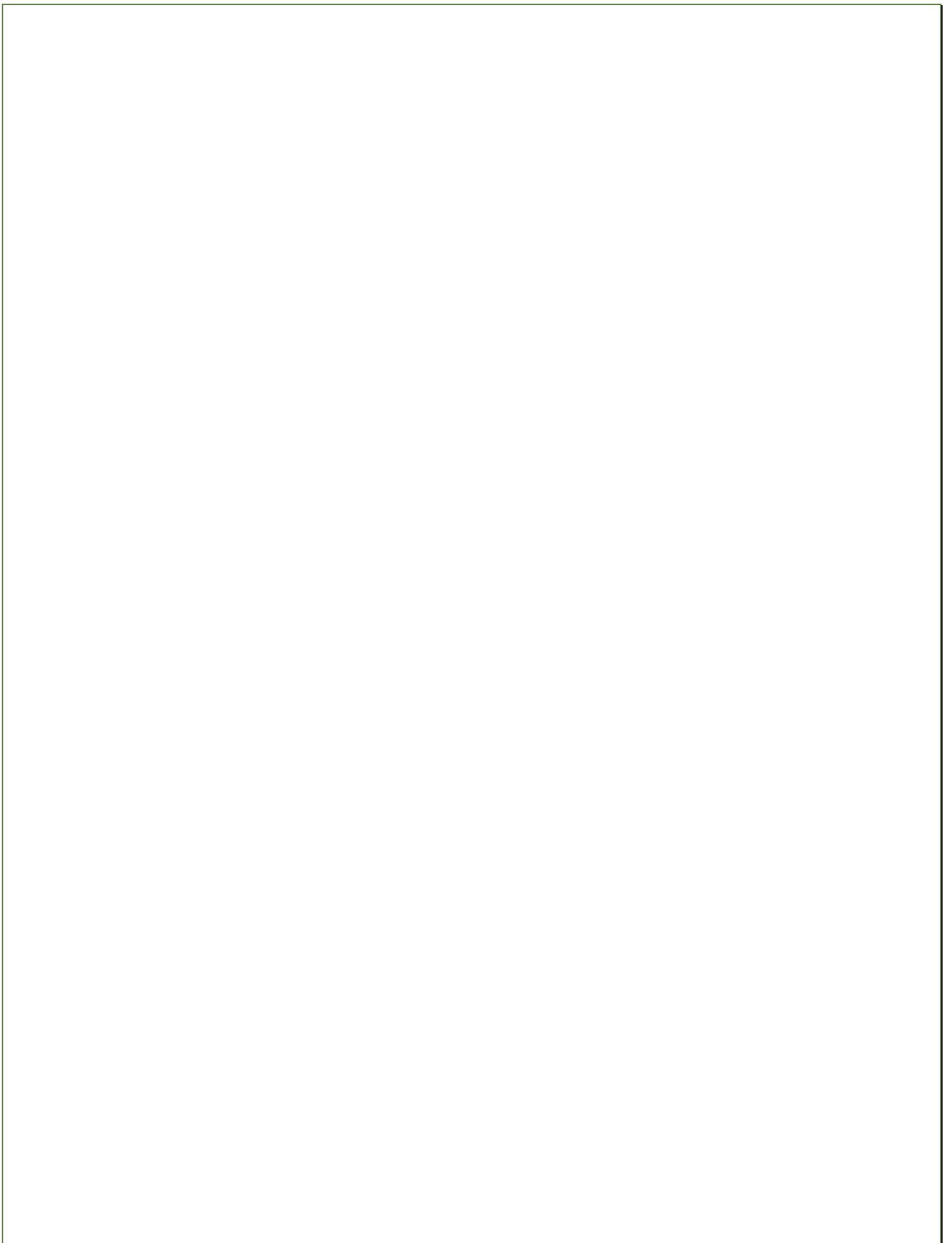


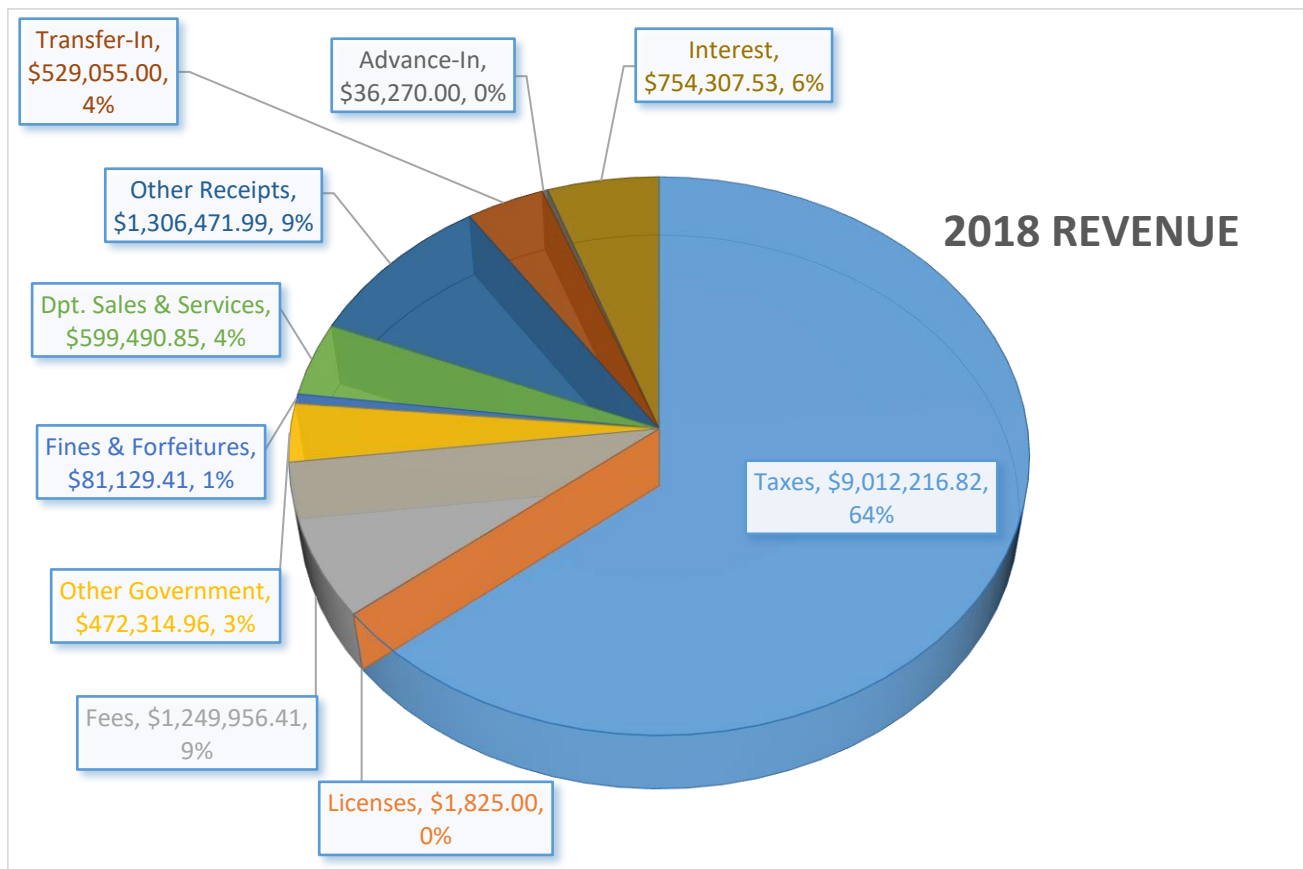
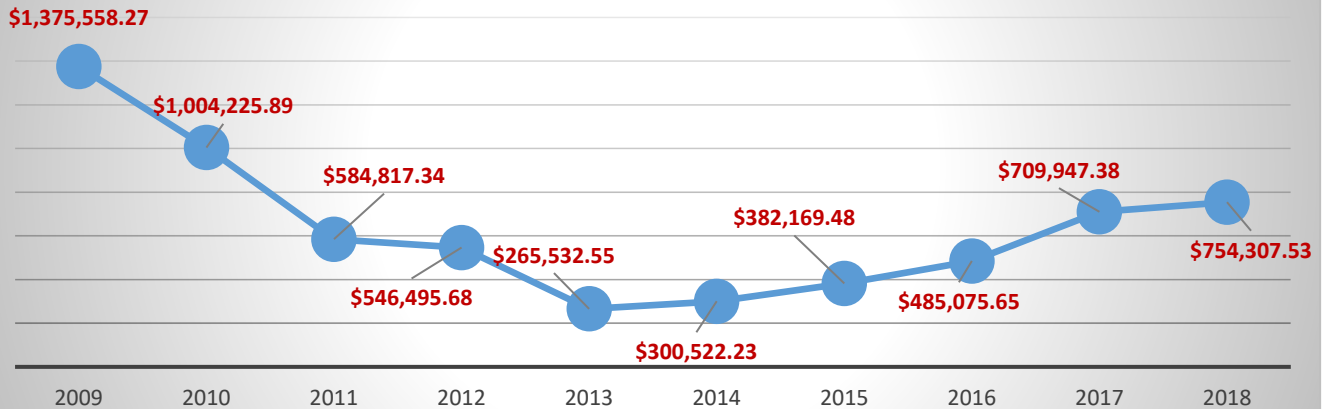
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General Fund Revenue

