



City Of EAST LIVERPOOL

MUNICIPAL COURT

OHIO, U.S.A.

43920

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Good afternoon, Chair Hillyer, Vice-Chair Grendell and members:

My name is Gisele Stevenson, I am a resident of the City of East Liverpool and a deputy clerk who is very grateful to be employed by the East Liverpool Municipal Court.

I am here, on behalf of myself and my co-workers to provide you with some information on the services that our Court provides to our community.

Our small town, which is located in the southern part of Columbiana County, has been shrinking for the past 40 years. Moving this court to Lisbon would create such a hardship on our residents due to it being a very low income-based community. Most residents of our community do not even own vehicles and must walk to City Hall and other establishments within the city.

The jurisdiction of the East Liverpool Municipal Court covers the City of East Liverpool, St Clair Township and Liverpool Township. As of the 2020 census, the population of our jurisdiction was 23,480 residents. Contrary to the belief that the County is united in abolishing the East Liverpool Municipal Court, the majority of our citizens wish for the court to remain within the City of East Liverpool.

Not only is our population of lower income, we also have a large number of elderly residents who often need the court for civil filings. These elderly residents are within minutes of the Court, and it would create a burden for them to travel to Lisbon which is an hour-long round trip.

When this process began, our case count for the year 2021 was reported incorrectly. As you can see by the break down on this poster, the correct case count for the year 2021 was 2,511 cases. Bear in mind, most of these cases have more than one (1) charge and some defendants may be seen in our Court four (4) or five (5) times until the case is disposed of. Also, please take a look at the pictures provided so that you may actually see a visual of our current case

load. As you can see by the picture of our docket for the past two (2) public defender dates, we are very much needed in this community, especially by those less fortunate.

The city provided our court with a budget of \$287,000.00 in 2021 which covered employees' salaries, health insurance, OPERS, etc. In that same year, the court generated \$130,000.00 in fines and costs that was returned to the city, leaving a difference of only \$157,000.00. The cost of a Magistrate's Court, which will be needed, would certainly exceed that amount. According to the 2021-year end report which was provided to you, the East Liverpool Municipal Court collected a total of \$675,246.09 from fines and costs. As you are well aware, courts are to provide a service to the residents and to distribute justice, their purpose is not to generate revenue.

Relocating the court to Lisbon will create a financial burden to the City of East Liverpool, St Clair Township and Liverpool Township. Officers from each of these police departments will now be required to file all criminal charges, traffic violations, meet with prosecutors and attend court appearances in Lisbon. This will create an increase in fuel costs, wear and tear on police vehicles, overtime pay to officers, not to mention those officers being an hour away from their jurisdiction and unable to provide the necessary protection and services for our community. You can find more detailed information in the packets provided to you which also include letters of support, newspaper articles and the resolution passed by the Columbiana County Bar Association.

Everyone is aware that drug usage has increased significantly over the years and the East Liverpool Municipal Court Probation Department employs three (3) full-time probation officers, mostly funded through grants, that provide our community with a very beneficial drug treatment program. This program is designed to aid in the recovery of drug related addictions by closely overseeing and monitoring the individuals that were accepted into this program. Without this program provided to these individuals locally, each individual would then be required to travel to Lisbon for the necessary weekly meetings and appointments. Again, these individuals have no means of transportation and will most likely not be able to continue with the drug program.

On Friday, May 27 our probation department received a call informing them that one of their probationers was threatening suicide. Probation officers from our court reacted quickly and were at the home in less than five minutes. If the court was relocated to Lisbon, a quick response time such as this would not be possible.

During the meeting that took place in Columbus on May 24, representatives of this county in favor of the consolidation and relocation of our court commented that "court consolidation is most appropriate when its effect would not take food from a sitting judge's table". This unprofessional and inappropriate comment is in regard to the unexpected death of the Honorable Judge Dominic Frank and does not take into consideration the ten (10) employees that will be without jobs. Those ten (10) employees currently pay city income tax and losing these ten (10) employees will be another loss to the economy of the city with an already low tax base.

We pray for your support and ask for your vote in favor of retaining East Liverpool Municipal Court within the City of East Liverpool.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Columbiana County Bar Association met today, April 11, 2022. We accordingly adopt the following Resolution.

