taxes, which are comprised of real estate property, manufactured homes, personal property and estate taxes. In addition, they record all monies received by all County agencies.

In addition to collecting and recording the County money, the Treasurer is responsible for the County Investment Portfolio, which is made up of several investments totaling 55 million dollars. The office maintains various accounts ranging from simple depositories to complex trust accounts that hold all the County investments.

Below are some of the services that the Treasurer's Office provides to aid taxpayers in making their tax payments:

Credit Card Payments

Automated Telephone Credit Card System by Official Payment Corp. Call 888-2PAY-TAX or visit www.officialpayments.com. **All major credit cards are accepted.** There is a 2.5% fee charged by Official Payment Corp., however, the Defiance County Treasurer does **NOT** charge a fee.

ACH Payment

Taxpayers may have their real estate payment automatically withdrawn from a checking or savings account. These payments can be withdrawn either monthly or semi-annually.

Drop Box

There is a tax payment drop box conveniently located in the alley between the Defiance Post Office and Key Bank.

Personal Service

We accept payments in our office Monday – Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Defiance County Treasurer

Vickie S. Myers • 419-782-8741

TIPP - Tax Installment Payment Plan is now available

This program is to ease the burden of the large semi-annual tax bill by providing taxpayers with partial payment plans. Pre-payments can be made monthly during a six month period. You must be current on your taxes to be included in TIPP. If you are interested in the TIPP program, please call, stop in, or email us at treasurer@defiance-county.com.

Delinquent Contract Plan

This payment plan provides taxpayers with a vehicle for the payment of delinquent taxes while maintaining payment of current tax billings. The plan was developed to assist taxpayers who have been faced with financial problems and find themselves with delinquent tax balances. Taxpayers can now avoid foreclosure actions with the availability of this plan. Please contact the Treasurer's office at 419-782-8741 if you are interested. If you go on a delinquent contract and miss a payment, the contract will be void and foreclosure proceedings will continue.

Contact Information

Defiance County Treasurer
500 W. Second St
Suite 101
P.O. Box 278
Defiance, Ohio 43512

Vickie S. Myers, Treasurer
Connie French, Chief Deputy Treasurer
Amy Jurcevich, Deputy Treasurer
Amanda Morris, Deputy Treasurer

P: (419) 782-8741
F: (419) 782-4719
treasurer@defiance-county.com

Office Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Child Support Enforcement Agency

Connie Bostelman, Director •419-784-2123

In 2012, the Office of Child Support initiated the I-70 project for counties, in an effort to increase collections to 70% statewide. For incentive purposes, the calculation is determined by the total amount of support distributed, as current support during the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY), and then is divided by the total amount of support due for IV-D cases, for the FFY. Defiance County CSEA has been reviewing and working reports, provided to the CSEA by the State, to ensure that cases are monitored and enforced appropriately.

In April 2014, the CSEA started using the services of Maximus for assistance with contract reimbursement. As a result, federal reimbursements have increased from \$78,605.16 in 2013, to \$145,179.57 in 2016. These funds go to the Defiance County General Fund.

The CSEA continues to refer cases to DebtNext for debt recovery services. We also continue to work with the ITT Program, which is designed to help CSEA Obligors find and maintain stable employment, become financially and emotionally supportive for their children, establish and meet personal goals, and to become appropriately involved in their children's lives whenever possible.

The CSEA has had much success with CLEAR which is an enforcement tool used to locate non-custodial parents. We also use APPRISS which assists in the tracking of presently and previously incarcerated non-custodial parents.

Obligors can now make credit card payments, either by accessing the Defiance County CSEA website, or by visiting or contacting the Agency. Since the CSEA starting accepting credit card payments in January 2016, \$45,449.14 has been collected for child support cases. We also have a conveniently located payment drop box (shared with the Defiance County Treasurer's Office) located in the alley between Key Bank and the Post Office on East Second Street.

The State also created the Child Support Customer Service Web Portal which is an interactive web application that provides child support customers with on-demand, case specific, address, employment, health insurance, and financial history information, along with answers to frequently asked questions regarding the child support program. The portal is operational and available twenty-three (23) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, throughout the year (with one hour down time nightly for maintenance). Customers can log in to the Child Support Customer Service Web Portal from the Office of Child Support (OCS) internet home page at:

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/ocs/index.stm>.