Interest Income



General Fund Revenue

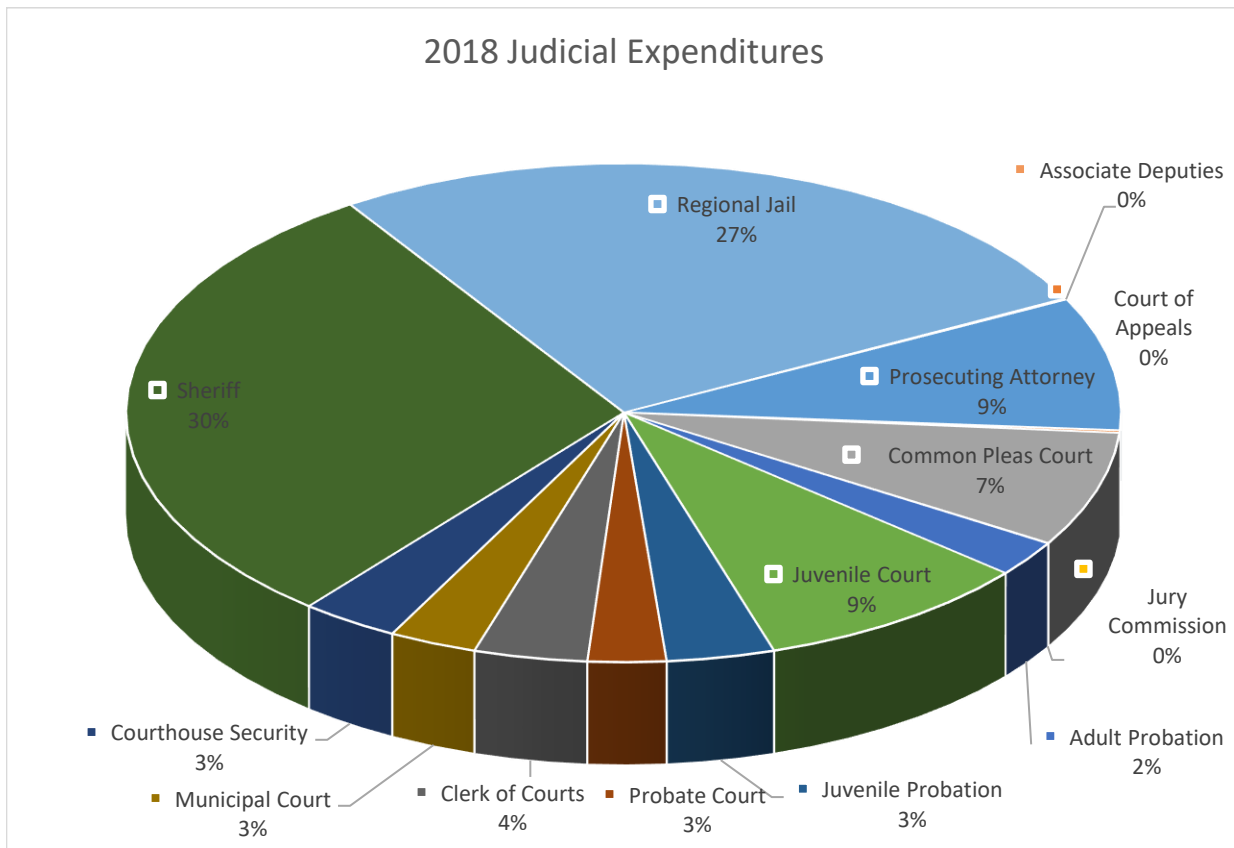
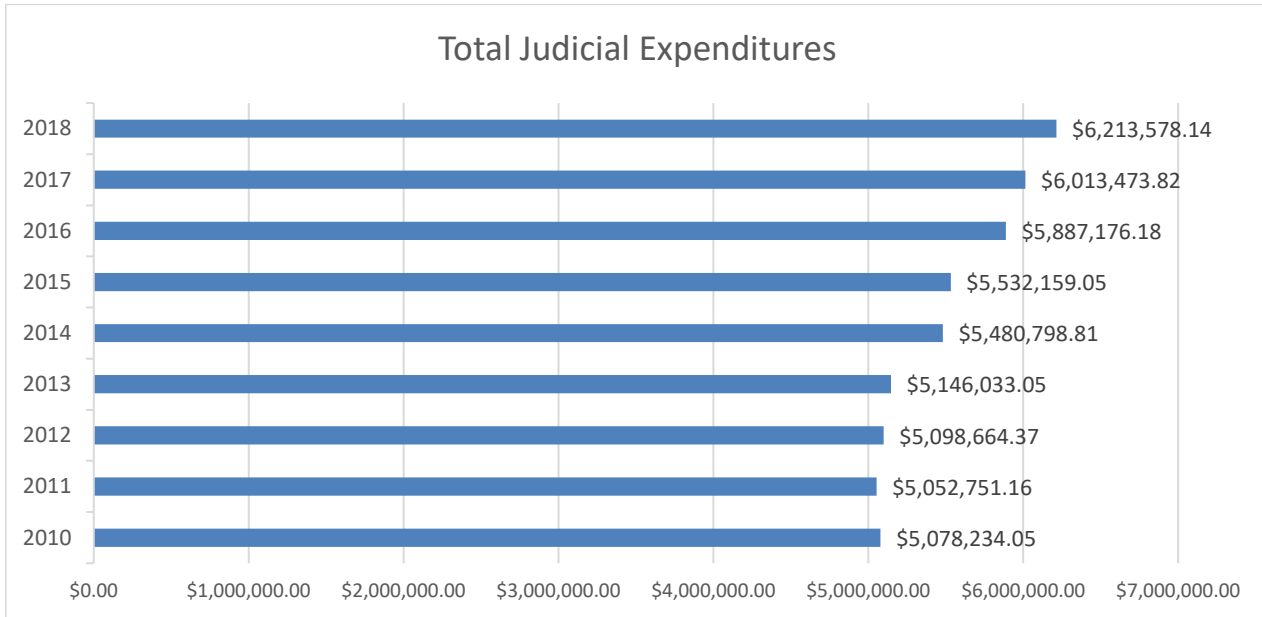
Description	2018	Description	2018
General Property Tax	\$2,250,558.66	Rental & Lease Real Estate	\$305,687.86
Homestead & Rollback	\$296,171.30	Sale Personal Property	\$9,813.33
House Trailer Tax	\$7,131.11	Sale Of Real Estate	\$52,156.55
Cigarette Tax	\$507.72	Miscellaneous	\$231,833.11
Co Piggy Back 1%	\$6,001,692.05	Total Dpt. Sales & Services	\$599,490.85
Casino	\$456,155.98	Indirect Cost	\$476,079.40
Total Taxes	\$9,012,216.82	Delq Tax Advertising Cost	\$3,472.68
Vendors Licenses	\$1,825.00	Election Expenses	\$32,700.94
Total Licenses	\$1,825.00	Prosecuting Attorney FOJ	\$5,023.13
Auditor Fees Tax Settlement	\$184,534.10	Sheriff FOJ	\$30.50
Auditors Fees Conveyance	\$450,480.84	K-9 Donations	\$12,200.00
Auditors Fees Transfers	\$1,073.50	Indigent Defense-Costs	\$111,253.88
Aud Fees-Convey Mfg	\$3,119.50	Insurance Claims	\$12,291.63
Aud Fee-Transfers Mfg	\$65.00	Solid Waste Reimbursement	\$8,516.74
Recorder Fees	\$117,959.35	Foreclosure Fee Reimbursements	\$3,054.31
Recorders 1% Housing	\$1,396.68	Workers Comp	\$192,981.05
Clerk Of Court Fees	\$148,064.61	Refunds And Overpayments	\$41,291.06
Treasurer Fees Tax Settlement	\$171,796.56	Reimbursements	\$167,532.68
Probate Court Fees	\$36,740.28	Pop Money	\$2,317.55
Juvenile Court Fees	\$28,896.45	Land Forfeiture	\$676.00
Board Of Elections	\$200.00	Reg Jail-Other Receipts	\$103,075.44
Photocopies	\$83.10	T - Cap	\$133,975.00
Reg Jail-Sheriff Fees	\$105,546.44	Total Other Receipts	\$1,306,471.99
Total Fees	\$1,249,956.41	Transfers In-(Interest)	\$500,000.00
Local Government	\$455,625.96	Transfers In-Other	\$29,055.00
Grants	\$16,689.00	Total Transfer-In	\$529,055.00
Total From Other Government	\$472,314.96	Advances In	\$36,270.00
Clerk Of Court Fines	\$9,814.94	Total Advance-In	\$36,270.00
Municipal Court Fines	\$48,759.72	Total General Fund	\$13,288,730.44
Juvenile Court Fines	\$190.72	Interest Income	\$754,307.53
Juvenile Restitution	\$11,449.13	Total Interest	\$754,307.53
Reg Jail-Ct-Fines	\$10,914.90	Total General Fund & Interest	\$14,043,037.97
Total Fines & Forfeitures	\$81,129.41		

General Fund Expenditures

Department	Budget	Expended	% Disbursed
Commissioners	\$811,786.42	\$660,802.85	81.40%
Regional Jail	\$1,739,959.06	\$1,658,183.50	95.30%
Auditor	\$232,425.05	\$227,417.40	97.85%
Treasurer	\$149,989.00	\$144,925.82	96.62%
Prosecuting Attorney	\$483,060.63	\$476,847.93	98.71%
Bureau of Inspection	\$56,500.00	\$54,951.00	97.26%
Data Processing	\$53,084.99	\$46,400.62	87.41%
Court of Appeals	\$21,300.00	\$10,111.28	47.47%
Common Pleas	\$522,750.76	\$429,084.33	82.08%
Jury Commission	\$2,950.00	\$2,121.73	71.92%
Adult Probation	\$130,166.35	\$128,097.74	98.41%
Juvenile Court	\$554,479.85	\$547,602.72	98.76%
Juvenile Probation	\$208,771.03	\$195,027.96	93.42%
Probate Court	\$173,833.57	\$140,966.04	81.09%
Clerk of Courts	\$203,910.00	\$201,858.75	98.99%
Coroner	\$106,657.43	\$101,661.35	95.32%
Municipal Court	\$179,333.00	\$176,641.50	98.50%
Board of Elections	\$308,329.17	\$305,950.47	99.23%
Land	\$383,722.21	\$142,853.14	37.23%
Maintenance	\$1,042,802.27	\$929,903.02	89.17%
Hanger	\$25,200.00	\$25,200.00	100.00%
Courthouse Security	\$175,200.00	\$173,944.05	99.28%
Sheriff	\$1,673,551.88	\$1,613,237.15	96.40%
Recorder	\$119,599.00	\$106,586.13	89.12%
Associate Deputies	\$7,000.00	\$4,757.50	67.96%
Public Safety Services	\$148,532.56	\$147,114.12	99.05%
Safety	\$1,077.50	\$734.23	68.14%
Agriculture	\$404,731.01	\$400,527.68	98.96%
Vital Statistics	\$1,250.00	\$1,156.00	92.48%
Other Health	\$85,108.93	\$44,944.08	52.81%
Children Services Board	\$600,000.00	\$600,000.00	100.00%
Soldier Relief	\$286,385.50	\$283,669.04	99.05%
Veterans Office	\$65,103.30	\$64,866.37	99.64%
Public Assistance Grant	\$80,300.00	\$67,812.07	84.45%
Airport Special Projects	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Insurance	\$2,421,663.00	\$2,260,088.32	93.33%
Levies and Assessments	\$20,200.00	\$17,377.82	86.03%
Miscellaneous	\$439,237.64	\$440,000.66	100.17%
DCE Maintenance Building	\$400,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Total	\$14,369,951.11	\$12,833,424.37	89.31%

Judicial Expenditures

Judicial expenses continue to rise. This includes Regional Jail (CCNO), all court related expenses, and Sheriff's Office expenses. The Regional Jail expenses are partially offset by fees and fines.

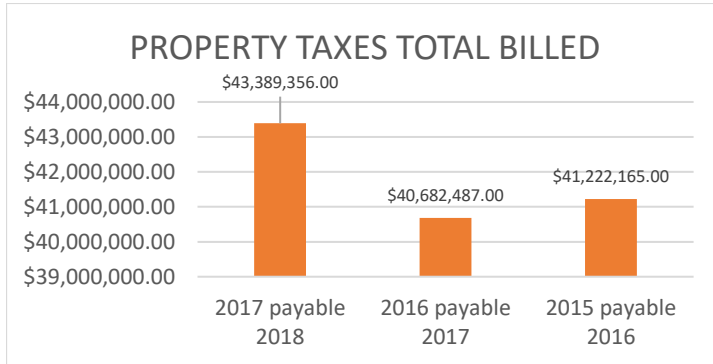


Treasurer

Vickie S. Myers, Treasurer

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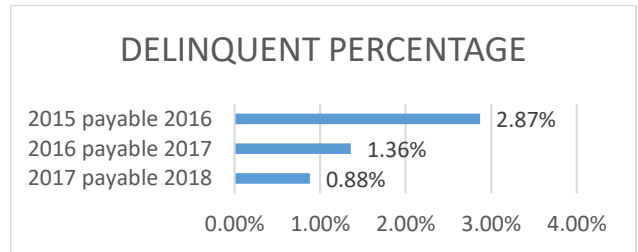
The Treasurer's Office is responsible for the collection of taxes, which are comprised of real estate property, manufactured homes, personal property and estate taxes.