WHEREAS, the East Liverpool Municipal Court had been presided over by one judge; and

WHEREAS, the presiding judge of the East Liverpool Municipal Court, Dominic A. Frank, passed away on January 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, since the passing of Judge Frank, East Liverpool Municipal Court has continued to operate with visiting judges; and

WHEREAS, the Columbiana County Commissioners have moved towards closing the East Liverpool Municipal Court, merging it with the existing Columbiana County Municipal Court, located at 38832 Saltwell Road, Lisbon, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the matter to dissolve the East Liverpool Municipal Court has been forwarded for review by State Representative Tim Ginter and the Ohio Supreme Court.

THEREFORE, justice is best served that the current status and jurisdiction of the East Liverpool Municipal Court remain as it presently exists with a new full time judge being appointed/elected by the electorate.

The Secretary is directed to place the Resolution in the permanent records of the Association.


President


Secretary



EAST LIVERPOOL VICTIM'S ADVOCATE

CRIMINAL/CIVIL DIVISION

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TINA M. KELLER
Victim/Witness Coordinator

May 29, 2022

To the Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the Civil Justice Committee:

I am writing this letter of support as the Victim's Advocate for the City of East Liverpool Law Director's office.

My job is also threatened with the possible closing of the East Liverpool Municipal Court. But that is not my only concern. As the Victim's Advocate, I am very concerned about the victims of domestic violence whom I help. This area is an extremely Appalachian community. Most of these victims live in extreme poverty and will not have the resources to travel 30 minutes away to the Columbiana County Court in Lisbon, OH. We seem to be punishing the most downtrodden of our small town by seeking to abolish our court.

In my ten years of service here I have worked under several prosecutors/asst law directors. At no time, as stated by the current county prosecutor (who has only been in office for a year and a half and never comes to East Liverpool), have we ever had a prosecutor five days a week. The county always sent a prosecutor Tuesdays through Thursdays which is why you will notice these are the busiest days for the Court. Mondays and Fridays have always been reserved for arraignments and civil cases handled only by the Judge.

It was also stated that our court tried one criminal case since 2021. However, that case was actually 3 separate individuals on trial. Most of our scheduled jury trials are settled the week of, which is financially better for our court. Nothing was mentioned about the bench trials we have.

The time and attention is still the same as it was when I started in 2012. The only thing that has changed is that the assistant law director was the opponent of the current county prosecutor. Where once the prosecutor sent by the county three days a week was also paid by the city to be the Asst law director to handle the offenses written under the city codified ordinance and city civil cases, we now have a separate asst. law director and county prosecutor. This, in my belief, is all political.

It should also be noted, the current county prosecutor has always worked in Mahoning County and is used to a much larger City's caseloads. However, our court does have more case files than can fit in our arms. A few visiting County Prosecutors in the past have commented on how busy this Court is, especially on public defender days when there is no time for any kind of breaks. We take offense to the

statements made. We take our court, probation department, drug court, victims and our defendants very serious. Not a joking matter.

Our mayor states he wants to build this city up. We still have a pottery (Homer Laughlin though not actually in our city – owned by the mayor's in-laws), we have the New Castle School of Trade, the new restaurant (Cadence Vault Gastropub, a renovated century bank overlooking the river), a soon to open winery, an extension campus of Kent State University, City Hospital, Carnegie Library, Pottery City Antique Mall, Ceramic Museum, etc. So how do you explain a mayor who is not even running for a second term, attempting to pick the city apart bit by bit. It almost seems like public officials are purposely sabotaging the city.

Would also like to note, the Law Director's office, the Court and Probation Staff was never notified of the State Representatives, Mayor or Prosecutor's opinions on closing this court. We had to find out by reading the local paper!

Please vote no on this bill. If you are inclined to vote yes, please do not let it be based on the politics at play here.

Thank You for taking the time to read this testimony.
Tina Keller, Victim's Advocate for the City of East Liverpool



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Abolishing or relocating the East Liverpool Municipal Court will have a detrimental effect on my department as well as the surrounding police departments. The overtime for officer's court time would be doubled immediately causing a strain to the police budget. The time for court appearances will be increased, as well as leaving the dept severely understaffed when daylight officers are subpoenaed to appear during their shift causing even more unnecessary overtime.

The closing of the court will also hamper our efforts to provide hope and direction for the individuals struggling with drug addictions and going into the drug court. The staffing for counselors is already stretched thin trying to support these people while working thru the courts. The extra travel time and distance will add to wasted time and wasted resources on an already thin budget that depends totally on donations.

Having a court in the southern end of the county is a necessary service for our community. This court is generating more than enough money to justify its existence and that is in the lean years of COVID-19 and with my department's number of officers being reduced having just enough to cover shifts with the bare minimum. The reduced number of officers forces the department to play a more reactive role instead of a proactive role which would in turn develop more numbers for the court.