2016 Program Performance Percentages

Paternity Establishment:	103.47%
Support Establishment:	95.76%
Collections on Current Support:	76.53%
Collections on Arrears:	79.20%

2016 Statistics

Collections:	\$6,435,324
Expenditures:	\$804,373
Average Caseload:	\$2,678
Medical reimbursement to State:	\$76,101

Family & Children First Council

Julie Voll, Coordinator • 419-782-6934

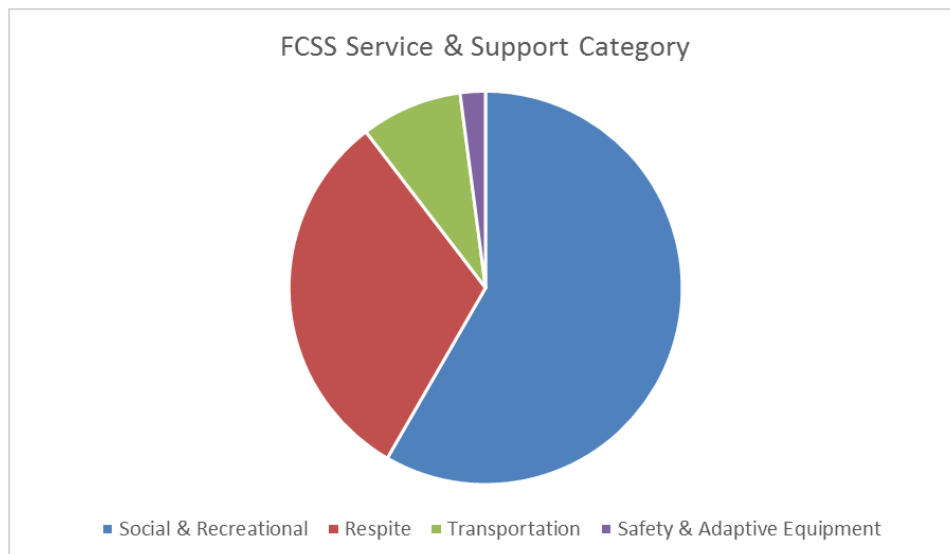


Defiance County Family & Children First Council (FCFC) works on various projects to strengthen families.

One impact area is Service Coordination, a team process for multi-need children and their families.

Families who have children with multiple systemic needs identified through our county service coordination process are eligible for Family Centered Services and Supports (FCSS) funded services and supports. The purpose of FCSS is to maintain children and youth in their own homes through the provision of non-clinical, community-based services with a foundation in the system of care model.

During state fiscal year 2016, our team served 74 Defiance County children and youth through this impact area.



Department of Job and Family Services

Corey Walker, Director • 419-782-3881



The 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 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. In 2013, the Defiance County Commissioners in collaboration with Paulding County consolidated Job and Family Services into Defiance/ Paulding Consolidated Job and Family Services.

Of focus for the agency in 2016, was implementation of the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP), dealing with continued effects of Medicaid expansion and new eligibility systems. The agency continues to experience an increase in new Medicaid cases and has seen a decrease in cash assistance individuals. The agency has developed an internal Quality Assurance program to insure case accuracy and timeliness. The Children Services department has continued to see a steady increase in intakes and custody cases. In 2016, the agency's Income Maintenance department was recognized by the state of Ohio for payment accuracy in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Assistance).

2016 Statistics

Cash Assistance (Average per month) - 106 individuals
Food Assistance (Average per month) - 6,037 individuals
Medicaid Recipients (Average per month) - 12,801 individuals
Annual Food Assistance - \$7,806,192.00

Senior Services

Tina Hiler, Director • 419-782-3233

140 East Broadway Street, Defiance - Phone : 419-782-3233

and 708 East High Street, Hicksville – Phone: 419-542-5004

online at – www.defiance-county.com - click on Agencies, then Senior Services

The Senior Services Mission Statement

To provide senior adults throughout Defiance County with nutritional, educational, social and wellness programs in a safe and welcoming environment.

Programs at Defiance County Senior Services

Meals - Enjoy a meal at either the Defiance or Hicksville Centers. If needed, we can also provide hot home delivered meals, frozen meals and therapeutic meals. Senior Services also offers nutrition education, our farmer's market program and act as a clearing house for two commodities programs. Over 97,600 meals were provided throughout every township in Defiance County in 2016.