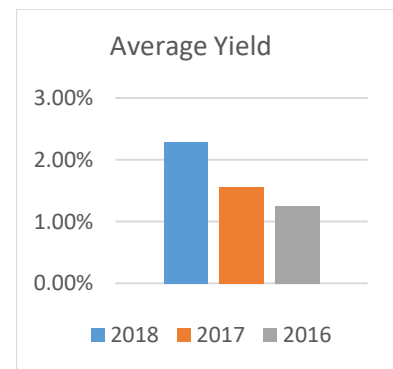
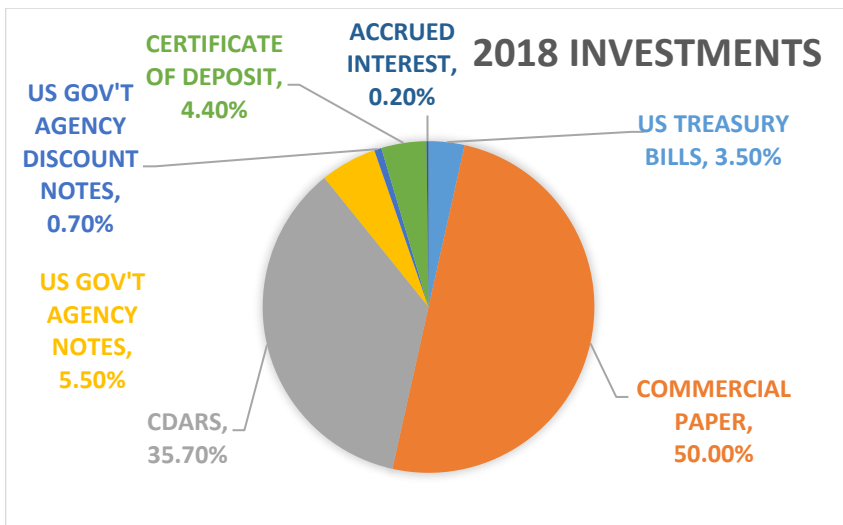
NEW PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR PROPERTY TAXES:

- In Person: cash, check or credit cards
- Online: at www.defiance-county.com/treasurer
- Credit Card by Phone: 1-844-719-3086

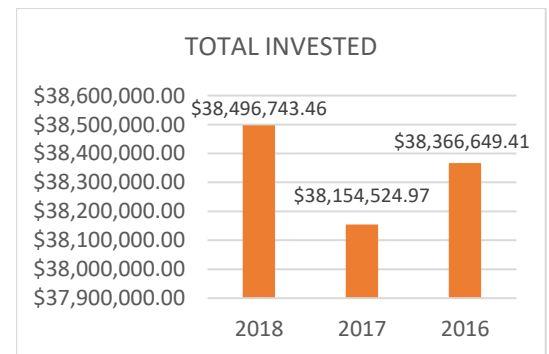
A Convenience Fee will be charged for all credit card transactions.



In addition, they record all monies received by any other county agencies. This encompasses everything from dog tag license fees and lunch money to MRDD funds and Health Department immunization fees.



In addition to collecting and recording the County money, the Treasurer is responsible for The County Investment Portfolio. The office maintains various accounts ranging from simple depositories to complex trust accounts that hold all the county investments.



County Wide Demolition Program

The Defiance County Commissioners chose to continue the County-Wide Demolition Program in 2018. Below is a snapshot of the Program to-date:

2016

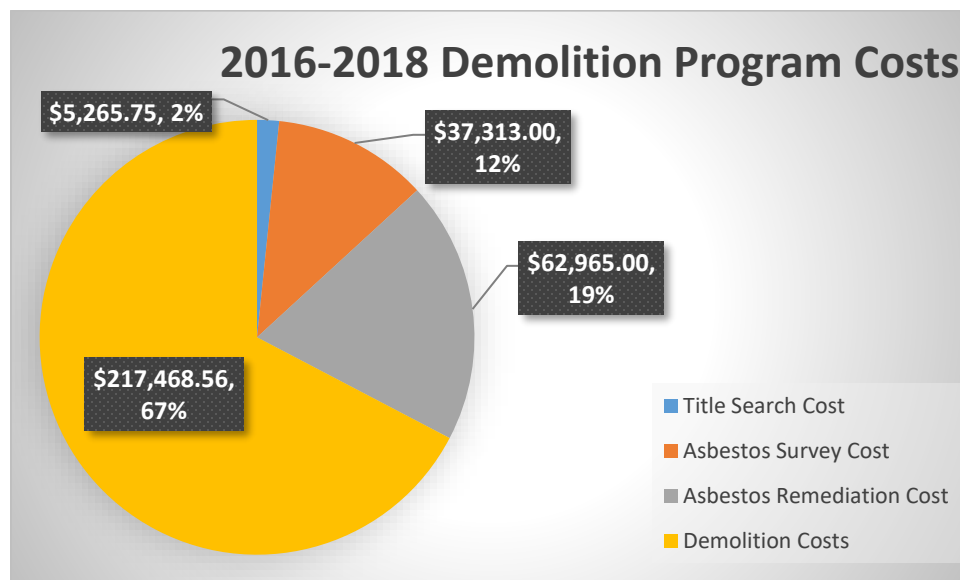
- \$91,509.35 spent for one round of projects;
- 7 properties completed (City of Defiance, Village of Hicksville, Adams Township, Richland Township, Tiffin Township, Washington Township, and Farmer Township);
- \$12,996.59 average cost per property;
- 4 properties required asbestos remediation.

2017

- \$135,994.00 spent for two rounds of projects;
- 5 properties completed in Round 1 (Farmer Township, City of Defiance, Highland Township, Adams Township, and Hicksville Township);
- 4 properties completed in Round 2 (Village of Sherwood, Richland Township, Tiffin Township and Delaware Township);
- \$15,110.44 average cost per property;
- 8 properties required asbestos remediation.

2018

- \$90,130.25 spent for two rounds of projects;
- 6 properties completed in Round 1 (City of Defiance - 2 properties, Milford Township, Delaware Township, Village of Hicksville, and Highland Township);
- 3 properties completed in Round 2 (Adams Township, Sherwood Township, and Farmer Township);
- \$9,976.14 average cost per property;
- 3 properties required asbestos remediation.



Board of Elections

Tonya Wichman, Director

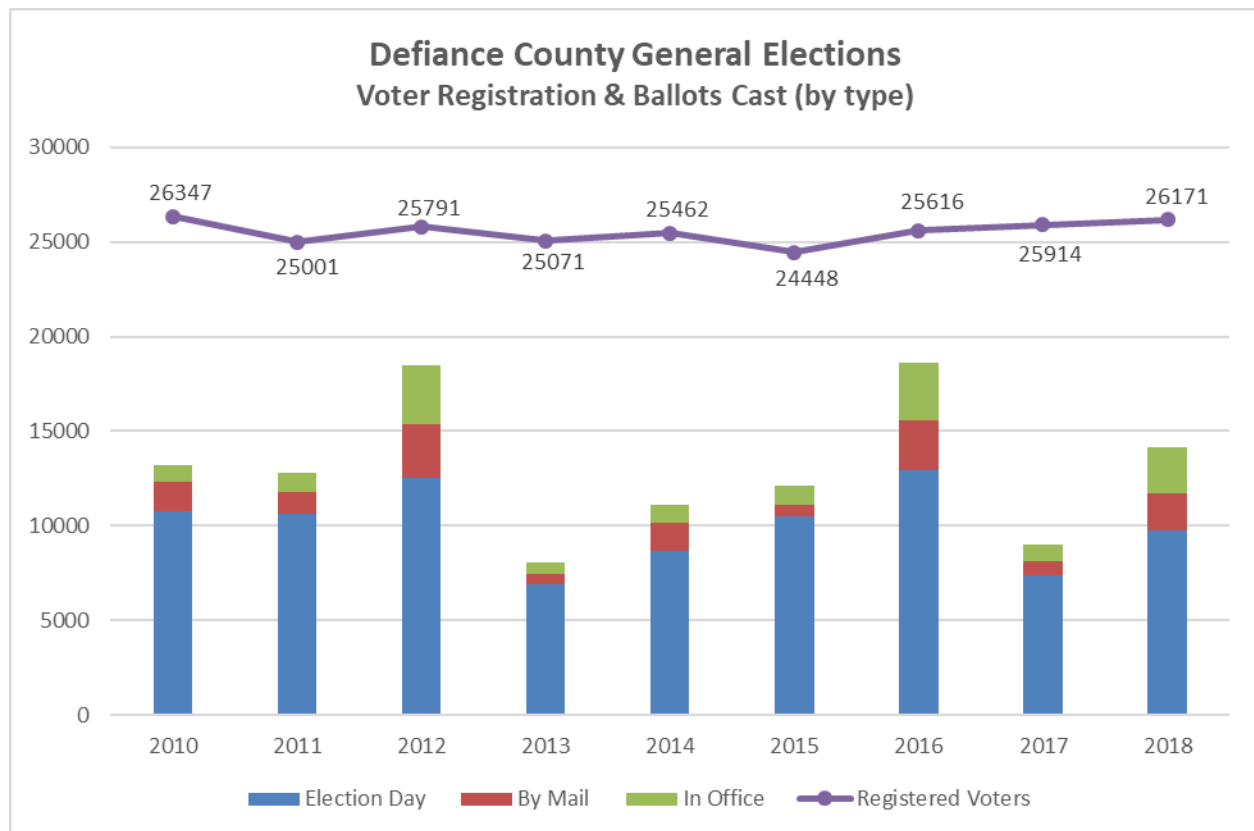
Kimberly Smith, Deputy Director

419-782-8543

The Board of Elections is responsible for administering all elections held in Defiance County. Additionally, the office maintains voter registrations; accepts and reviews candidate and issue petitions; and receives all campaign finance reports for local candidates, parties, and issue committees.

During every election, the Board has early voting hours beginning 29 days before Election Day at their office. All Defiance County voters are eligible to vote early in our office or by mail upon application. Hours for in office early voting and the application for a mail ballot can be found on our website.

Not registered to vote? Moved recently? Go to MyOhioVote.com to register or update your registration.