As a government entity we are providing a service to our communities and providing the cheapest service is certainly not the best service.

John Lane
Chief of Police



Seeing Lives Transformed

May 28, 2022

To whom it may concern:

This letter is to express the value of East Liverpool Ohio Court, who, as you know, could possibly close its doors in the near future. To me personally, East Liverpool courts have had tremendous value. I've been able to help affect hundreds of lives in a positive way. From individuals sent to our inpatient treatment, to dozens upon dozens of outpatient appointments where we have seen individuals changed, families restored, and hope given. Every week people in court have the option to walk across the street to get the help they need right away, in the moment of crisis.

Also, many of those who have to go to court are without a vehicle or positive influences that have a vehicle to get them there. We are able to help many that are local with transportation so warrants aren't issued. I believe if that's not available, the number of people "missing" their court appearances is going to skyrocket. The drug court has had tremendous value as well with some of our staff starting in that drug court. That staff member is now on the board for the drug court able to give perspective and direction from someone who's been there which isn't able to be replaced. In my opinion it would affect those locally in a negative way.

Sincerely,

Josh D. Lytle, President

Family Care Ministries



East Liverpool Municipal Court
Probation Department
126 West Sixth Street
East Liverpool, Ohio 43920

Honorable Dominic Frank, Judge

126 West Sixth Street, East Liverpool, Ohio 43920

March 8th, 2022

Liverpool Township Trustees
2485 Boring Lane
East Liverpool, Ohio 43920

Good Evening,

We are writing on behalf of the East Liverpool Municipal Court and Probation Department. As many have heard, we are facing the impending closure of our court and consolidating it with the County Municipal Court located in Lisbon, Ohio. This is devastating news not just to our Court and Probation staff, but for the community as a whole. We are working on reaching out to all office holders within the local, county, and state level in a plea asking for support for our court to remain, and continue to serve the citizens of southern Columbiana County.

To our knowledge, most citizens and office holders in the court's jurisdictions were blindsided by the newspaper article that the Mayor of East Liverpool, Greg Bicker had composed a letter to County Commissioners asking for the court to be consolidated with the Columbiana County Municipal Court in Lisbon, Ohio. The statistics that were gathered and presented to the Commissioners for the current case counts were incredibly inaccurate and misleading. Our Clerk of Court, Candy Page has gathered the corrected case numbers and will be presenting them to all office holders.

Not only did Mayor Bricker provide inaccurate information, he also took it upon himself to request the closure without considering the opinions of East Liverpool City Council, St. Clair Township Trustees, as well as your township. This shows the incredible lack of respect for all office holders in Southern Columbiana County. This was also presented to the Commissioners not even one month after the passing of our Judge Dominic Frank, which once again shows the complete disrespect for a man who worked so hard for an area he loved so much. We will continue to fight this battle as far as we need to go to preserve the legacy of Judge Frank and all that he believed in and envisioned for this area.

Consolidating the court with the Columbiana County Municipal Court would be a huge loss for all three jurisdictions that this court serves. As a probation department we work hard every day, weekends included, to help those who have been plagued with substance abuse addictions and mental health disorders. Our department offers evidence-based programs such as SMART Recovery which helps individuals learn to think differently about situations and handle them in an appropriate manner. We have offered a JOBS Class that helped individuals write resumes, practice interviewing skills, etc. As you can see, most of our programs are centered around helping individuals obtain the life that they have always wanted, but didn't believe they could have.

Sara Norris
Chief Probation Officer

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Phil McIntosh
Community Service Director

In addition to those programs, we also operate a Addiction Recovery Court that is certified through the Ohio Supreme Court. This is an intensive program for individuals who need the accountability and support that this program provides. We address not only their substance abuse addictions, but all areas of their life that need to change in order for them to be successful. Much research has been conducted through the years that shows Specialized Dockets (i.e. drug court, Veterans Court, Mental Health Courts, Family Courts, etc.) have a higher success rate versus tradition community supervision. In the East Liverpool Probation Department, we have a love of these specialized dockets as we have seen first hand how they change lives. It truly is the most rewarding experience to see the success that these individuals have and to watch them grow through this program.