Transportation - Transports to access community resources. We utilize cars, vans and buses with wheelchair accessibility. More than 8,800 rides were provided to Defiance County's Senior Citizens in 2016.

Supportive Services - include grocery shopping assistance, notary publics and assistance with Medicare part D as well as partnering with AARP for tax assistance.

Information - Senior Service's monthly "Our Times" newsletters, our website, speakers and assistance in locating needed resources.

Music & Memory – Senior Services staff load iPods with songs that are familiar and enjoyable to the individual with Alzheimer's disease for them to listen to, enjoy and respond to.

Alzheimer Support - two confidential support groups meet monthly, as well as individual consultations and information are available.

Activities and Wellness Programs - get involved with our fun-filled activities including art classes, yoga, zumba, our workout equipment room, chair exercises, crafts, trips, special events and dinners.

Explore Your Talents - Share Your Gifts - Defiance County Senior Services invites you to volunteer with us. Whether you can help out once a month or several times a week, we welcome you.

We thank our funders – The Defiance County Commissioners, The Defiance Co. Senior Citizen's Tax Levy, The Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, The PASSPORT Program, Individual donors and our wonderful Senior Services Auxiliary and Advisory Board

Environmental Services

Warren Schlatter, Director • 419-782-5442



DEFIANCE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL & 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. Fifty-nine educational workshops/community outreach presentations were completed in 2016 with over 1,343 students in kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grades. This office also maintains County facilities by providing lawn care, snow removal and other special projects as requested. We administer Adopt-A-Highway for County and Township Roads. Environmental Services provided containment to numerous County-held events throughout the year (City Park Clean Up, Comic Con, Ayersville Swim Meet, Hicksville Village Beautification, Lilac Festival, JAZZ Festival, Art in the Park, Hicksville Relay for Life, Defiance Fourth of July Festival, Ney Homecoming, Hicksville Summer Fest, United Way Balloon Fest, Defiance County Fair, St. Mary's Festival, Defiance Rib Fest and the Halloween Parade). Defiance County Environmental Services is also the Keep America Beautiful (KAB) Affiliate for the County. We have been awarded the President's Circle Recognition Award annually for our dedication to reduce littering, improve recycling and waste reduction, and beautify communities.



FOUR COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
Serving Defiance, Fulton, Paulding, and Williams Counties in Ohio

SOLID WASTE DISTRICT – The State of Ohio mandates that Solid Waste Districts plan and implement programming to meet the state's Solid Waste Management goals as defined by Ohio law. This office coordinates activities of all four county programs (Defiance, Fulton, Williams and Paulding). The environmental rules of the State of Ohio require each Solid Waste District to review and modify its all-encompassing waste management plan every 5 years. In 2015, the District completed the update of its solid waste management plan. A copy of the plan can be found at www.4CSWD.com. An additional requirement of the solid waste district plan is to conduct an Annual District Report (ADR). This report validates the amount of recycling generated within each district. The State of Ohio has a goal of 25% recycling of all generated residential and commercial waste and a 66% recycling rate of all generated Industrial waste. Our district achieved 46% recycling rate of residential and commercial waste and a 65% Industrial recycling rate.

Defiance County Landfill

Warren Schlatter, Director • 419-784-2844

DEFIANCE COUNTY LANDFILL – The Landfill is a publicly owned facility that operates as a true business. No tax dollars support the landfill. The rates at the landfill have been unchanged since 1988. The cost to operate the facility is budgeted at just over \$3,000,000/year.

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 are required and reporting is provided to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA). The Landfill staff inspected and complied with all OEPA reporting including: annual report, air permit, Title V certification report, Ground water monitoring, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Green House Gas (GHG) and quarterly Ohio EPA inspections.

The remaining life of the landfill is determined by the available air space. The landfill took an average of 445 cubic yards of waste in per day. 2016 was a record year for volume and sales. The landfill is estimated to have 62 years left at the current rate of receipts.