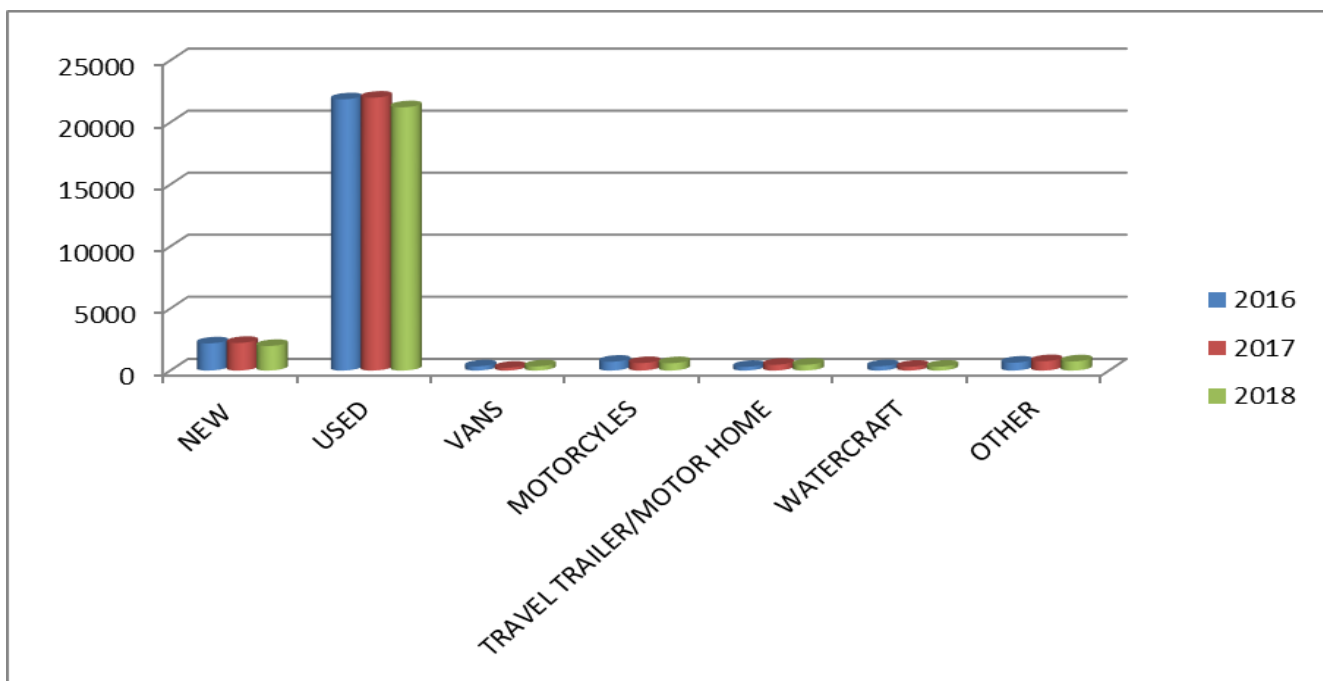


Clerk of Courts

Amy Galbraith

419-782-1936

Clerk of Courts Title Department is responsible for processing motor vehicle titles. Titles are required for motor vehicles, including automobiles, motorcycles, mobile homes, travel trailers, motor homes, trailers, (over 4,000 lbs.), boats, and boat motors, all-terrain vehicles (ATV), off-highway motorcycles, waverunners, and jet skis. It also issues duplicates for lost and stolen titles if originally issued in the State of Ohio.



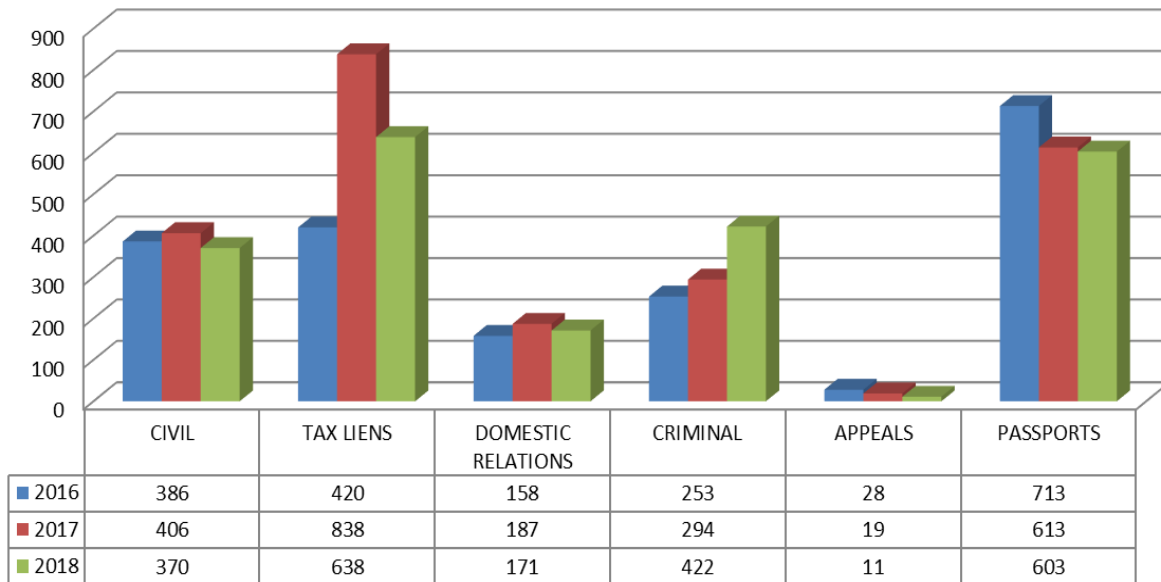
YEAR	NEW	USED	VANS	MOTORCYCLES	TRAVEL/ MOTOR HOME	WATERCRAFT	ALL OTHERS
2016	2,190	21,862	341	712	295	350	634
2017	2,229	21,997	226	603	468	304	757
2018	1,982	21,222	341	591	465	314	739

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DEFIANCE COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS LEGAL DIVISION CASE TOTALS



The Clerk of Courts is responsible for the filing, docketing, indexing and preserving all court pleadings for civil, felony criminal and domestic relations cases.

The Clerk of Courts must also follow legislation, laws, rules of the Ohio Supreme Court and local court rules. The clerk must issue writs to carry out Court orders. Writs issued by the clerk are summons, subpoenas, warrants to arrest and to convey to state penal institutions.

The **Court of Appeals** for the **Third Appellate District** is one of twelve intermediate appellate courts established under Section 3, Article IV, of the Ohio Constitution. Defiance County jurisdiction is under the Third Appellate District. The Appeals Court has appellate jurisdiction as may be provided by law to review the judgments and final orders issued by common pleas courts, municipal courts and county courts in the district. The Third District Court of Appeals is located in Allen County but appeals filed for Defiance County are filed in the Defiance County Clerk of Courts.

911 Center

Matt Hanenkrath, Director

2018 911 Center Information

Upgrade to Computer Aided Dispatch Software—

In 2017, the Defiance County Sheriff's Office, Defiance Police Department, Hicksville Police Department, and MAN Unit all combined resources under one umbrella and upgraded our Computer Aided Dispatch System, as well as Record Management System. On May 8, 2019, we went live on our new system. This system allows a free flowing exchange of information to occur within all agencies, as well as enables users a more task-driven approach than was done in the past.

Communications Project —

The 911 Board of Defiance County put together a Communications Committee consisting of local law enforcement heads, Sheriff Engel, Highland Township Fire Chief Brian Berry, and Hicksville Fire Chief Scott Cramer. It was the goal and intent of this Committee to study the current communications system in place for first responders in Defiance County and determine a best possible scenario moving forward.

After numerous meetings, study sessions, and cost estimates received, it was determined that the need to upgrade the communications system in Defiance was real and that funding should be secured to advance. In November of 2018, the voters of Defiance County approved an increase in funding to the 911 Center to support this upgrade. Work began immediately and will continue for several years to make improvements to the communications system in Defiance County to ensure a safer response to incidents in Defiance County.

911 Audit —

In August of 2018, the 911 Center was audited by the 911 Program Office of Ohio. They reviewed Emergency Operations Plans, backup power, training standards, and other program information. For the first year of the audit, the 911 Center of Defiance County successfully passed the State Audit with zero corrective actions needed.