Not only does the court carry a drug court docket, we were on track to be the first Veterans Court in Columbiana County. During Judge Franks election campaign, he continued to express his desire to not only sustain the drug court, but to implement a Veterans Court as well, which we now have lovingly named, *The Dominic A. Frank Heroes Program*. Due to the Covid-19 virus and the intense amount of planning to begin a specialized docket, it took us two years to build and we finally submitted the program to the Supreme Court for initial certification. All program material was submitted in December 2021 and due to Judge Frank's passing, the Supreme Court had to close the application until a new judge was appointed. This was heartbreaking not only to the Probation Department and Court, but to Judge Frank's family as well. I promised them I would make sure this Veterans Court would still be implemented and I fully intend to fight for this for him and his family.

In addition to the many things that this department and court offers for clients, we also partner with both townships and the city to run a Community Service Program. If our court is closed and merged with Columbiana County Municipal Court, all of these programs will cease to exist. This will place the burden on each township and city to work with their road departments to complete litter patrol, area yard work, etc. I can ensure you that this end of the county will be last on the list for any improvement's that would have been taken care of through our Community Service program.

In closing, we are asking each trustee to review all information pertaining to the closure of the court before any recommendation is given to consolidate. We also want to invite all trustees to come to the court, see how drug court works, speak with defendants who have had their lives changed because of the programs we offered, and just see the impact that this court has on the southern end of Columbiana County. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at the information provided below. We hope to see everyone soon!

Sincerely,

Sara Norris

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Shirley Flati, Fiscal Officer

March 8, 2022

Greg Bricker, Mayor
126 West 6th Street
East Liverpool, OH 43920

Dear Mayor Bricker:

Liverpool Township Trustees are writing this letter in full support of the East Liverpool Municipal Court, the East Liverpool Probation Department and the Victim's Witness Assistance Program. These departments play a critical role in our community and should not be considered for relocation.

In our years affiliated with the township we have worked hand in hand with each of these departments and we can say with certainty that these departments provide vital services which are necessary for our township's day to day operations and our residents. Having these departments at their current location within minutes of our police department benefits the township in many ways. It reduces the wear and tear on township owned vehicles, minimizes fuel costs and court attendance pay for our officers. The numerous services provided by the East Liverpool Municipal Court are also very beneficial to our township residents. Having a court housed in the City of East Liverpool allows our residents to have access to these departments within minutes of their homes. As you are aware, East Liverpool is a rural area where many residents have a lower income and do not have adequate transportation. This would greatly impact their ability to attend court hearings, file civil or criminal actions, handle landlord and tenant disputes, pay traffic and criminal violations or meet with probation officers, the prosecutor or the victim's advocate.

Last year Liverpool Township started a Litter Program for our township in partnership with the East Liverpool Probation Department. This program utilizes community service workers that are required to perform community service hours as a part of their sentence. There were numerous community service workers and hours performed within our township and with our Litter Program Coordinator, Marion Perkins. This program made a huge impact to our township. We feel if the court and the probation department is relocated, the township will no longer have this program which has proven to be so beneficial.

Having these departments remain in the City of East Liverpool is not only necessary but vital for Liverpool Township and its residents and for the surrounding community. We strongly recommend that the East Liverpool Municipal Court remain in the City of East Liverpool.

Respectfully,

Liverpool Township Trustees

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March 22, 2022

Greg Bricker, Mayor
C/O City Hall
126 West 6th Street
East Liverpool, OH 43920

Dear Mayor Bricker:

I am aware that there has been correspondence sent to the Columbiana County Commissioners on the matter of relocating the East Liverpool Municipal Court. I am writing this letter to you asking that you reconsider the relocation.

The Liverpool Township Police Department works closely with The East Liverpool Municipal Court, as well as the other departments associated with it, on a daily basis. There are many times myself or my officers need to travel to Municipal Court to amend or file new charges, discuss a defendant with the probation department, consult with the prosecutor on criminal and traffic matters. Having this department remain at their current location within minutes of the police department minimizes the mileage and fuel costs on the department's cruisers and reduces the cost that are associated with court attendance for the department's officers.

I ask you to reconsider your stance on The East Liverpool Municipal Court, the East Liverpool Probation Department, and the Victim's Witness Assistance Program by allowing it to remain in the City of East Liverpool. These departments are essential for our community, by having these departments remain in the City of East Liverpool it would allow this vital tool to be used not only for the Liverpool Township but the surrounding community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jared Kinemond", written over a horizontal line.