2016 Statistics

Revenue	\$4,447,579
Expenses	\$3,083,095



WASTE IS TAKEN IN ALL WEATHER CONDITIONS

Defiance County OSU Extension

Wm. Bruce Clevenger • 419-782-4771

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP Ed) presented 135 educational sessions with 1,760 people participating. Participants attend nutrition programs, take part in nutrition activities and enjoy taste tests. SNAP Ed delivers a variety of nutrition lessons and games that encourage children to eat healthy and develop willingness to incorporate healthy foods into their diets.
- Over the summer, programming was offered at the Summer Food Service Program through NOCAC. In Defiance, 3,685 nutritious lunches were served to 549 children. There were 72 bags of food sent home for weekend meals.

JOB SKILLS AND CAREERS

- The Real Money, Real World signature program which simulates real-life experiences to help youth achieve financial literacy was provided for 431 students in four school districts. Evaluations showed 58% of students indicated a positive change in learning how to make wise financial decisions; and 67% said they believed participating in this program gave them a better idea of what is involved in earning, spending, and managing money.
- STEM Pathways programs in science, technology, engineering and math improve participants' curiosity, logical thinking, problem-solving, and team communication skills necessary to compete in a high-tech global society. STEM programming took place in a variety of settings in Defiance County that allowed for 305 youth to practice experimental learning.

THRIVING ACROSS THE LIFE SPAN

- 4-H camp helps build critical life skills for both campers and teen counselors by stressing teamwork, communications and leadership. Camp also cultivates the job readiness skills employers look for, while giving campers a chance to connect to nature. In Defiance County, 120 campers and 30 teen counselors spent five days sharpening these important life skills in "nature's classroom" at 4-H Camp Palmer.



- In cooperation with juvenile courts of Defiance, Williams, Fulton and Henry County, Defiance County 4-H coordinated and hosted the Ohio 4-H CARTEENS program. This program seeks to reduce the number of second-time traffic offenders in Ohio by having driver safety information taught to teens by teens and other professionals. This year, 204 teens attended a CARTEENS session.
-

Defiance County OSU Extension

Wm. Bruce Clevenger • 419-782-4771

SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

- OSU Extension supports the Defiance County Farmers' Markets for local food entrepreneurs and small/non-traditional farm businesses. The part and full-time vendors use the farmers' market to add value to the products they've made or grown by interacting with direct marketing customers. Customers have access to vendor products that are local and fresh, and the markets keep consumer dollars in the local communities.

ENGAGED OHIOANS, VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

- OSU Extension taught nearly 450 youth at the Defiance County Public Safety Open House. Youth from farms or non-farm backgrounds are fascinated by tractors and farm life, but often don't see danger zones. Such dangers include rotating tractor parts, multiple riders on tractors/lawn mowers, and playing in stored grain bins and wagons. Lifesaving tips and lessons were demonstrated with hands-on examples that can be easily remembered by youth participants.
- OSU Extension hosted a 2016 Farm Outlook meeting that taught more than 120 area farmers and ag-business professionals several strategies and information about trends and forecasts impacting local and global production agriculture. Participants improved their knowledge about input purchasing decisions essential in 2016 crop production. Participants learned information that will be useful for their grain marketing strategy and crop profitability in 2016 such as seed costs, fertilizer rates and needs, cash rent and machinery costs.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

- OSU Extension's nutrient management plan writer, housed in Defiance County, has completed 12 Nutrient Management Plans (NMP) and Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CNMP) within the Western Lake Erie Basin with about 7,900 acres.
- Ohio Law requires farmers and commercial applicators of fertilizer to be certified by September 2017. OSU Extension taught water quality, proper soil sampling, calculating fertilizer recommendations, and utilizing plant nutrients where needed and not needed. Farmers are managing nutrients to reduce production costs, produce responsible crop yields, and have a positive impact on water quality.

Defiance County receives \$43,452 in federal funding for nutrition education for low-income people, thanks to Extension's local-state-federal partnership. Visit fcs.osu.edu/programs/nutrition for more information.

Soil & Water Conservation District

Jason Roehrig, District Administrator • 419-782-1794

www.defiance-county.com/swcd

The mission of the Defiance SWCD is to protect the land and water resources of Defiance County. Led by a five-member, volunteer Board of Supervisors, the District's staff members address the following natural resource priorities throughout Defiance County:

Water Quality

Landowner assistance is provided in implementing conservation practices to improve water quality, both locally and regionally. Practices include controlled drainage systems, filter strips, grassed waterways, wetlands, grade stabilization structures, rain gardens, and rain barrels.