2018 Statistics—

Calls for Service—46,410

911 Calls Answered —8,572

Senior Services

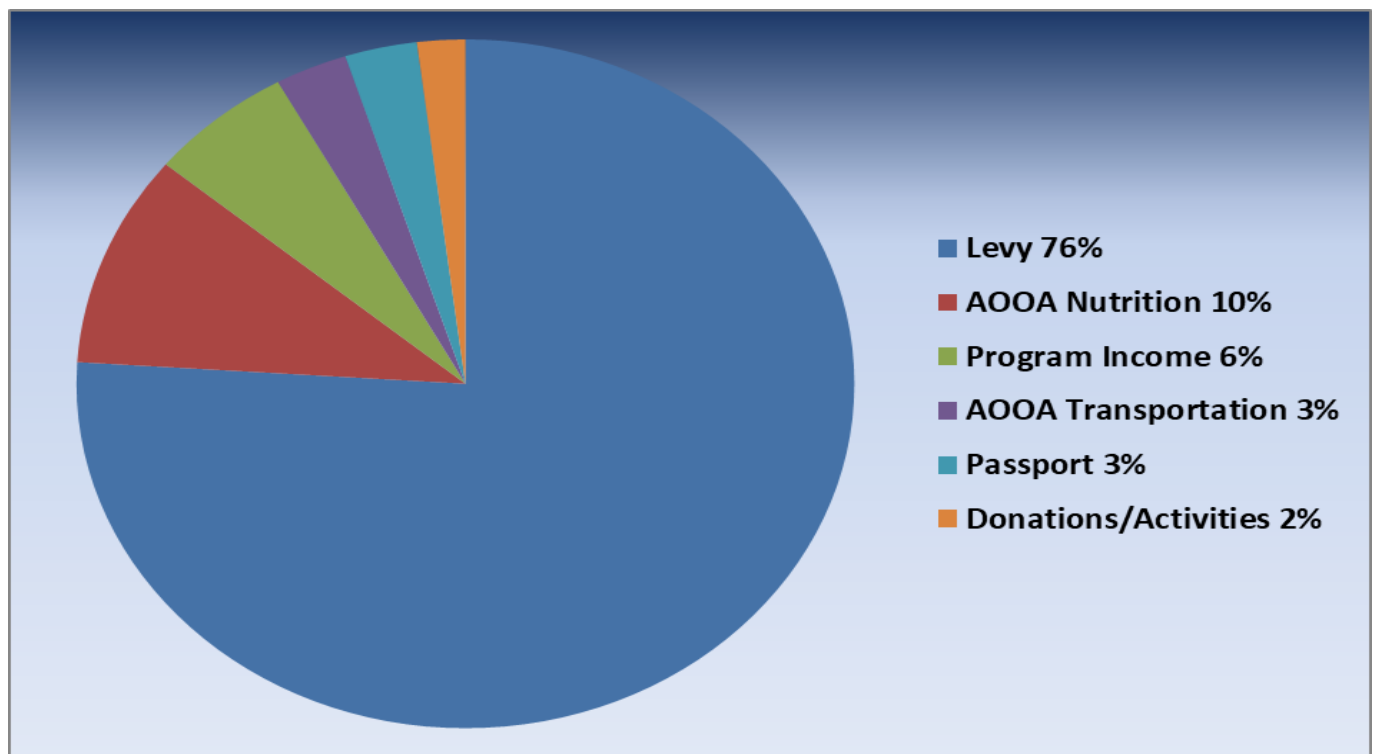
Tina Hiler, Director

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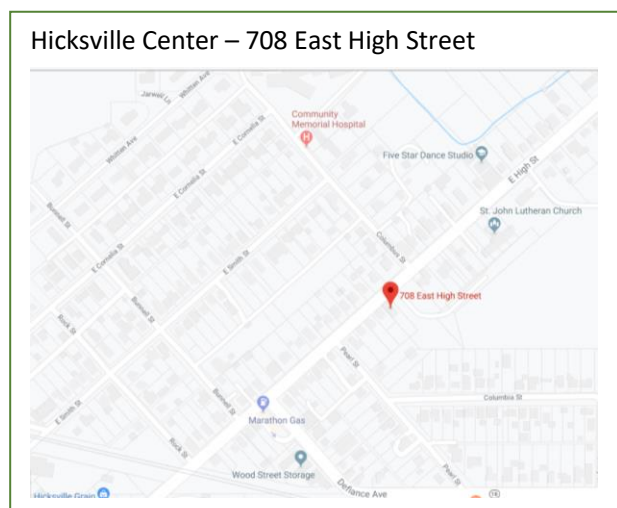
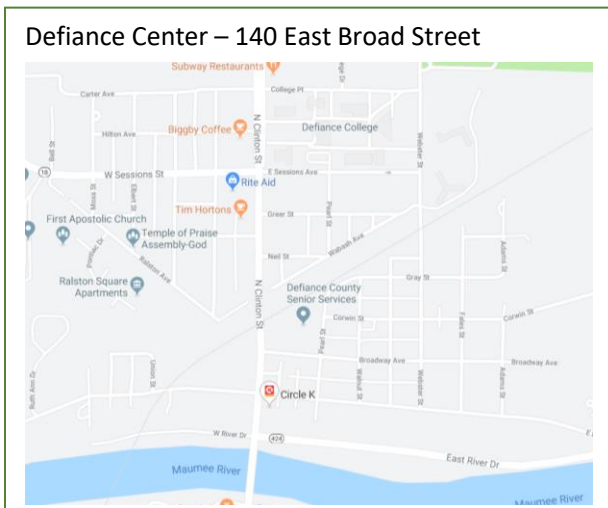
Defiance County Senior Services is primarily funded through a Defiance County voter-approved levy; the remaining funds are received through grants (The Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio and the PASSPORT Program) and donations.

Because of your generosity in 2018, Defiance County Senior Services provided 95,434 meals and 11,199 transports.

Over the past 5 years, Defiance County Senior Services provided 472,789 meals and 50,133 transports.



Locations of Defiance County Senior Centers:

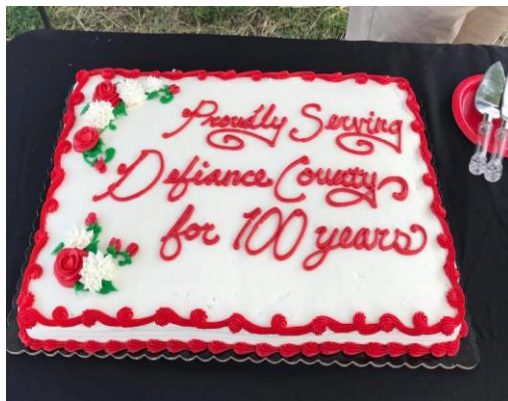


OSU Extension

Wm. Bruce Clevenger

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OSU Extension Celebrated 100 Years of Serving Defiance County in 2018. In 1918, the first County Agent was hired to serve the families and farms in Defiance County. Myron D. Miller taught and demonstrated farming practices to improve the lives of Defiance County citizens. The County Agent worked with youth in Boys and Girls Clubs that later became known as 4-H. Over 100 years, Ohio State University research and information has been locally disseminated via the County Agents, now called County Educators. A decade-by-decade review of historical highlights is available at: <https://defiance.osu.edu/> or by stopping by the Defiance County OSU Extension office. Extension is needed today as it has been needed for the last 100 years. OSU Extension delivers the outreach and extension mission of The Ohio State University primarily in the College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, with connecting resources across the entire university. OSU Extension is a cooperative county service provided by OSU and the Defiance County Commissioners.



SNAP Ed

SNAP Ed offers nutrition programs during the summer at the **Summer Food Program**. Children enjoyed the Two Bite Club, Nutrition Bingo, Mystery Box, and fruit and vegetable memory game.

Cooking Matters was also offered in the summer at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. This is a 6-week course that allows participants to learn culinary skills, healthy meal preparation, nutrition, and budgeting.

Food pantry participants did taste testing and learned how healthy, easy, and tasty it is to make spaghetti squash and black bean brownies

SNAP Ed partners with Ravens Inc. and offers a crockpot class.

This allows SNAP Ed to provide the nutrition programming. Programs include MyPlate, Sugary Drinks, Portion Distortion, and the Food Label.

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4-H

Defiance County currently has 533 4-H members and 102 adult volunteers serving in leadership roles.

The 4-H Educator conducted leadership training for 425 high school students on various topics that included Flag Etiquette, Leadership Interviews, and Manners on the Go.

All 4-H programs focus on active involvement and quality experiences, which stimulate lifelong learning of values and skills. 4-H members learn valuable lessons in leadership, communication and collaboration while increasing their knowledge in math, science, technology and a variety of other topics. 4-H creates fun while learning in a variety of ways. Kids can participate in 4-H through community clubs, camps, in-school and after-school activities, and summer programs. They increase their self-confidence and personal life skills while learning about specific subjects - anything from animals or computers to public speaking, cooking, art, gardening and environmental sciences, just to name a few. You can also learn more about all OSU Extension 4-H youth development programs at <http://ohio4h.org>.

Agriculture

OSU Extension hosted a **2018 Farm Outlook** meeting with over 125 area farmers and ag-business professionals. They learned strategies and information about trends and forecasts impacting local and global production agriculture. Participants (94%) agreed or strongly agreed the OSU Extension program (1) was useful to their grain marketing strategies, (2) improved their knowledge about 2018 purchasing decisions, (3) increased their knowledge on global grain market trade. Participants identified their priorities to manage farm profitability: fuel prices, seed costs, machinery purchases, and nutrient expenses.

The **Whose Farm Is It** tribute was continued in 2018 by OSU Extension. The goal is to increase people's awareness about the importance of the farm families and the farm business in the Defiance County rural area. Farmsteads are a historic and modern icon of a farm community that speaks to the values and traditions used to produce food and protect farmland and water resources. One farm per township was identified for photographing and the family shared a brief biography of the business and property. The 2018 participant farms were established as early as 1855 to as recent as 1983. Farms are diverse in traditional crops such as corn, soybeans and wheat, livestock farms with horses, beef, and seed sales. Farms range from 1st generation to 6th generation farm businesses.

Ditch Maintenance

Kevin Hancock, District Administrator

419-782-1794

In December 1989, The Defiance County Commissioners and the Defiance County Engineer entered into an agreement with the Board of Supervisors for Defiance County Soil & Water Conservation District to manage and operate the Defiance County Ditch Maintenance Program, as required by Ohio Revised Code. There are currently 202 improvements under maintenance, totaling 356 miles.

Work Completed in 2018

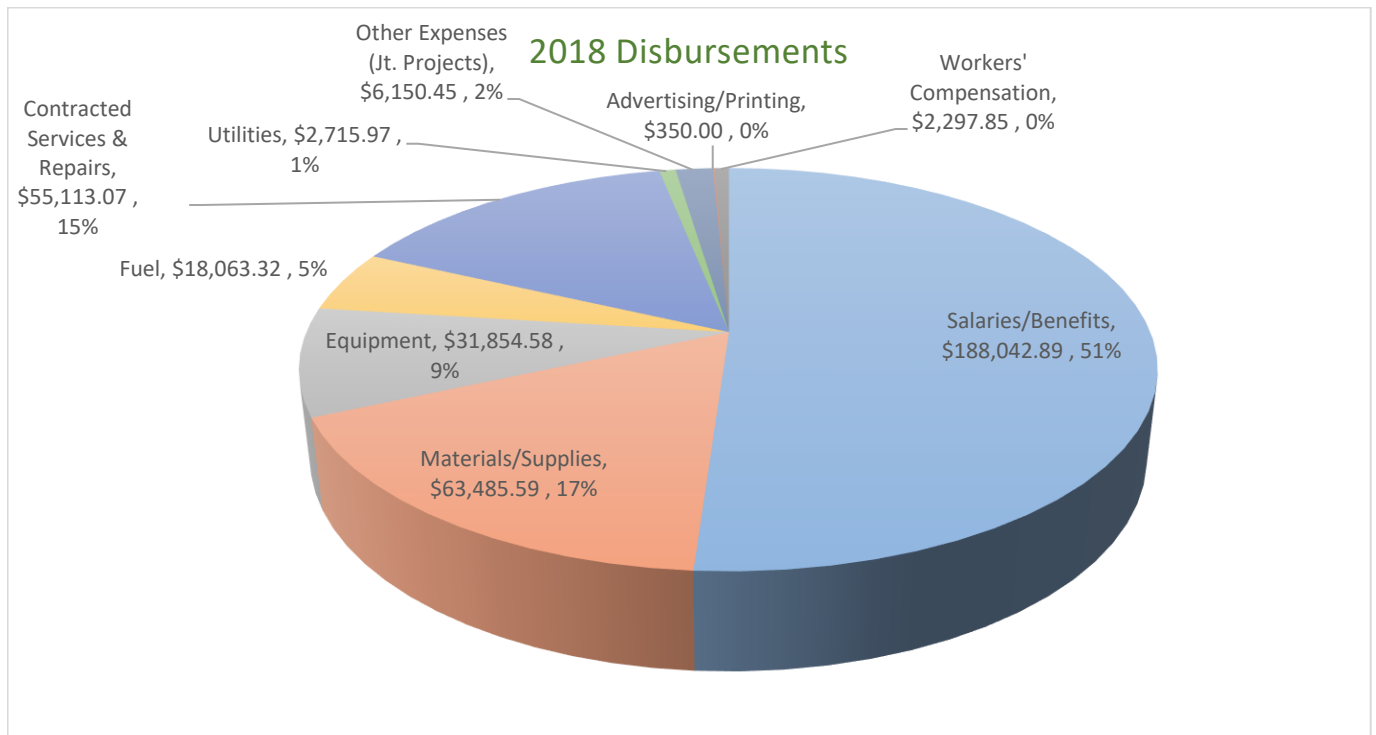
- 7 miles bottom cleaned on 10 improvements
- 180 miles brush and cattail control
- 643 tons of rock for bank protection
- 672 pounds of grass seed and fertilizer
- 41 improvements repaired
- 521 feet of tile/pipe repairs
- Leaning tree/log jam removal
- Tons of broken concrete for bank

2018 Revenue:

Local & Other Counties' Taxes: \$491,942.42
 Equipment Maintenance/Other: \$18,029.31
 Total Revenue: \$509,971.73

Ditch Maintenance Steering Board Members:

Warren Schlatter	Gary Plotts	Mick Pocratsky	Ryan Mack
Mike Zeedyk	Louis Shininger	Gary Mavis	Dan Vetter
Keith Schroeder	Tom Beck	Bill Moats	Roger Zeedyk IV
Jeff Hange	Kyle Weber	Jason Roehrig	Ben Gerken
Jeff Peter	Terry Behnfeldt		



Soil & Water Conservation District

Kevin Hancock, District Administrator

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2018 District Accomplishments:

- Design, layout, and construction oversight of 9,986 lineal feet of grassed waterways including tile, blind inlet, rock chute/pad components. Also, over 5,750 lineal feet of waterways designed for 2019 construction.
- Facilitated the planning of over 1,020 acres of cover crops in prioritized watersheds in addition to the promotion of gypsum application (135 acres) and VRT nutrient management plans (76 acres).
- One drainage water management structure installed and 2 designed for a total of over 250 drainage water management structures, including 1 saturated buffer, in Defiance County.
- Implementation of two Conservation Works of Improvement projects in addition to 13 private drainage projects addressing flooding and erosion concerns.
- Conducted multi-county field day focused on the economics of conservation highlighting a 2-stage ditch, wood chip bioreactor, and phosphorous filter bed, having 147 in attendance.
- Design, layout, and construction oversight on a 5-acre CREP wetland project with designs completed for an additional six wetland acres.
- Rental of conservation establishment equipment including native grass no-till drill (460.7 acres), conservation cover seeder (80.8 acres), straw mulcher (27.2 hours), and tree planter (over 10,000 trees planted).
- Since 2012, well over \$1.4 million (non-federal) has been brought into Defiance County as cost share for conservation implementation such as drainage water management, cover crops, wetlands, and precision nutrient management.
- Youth conservation programs conducted with over 7,270 student presentations including classroom, field day, summer conservation camps, and recycling-specific programs. In addition, facilitated local school participation in the Envirothon competition with Ayersville High School advancing to the state competition.
- District conservation tree sale with over 7,400 tree seedlings established.
- Conducted 47 site reviews for proposed rural development addressing drainage and flooding concerns, home siting, site suitability for home sewage treatment systems, pond excavations, and wells, in addition to access management.
- District oversight and investigation of WLEB fertilizer and manure application laws in addition to the Ag Pollution Abatement Program with nine investigations performed in 2018.
- Adult education and outreach programs provided over 35,000 engagements with local residents, producers, and ag retailers through newsletters, workshops, and social media.



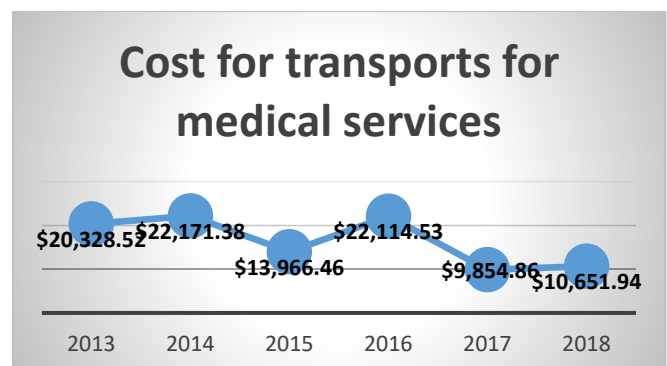
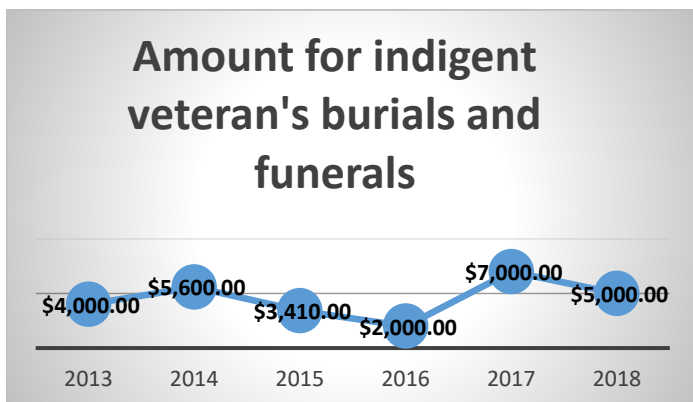
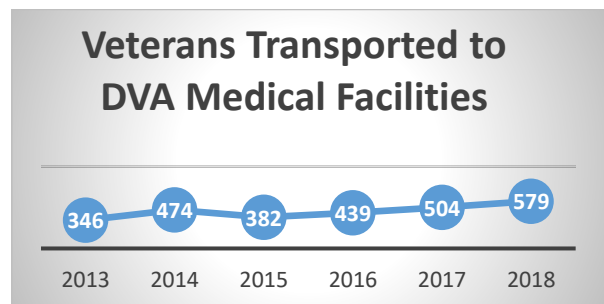
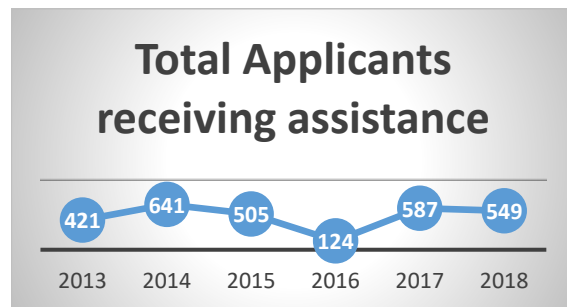
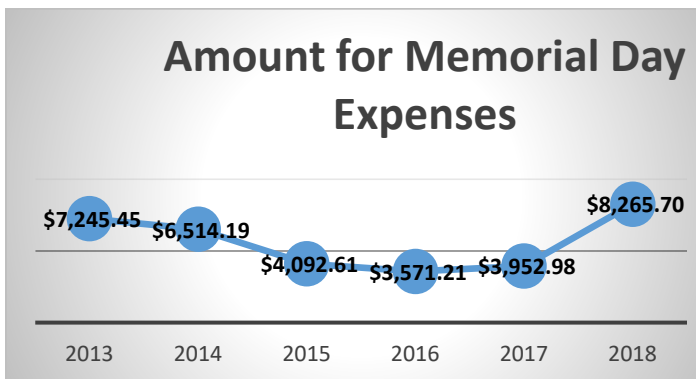
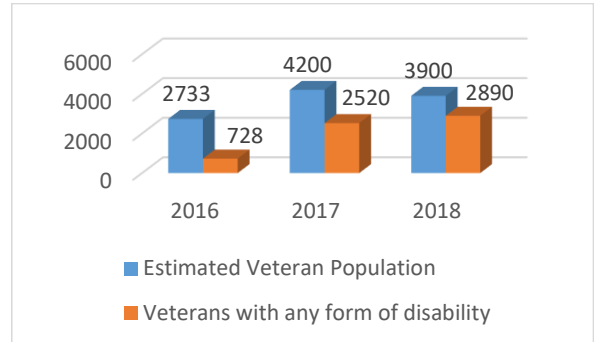
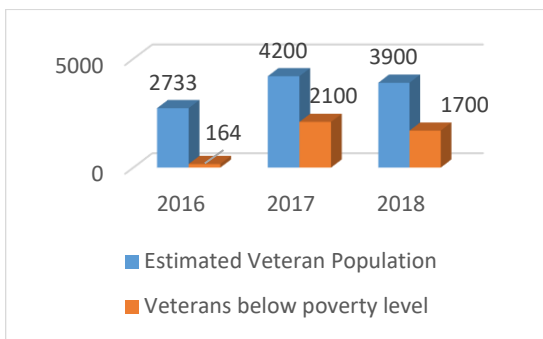
Veterans Affairs

Erin Clady, Service Officer

419-782-6861

The Defiance County Veterans Affairs Office files 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 transport to VA medical appointment and other veterans' needs.

A history of the Claims and services provided by our office:



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 harbinger, 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.

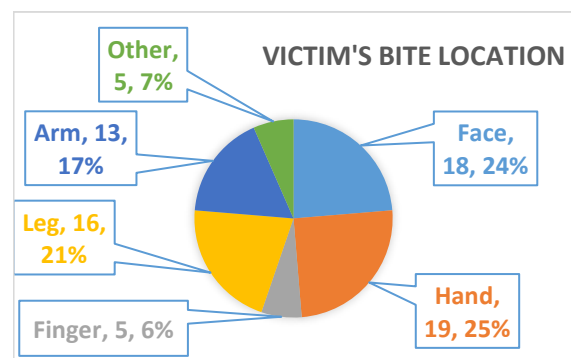
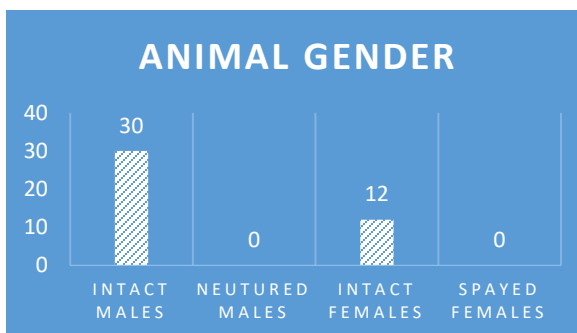
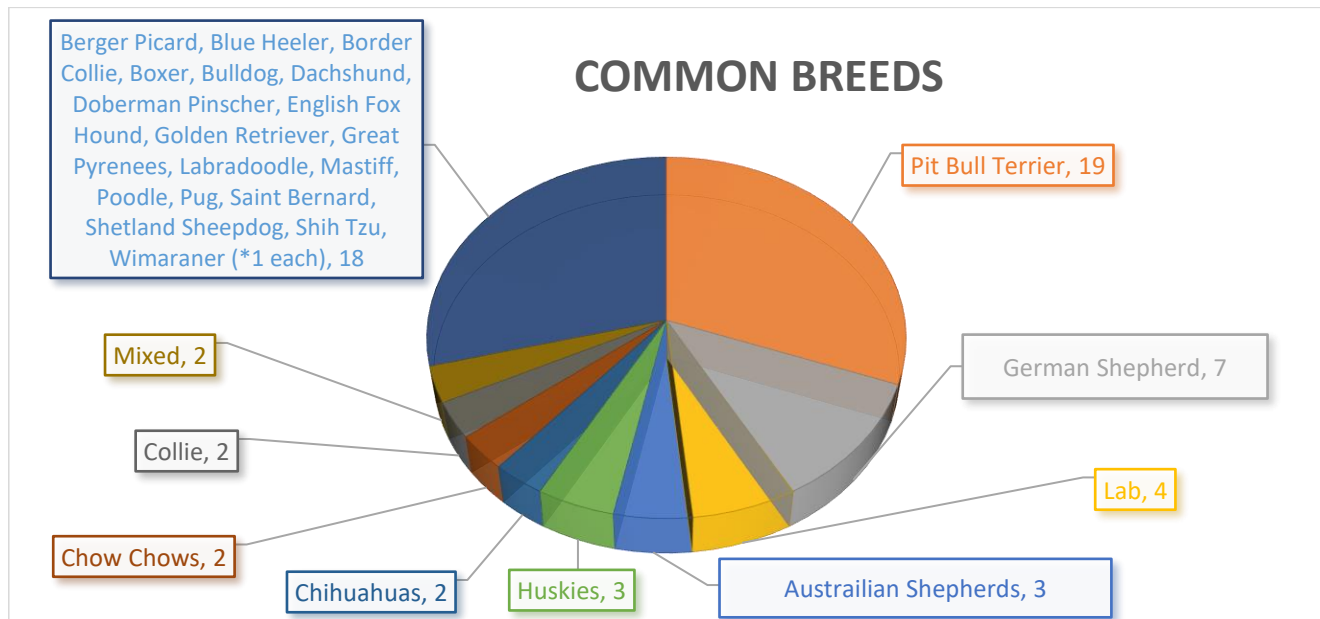
2017 Statistics

Revenue: \$176,584.68
 Expenses: \$212,261.53 (purchased a new vehicle)
 Citations: 160
 Warnings: 81
 Dog Bites: 59
 Dangerous Dog licenses Sold: 9

2018 Statistics

Revenue: \$176,036.17
 Expenses: \$176,560.24
 Citations: 263
 Warnings: 72
 Dog Bites: 79
 Dangerous Dog licenses Sold: 28

2018 Dog Bite Statistics



Public Safety Services

Julie Rittenhouse, Director

419-782-1130

The Public Safety Services / Emergency Management Agency (PSS/EMA), 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 2018 were Weather Spotter, Annual Hazmat Conference, Defensive Driving, Basic Hazardous Materials, ICS 300, ICS400, and Stop The Bleed Training. PSS/EMA participated in a monthly MARCS Radio Communication Drill as well as the following exercises: Ayersville School Fire Drill with an After Action Meeting, Defiance College Table Top, Health Care Coalition Table Top, and the Defiance County LEPC Table Top. We participated in or evaluated exercises for the following: Wood County LEPC Full Scale, Williams County LEPC Full Scale, and Henry County Functional. We also held the Annual Open House in September. The County elementary schools bring approximately 450 students to the Open House.