Nutrient and Manure Management

Technical assistance is available for the development of nutrient management plans adhering to the 4R principles of nutrient stewardship. The District is also involved with the SB1 and Ag Pollution Abatement program in resolving fertilizer, manure and erosion concerns.

Conservation Works of Improvement (CWI)

The District performs the engineering and construction oversight for ORC 940 petition drainage improvements throughout Defiance County. These drainage systems are a vital infrastructure for the community and ensure that landowners may have an increased return on their investments in both rural and urban areas.

Conservation Education and Outreach

Residents of all ages are engaged through District education programs about our valuable natural resources. Emphasis is placed on performing classroom student and teacher education programs in addition to providing field days, workshops, and outreach materials to landowners.

Soil Health

Outreach is provided to landowners encouraging utilization of management practices such as no-till, conservation tillage, cover crops, and soil amendments to improve long-term soil quality and productivity.

Land-use Planning

The District assists local government and landowners in minimizing the impact of changing land uses on our natural resources through site reviews, technical assistance, and education.

Forestry, Wildlife, Woodlands

Technical assistance is provided to landowners for habitat development and wildlife management. Additional services include the sale of conservation trees and shrubs, tree planter rental, and drill rental for conservation cover and prairie restorations.

Soil & Water Conservation District

Jason Roehrig, District Administrator • 419-782-1794

www.defiance-county.com/swcd

In 2016 the District:

- Constructed 7,405 feet of grassed waterways and designed an additional 4,040 feet.
- Constructed an 8.7-acre CREP wetland.
- Constructed 6 drainage water management systems and designed an additional 6 systems.
- Designed and oversaw construction of 5 grade stabilization structures with the design of 2 additional structures.
- Designed Kohout Ditch Extension and conducted legal proceedings of Culp Ditch CWI reconstruction project.
- Assisted in the implementation of 713 acres of CREP conservation practices.
- Administered planting of 4,397 acres of cover crops, 786 acres of gypsum application, and 425 acres of VRT nutrient management in throughout Defiance County.
- Performed 44 site reviews for Defiance County landowners.
- Continued to lead volunteer water quality monitoring efforts in the Upper Maumee Watershed.
- Presented youth conservation programs to a total of 5,740 students and hosted Penney Nature Center Camp, poster and photo contests, Envirothon training, and numerous conservation outreach programs.
- Extended outreach to over 29,460 adults and educators.
- Administered and implemented multi-year grants in excess of \$780,000 to implement best management practices.
- Planted, staked, and sheltered over 800 trees to further establishment of 20-acre forested wetland.
- Distributed over 11,000 trees through our annual tree sale.



District Personnel

Jason Roehrig
Terri Agler
Ben Gerken
Tyler Miller
Stephanie Singer
Mick Britenriker (multi-county)

Ditch Maintenance Personnel

Kevin Hancock
Ed Walters
Josh Limber
Dave Sines

Board of Supervisors

Bill Moats
Keith Schroeder
Roger Zeedyk IV
Jeff Hange
Terry Behnfeldt



Defiance County Ditch Maintenance

Kevin Hancock, Supervisor • 419-782-1794

In December of 1989, the Defiance County Commissioners and the Defiance County Engineer entered into an agreement with the Board of Supervisors to manage and operate the Defiance County Ditch Maintenance Program as required by the Ohio Revised Code. Since that time, there have been 70 improvements added to the program. Currently, we have 202 improvements under maintenance, totaling 356 miles. The Soil and Water Office also has 8 requests for new Conservation Works of Improvement projects.

The Defiance County Ditch Maintenance Department treats drainage improvements as vital infrastructure to Northwest Ohio. Agricultural producers and rural landowners in Northwest Ohio have been concerned with the need to dispose of excess water. For agricultural producers, excess water means delays in plantings, replanting, soil compaction, reduced yields and delays in harvesting. For homeowners in the urban area, excess water can mean damage due to flooding of dwellings and property.

The cost of new construction or the reconstruction of drainage improvements greatly exceeds the cost of maintaining the improvement once construction is completed. That is why, once a project is completed, the County Commissioners are required by law to place the improvement under the Defiance County Ditch Maintenance program.

Work Completed in 2016

- 7 miles bottom cleaned
- 191 miles brush and cattail control
- 245 ton of rock for bank protection
- 870 pounds of grass seed and fertilizer
- 48 improvements repaired
- 908 feet of tile/pipe repairs
- Leaning tree/log jam removal
- Tons of broken concrete for bank protection

2016 Statistics

Revenue	\$387,724.60
Expenses	\$380,298.30



Wastewater Operations

Greg Reinhart, Director • 419-782-2230

Jan Rethmel, Clerk

Steven Yeager, Operator

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. They also contract with Paulding County to operate their Auglaize River Collection System which pumps to the county lagoons.

AUGLAIZE RIVER SEWER

Linear Feet – 41,476 - Pump Stations - 7 - Manholes – 94

EVANSPORT

Linear Feet – 9,450 – Pump Stations – 1 - Manholes – 29

EVERGREEN LANE OFFICE COMPLEX

Linear Feet – 7,772 – Pump Stations – 0 – Manholes – 5

EXPRESS SEWER

Linear Feet – 61,613 – Pump Stations – 4 – Manholes – 136

MIDDLE GORDON CREEK

Linear Feet – 925 – Pump Stations – 1 – Manholes - 4

2016 Statistics

Revenue	\$820,552.95
Expenses	\$790,972.08



Dog Warden

Randy Vogel, Dog Warden • 419-784-2335

During 2016, the Defiance County Dog Warden received 1,030 dog complaints. The department assisted other agencies, mailed dog barking and dog running at large letters, followed up on bite complaints, went door-to-door checking dog tags, served 236 court citations, issued 164 warnings, responded to 3 humane calls and sold 7,326 dog tags.

2016 Statistics

Revenue	\$171,383.65
Expenses	\$177,897.42
Dog Licenses Sold	7,326
Complaints	1,030
Contacts	2,798
Warnings	164
Citations	236

HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR DEFIANCE COUNTY DOG LICENSE?

Tags May Be Purchased at:
Defiance County Auditor's Office - All year
Fort Defiance Humane Society - All year
Hicksville Police Department - All year
Defiance Area Animal Hospital - Dec & Jan only
Jewell Grain - Dec & Jan only
Ayersville Carryout - Dec & Jan only
Defiance Veterinary Clinic - Dec & Jan only
Pet Supplies Plus - Dec & Jan only

Records Center

Erika Steece, Part-Time Archivist • 419-782-4761

Created in 1993, the Records Center provides records management services to Defiance County offices, including secure, environmentally sound storage of paper records, assistance with record preservation, and digital imaging services. Access to the records stored in the Records Center is provided to the public by the Records Center staff, however control of the records remains with the originating Department.

2016 Statistics

Records Requests:	1,704	Records In:	47 boxes/books
Revenue:	\$717.55	Records Out:	37 boxes/books
		Files In:	573 files

Public Safety Services

Julie Rittenhouse, Director • 419-782-1130



The Public Safety Services / Emergency Management Agency, in conjunction with the Local Emergency Planning Committee, coordinate hazardous material emergency planning and training development for first responders. A few of the trainings provide in 2016 were Weather Spotter, Hazmat Awareness, Hazmat Operations, Hazmat Extrication, Pipeline Preparedness and Response, NIMS 300 & 400, Intelligence Officer Liaison, College Campus Response and Integrated Weather Team. PSS/EMA participated in two hazard material exercises, one regional Health Department exercise and one elementary school exercise in 2016.

The PSS/EMA also prepares for and responds to weather events. The PSS/Defiance County Emergency Management Agency responds to flooding, winter storms, tornados, etc. The agency conducts damage assessment and coordinates response and recovery efforts.

Being part of a Weather-Ready Nation is about preparing for your community's increasing vulnerability to extreme weather events. In 2016 Defiance County was award the Storm Ready designation by the National Weather Service of North Webster Indiana.



PSS/EMA administers the State Emergency Response Commission grant, Emergency Management Performance Grant, Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning grant, and the County-Wide Cost Recovery program for hazardous material response. We responded to fourteen suspected hazardous material incidents. The office helped collect \$3,460.48 for the County-Wide Cost Recovery program in 2016.