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. Defiance County is a Storm Ready county designated 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 eleven suspected hazardous material incidents. The office helped collect \$3,092.42 for the County-Wide Cost Recovery program in 2018.

The County must have a FEMA approved mitigation plan in place to qualify for federal funding. The Defiance County All Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved in 2017. This plan is good for 5 years.

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.

2018 Statistics

Appropriations: \$136,535.00

Grant Awards:

\$ 72,458.00

Expenses:

\$147,114.00



Family & Children First

Julie Voll, Coordinator

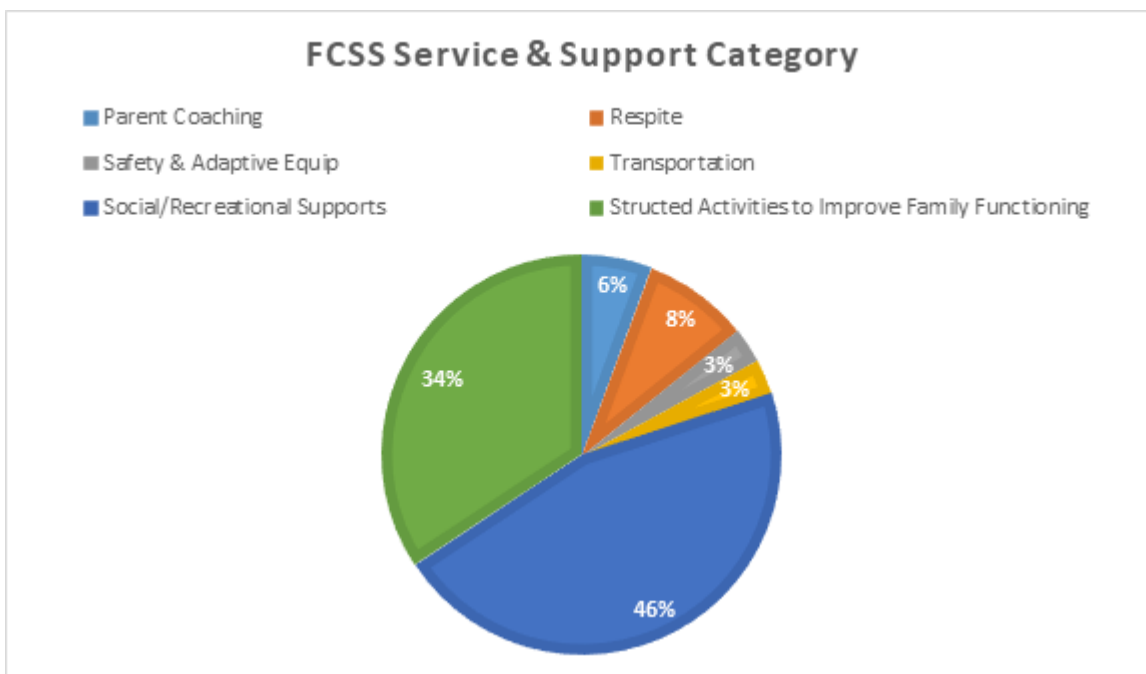
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Defiance County Family & Children First Council (FCFC) works on various projects to strengthen families.

One impact area is Service Coordination; a planning process implemented to address the needs of youth and families where needs are multiple and complex.

Families who have children with multiple systemic needs identified through our county Service Coordination process, may be eligible to utilize 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 2018, our team served 48 Defiance County children and youth through this impact area.



Job & Family Services

Corey Walker, Director

419-782-3881

The Department of Job & Family Services serves the residents of Defiance County by administering public assistance programs of the state and federal government, providing Workforce investment opportunities thru the Ohio Means Jobs center, 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.

In 2018, the agency transitioned to the Ohio Benefits eligibility system, completed the implementation of the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) for Children Services, and was part of a six-county consortium to partner with Northwest State Community College for the delivery of the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP).

The agency maintains an internal Quality Assurance program to insure case accuracy and timeliness. In 2018, the agency's Income Maintenance staff was again recognized by the state of Ohio for payment accuracy in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Assistance).

Our Fiscal Department was awarded the Ohio State Auditor award for Excellence in Financial Reporting in accordance with General Accepted Accounting Principles and Compliance with applicable laws and the agency was recognized for its efforts in adoptions.

2018 Statistics

Cash Assistance (Average per month) - 95 individuals

Food Assistance (Average per month) - 5,292 individuals

Medicaid Recipients (Average per month) - 12,261 individuals

Annual Food Assistance - \$6,848,832.00

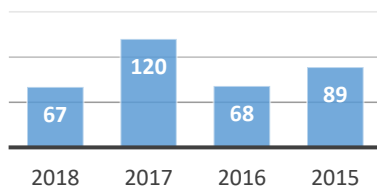
Coroner

Dr. Rachel Rosenfeld

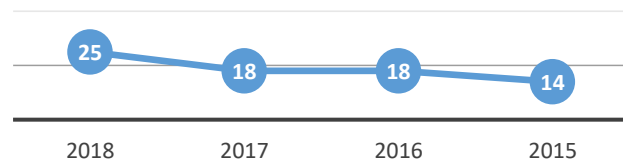
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The mission of the Defiance County Coroner's Office is to determine the cause of death in unusual, unexpected, accidental and traumatic cases. The Coroner is an advocate to those who have passed. When necessary, the Coroner will order an autopsy performed to determine the cause of death.

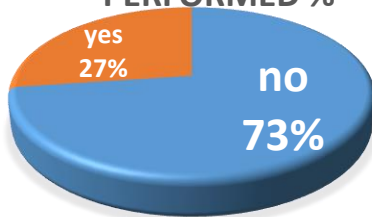
Number of Coroner Cases



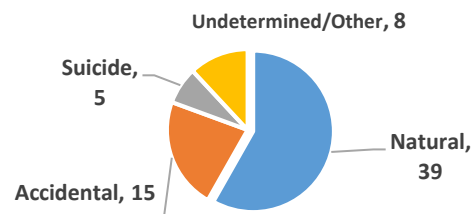
Number of Autopsies Performed



2018 AUTOPSIES PERFORMED %



Causes of Death 2018



Dr. Williams Reeves was the Defiance County Coroner until his death in September 2018. The Commissioners appointed Dr. Gary Okuley to the position until the Defiance County Republican Party was able to fill the vacancy. Dr. Rachel Rosenfeld has been the Defiance County Coroner since being appointed by the Defiance County Republican Party.

Dr. William Reeves



Juvenile Court

Judge Jeffrey A. Strausbaugh

419-782-0226

SUMMARY OF CASES FILED IN 2018

Defiance County Juvenile Court has the responsibility to hear and determine all cases and issues concerning children in Defiance County. In 2018, 962 complaints and/or new cases were formally filed. This total includes: 315 delinquent child complaints; 46 unruly child complaints; 248 juvenile traffic complaints; 58 dependency, neglect and child abuse cases; 2 permanent custody cases; and 293 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 2018, the Defiance County Juvenile Court had 315 delinquency complaints filed. Of the 315 complaints filed, 46 were felony charges and 269 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 2018, the Defiance County Juvenile Court had 46 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 2018, there were 248 juvenile traffic cases filed in the Defiance County Juvenile Court.

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 2018, there were 58 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. Two (2) new motions for permanent custody were filed in the court in 2018.

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 one failure to send charges filed in 2018.

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 2018, there were 86 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 2018, there were seven (7) 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 2018, there were 194 support cases filed in the Defiance County Juvenile Court.

Recorder

Cecilia Parsons

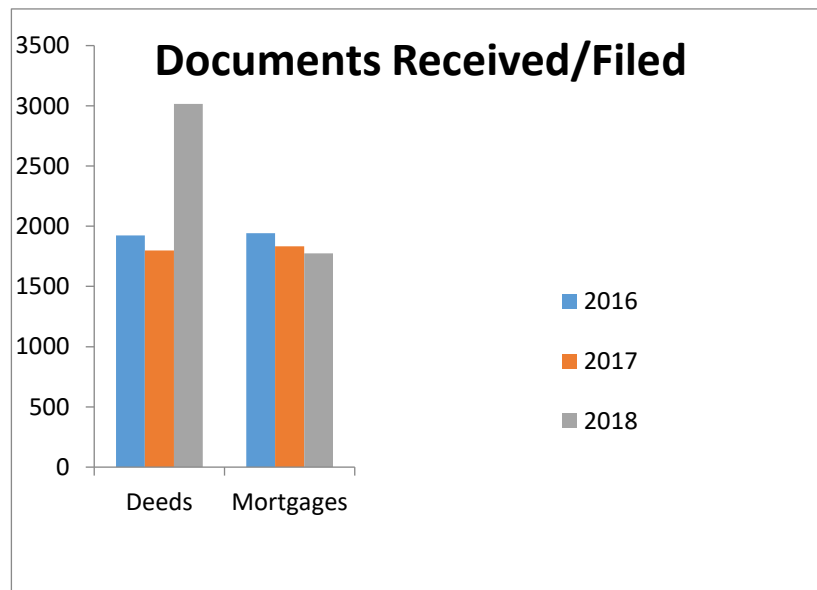
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In February 2018, the Defiance County Recorder's office upgraded the recording and search systems. We have contracted with Fidlar Technologies to provide us with the new system, which will improve the information and document retrieval process. This system will help us improve our customer service to you, while enabling us to offer the most up-to-date products and services.

The in-office search system is Laredo and has a large variety of ways to enhance or streamline a property search. The new online search program we will be using is AVA, which is hosted by Fidlar Technologies, and will be easily accessible from the Defiance County Recorder's office web page.

Also offered free of charge with the new system is our Property Fraud Alert program. This allows Defiance County property owners to register online and be notified if anything referencing their name and property is filed in the Recorder's office. The sign up is available via a link on the Recorder's website.

These changes are designed to enhance the integrity of our records and provide more technologically advanced products to our customers.