The County must have a FEMA approved mitigation plan in place to qualify for federal funding. We are in the process of updating the Defiance County All Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

2016 Statistics

Appropriations:	\$127,100.00	Expenses:	\$136,758.00
	Grant Awards:		\$ 73,953.00

Defiance County Board of Elections

Michael S. Yambor, Director • 419-782-8543

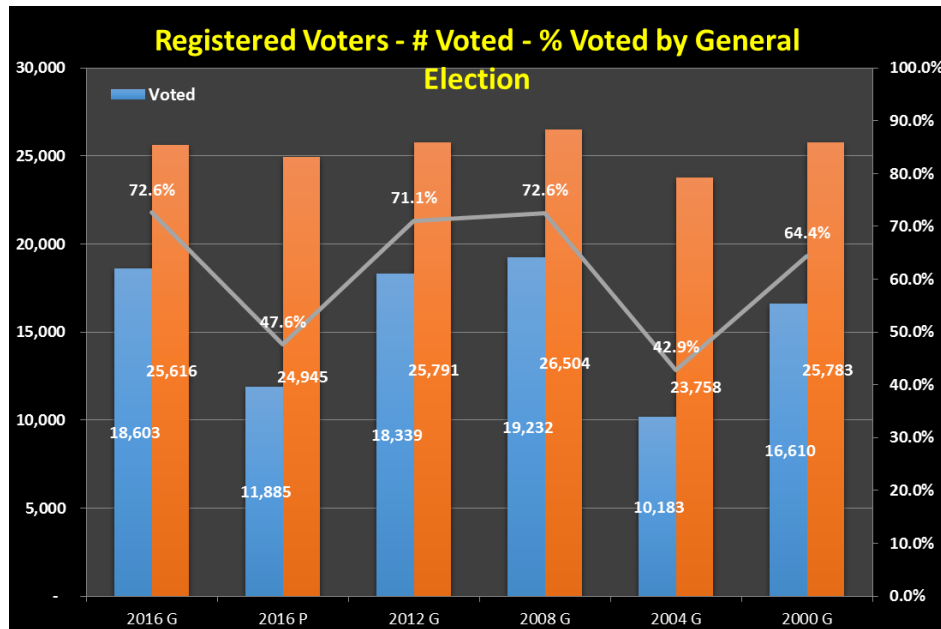
Tonya Wichman, Deputy Director

Our office handles all duties of the electoral process including registrations, petitions, programming elections, and miscellaneous duties of the office. The Board of Elections conducts elections for Defiance County by placing candidates and issues on the ballot. The Board of Elections is a State office paid for by County funds and overseen by Ohio's Secretary of State. The Defiance County Board of Elections is dedicated to:

- Maintaining accurate voter records in our database
- Conducting dependable elections with precise reporting

Each General Election Day, Defiance County counts on the support 140 poll workers to manage each election. We work in teams, have some fun, earn some cash AND serve the community by actively participating in the electoral process.

Sign up today! Our office is located at 1300 East Second Street, Suite 103, Defiance, Ohio 43512 or call 419.782.8543 for more information.



Visit our website at www.defiance-county.com/boardofelections

Defiance County Veteran's Affairs

Erin Clady, Service Officer • 419-782-6861



Veterans Service Commission

Seated left to right: Peter Kennerk, Thomas Kent, David Lulfs

Standing left to right: Christopher Newton, Darcy Lehman

This office files federal claims with the Veterans Administration for VA benefits for veterans, surviving spouses and the dependent children of veterans.

The office also provides financial assistance to stabilize emergency situations and provides transportation to VA medical appointments, and other veteran needs.

In addition, Defiance County Veteran's Affairs has been gifted with charitable funds to assist veteran families through the KAVIC fund. Private individuals, organizations and businesses can contribute to this fund and 100% of the monies collected will be used to assist veterans. For more information on this charity, please contact the office.

In 2016, the office tallied over 48,000 contacts with the public; transported over 400 veterans, and provided over \$36,000 worth of emergency financial assistance.

Contact Information

Located inside the Defiance County East Building at 1300 E. Second Street, Suite 102, Defiance OH 43512. Phone 419-782-6861 or email: veterans@defiance-county.com

Staff Members

Tanya S. Brunner, Office Manager; Erin Clady, Service Officer, Nate Metz, Administrative Assistant. Drivers: Robert Belden, David Pollock and Morris Parrish.