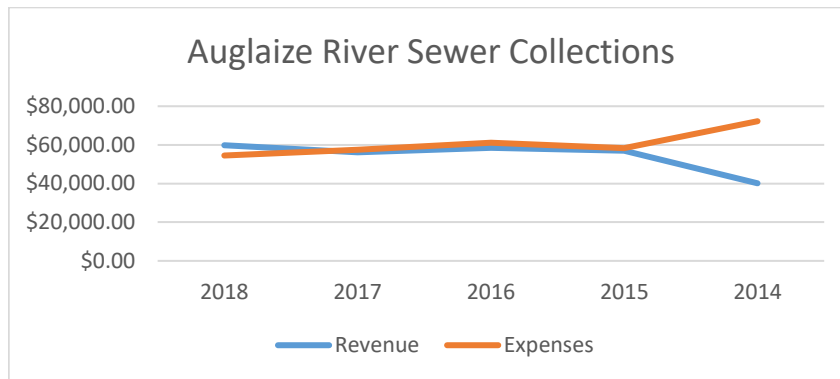
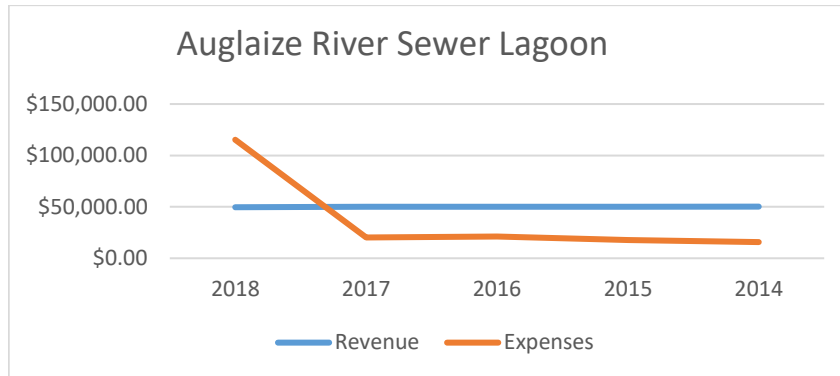
Wastewater Operations

Greg Reinhart, Director

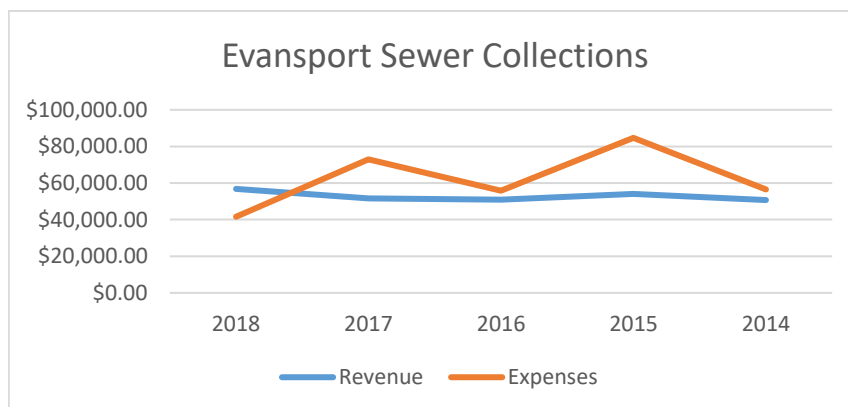
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The Defiance County Wastewater Operations Office oversees the operation of numerous wastewater collection and treatment facilities within Defiance County.

Auglaize River Sewer – 41,476 linear feet, 7 pump stations, 94 manholes



Evansport Sewer – 9,450 linear feet, 1 pump station, 29 manholes

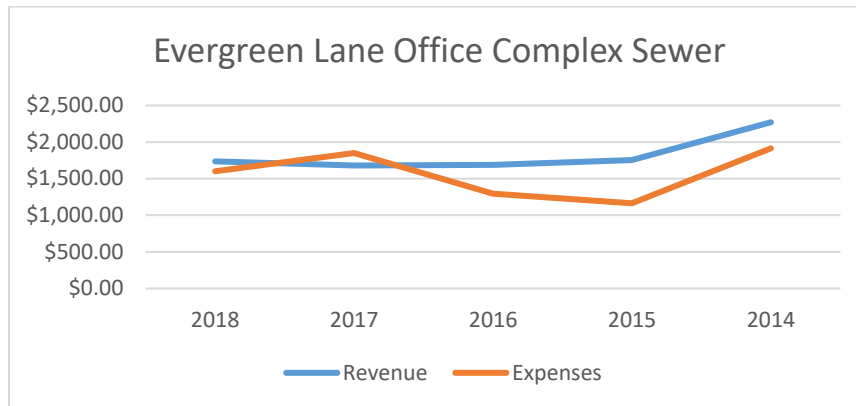


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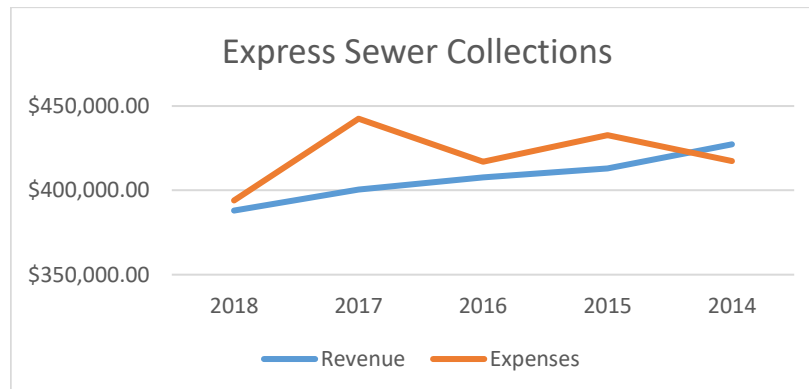
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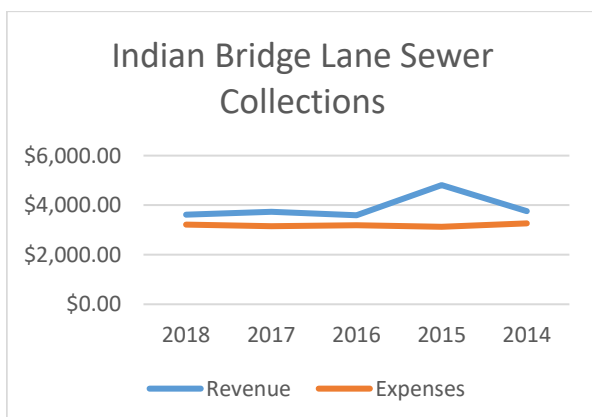
Evergreen Lane Office Complex Sewer – 7,772 linear feet, 0 pump station, 5 manholes



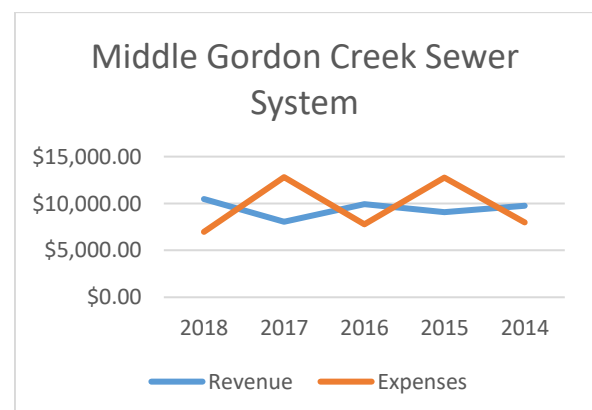
Express Sewer – 61,613 linear feet, 4 pump stations, 136 manholes



Indian Bridge Lane Sewer



Middle Gordon Creek Sewer

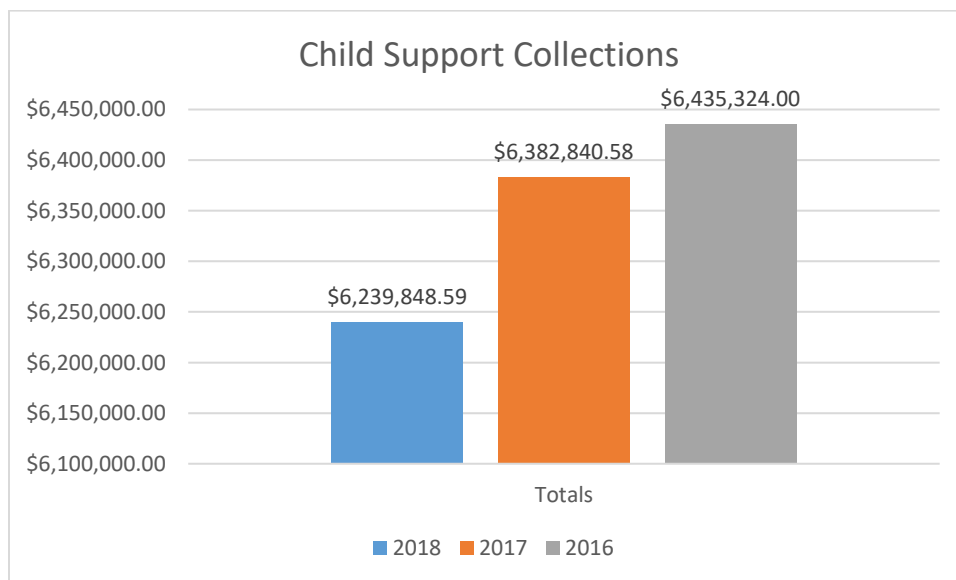
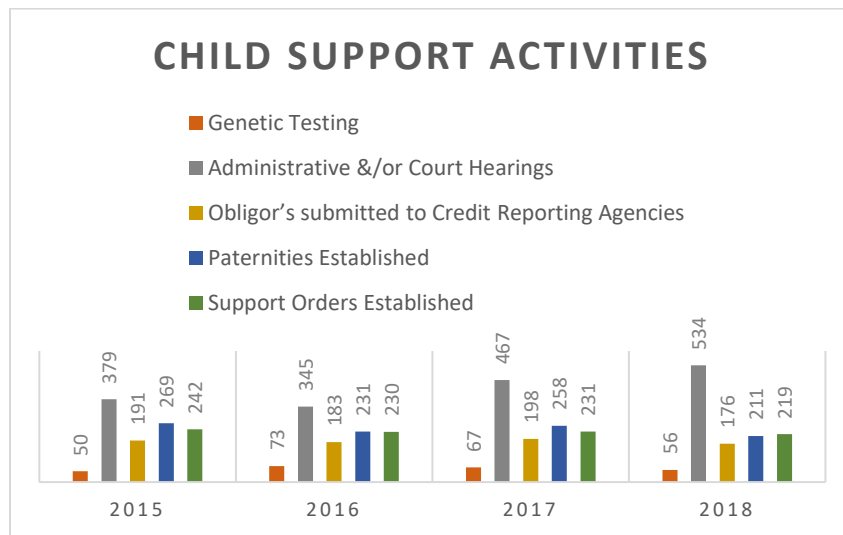


Child Support Enforcement Agency

Connie Bostelman, Director

419-784-2123

Every child has a legal right to the financial support of both parents, even if the parents are divorced, separated, or never married. The Defiance County Child Support Enforcement Agency provides services designed to insure that appropriate financial support is provided to children by their parent. Federal and State Laws set forth our responsibilities and provide a majority of the funding for operating the Agency. There is no fee charged, regardless of income and some services are available to either parent. We do not provide legal representation to either party; however, attorneys are available to answer questions regarding our services and procedures.



*Thank you to Defiance County
citizens for allowing us the
opportunity to serve you!*