Jared Kinemond
Chief of Police
Liverpool Township

David Damaso
49276 North Meadowbrook Circle
East Liverpool, OH 43920

April 28, 2022

Timothy Ginter
Ohio State Representative
77 South High St, 14th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Representative Ginter,

I am writing in regard to the legislation you introduced regarding the relocating of the East Liverpool Municipal Court to Lisbon, Ohio. As a resident and an owner of a business in the court's jurisdiction, I am opposed to this move.

If the intent on the legislation is cost saving, it is misguided. After accounting for the revenue the court funnels to the city, that cost is only a small fraction of the multi million dollar city budget.

The burden is not to the city budget. The real burden is the one which will be placed upon the residents and businesses of East Liverpool, along with those of Saint Clair and Liverpool townships, over which the court has jurisdiction.

Some points to ponder, that may have been overlooked, are enumerated below.

1. Although the city population may be declining, the townships are experiencing a growth in population.
2. Most of the criminal defendants appearing in court arrive on foot. This is the poorest part of the county. Many have no means of transportation to Lisbon, which will result in more bench warrants, causing increase manpower and paperwork for an already short staffed police department. Common sense suggests that processing arrests twenty minutes away at the county seat will be more time consuming than being able to process them within the same physical building.
3. The court has been doing a good job of helping to eradicate the illicit drug problem of our city and the surrounding area. It would be a shame to lose these efforts.
4. The court work force represents the approximate equivalent of ten full time employees. Unemployment for these experienced personnel of our community will be in their future.

5. It is certainly questionable that the county court would be able to handle the increased case load resulting from the closure of the East Liverpool court. At a minimum, it would not likely be in a reasonable time frame.
6. And finally, as a local landlord and president of the East Liverpool Landlord Association, I can assure you that eviction actions would be subject to unacceptable delays. Owners, seeking to regain access to a property, would experience a major hindrance in their ability to do business.

In light of the above arguments, I fail to see the merit in this legislation. The consequences to the citizens and businesses of our area should be taken into consideration.

Sincerely,



David Damaso

cc: Ohio State Senator Michael Rulli

St Clair Township Board of Trustees

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Candace Page, East Liverpool Clerk of Courts

John Lane, East Liverpool Chief of Police

St Clair Township Chief of Police

Liverpool Township Chief of Police

By LIZ LEHMAN
Staff Writer

EAST LIVERPOOL — After the January death of Judge Dominic Frank, East Liverpool's municipal court's future hangs in the balance. Monday night, some city employees let city council know their thoughts on the proposed change, including Chief of Police John Lane.

Lane said staffing the police department has become a critical issue and moving the municipal court would only create more difficulty.

"Every time we have court, instead of just walking upstairs, driving down the hill, you have to drive to Lisbon," Lane said. "If a guy's working daylight, he can just walk up here and do it. He's still in the city so if we get a major call, he can still react, but when he's out there, he's gone."

Attempts to try and recruit more officers have not gone well, Lane told council, and said the city put on a civil service exam recently and only one person took it and failed. "It's a serious problem," he said. "Now we've got two more officers that are going to leave and go to Columbiana County sheriff's office. That will be a total of five officers who left here

and went there. I also have another one who is going to retire because he is tired of working short."

He said not only is it hard to fill the ranks when officers leave, it's become hard to fill the department's schedule. "It's a major problem. I had to work 16 hours yesterday myself just to cover the shift," Lane said.

He said the city needs to keep pace with what other departments are paying. "I can't even get people to take our test, the pay scale is so low," Lane said. "You can deliver pizza for more. It doesn't make sense."

Lane told council that he thinks the court is a big part of the identity of East Liverpool and trying to close it is very short sighted. "We've been shrinking for 40 years because that's just easier to do that? Well that's not the answer because here we are forty years, look how much stuff we've lost. We need to stop listening and doing what the northern end of the county wants to do," Lane said as a fairly packed audience applauded.

In his recent letter to the Columbiana County Board of Commissioners where Mayor Greg Bricker upon the commissioners to move to terminate the city's municipal court and merge it with Columbiana County's municipal court, he cited a decline in caseload in recent years. said in his letter that East Liverpool's court had 875 total cases.

However, municipal court clerk Candy Page said Bricker's total excluded administrative cases where defendants appear in court and cases where defendants paid fines and cost filed and didn't appear before a judge. According to Page, also spoke Monday evening, when those additional figures included, East Liverpool's total is much higher at 2,511, nearly three times higher than Bricker's figure of 875.

Page said Bricker's number doesn't create a true picture of all the cases that come before the court. "Mayor Bricker and the city of East Liverpool and all of us should be proud to have our own court," Page said. "Our recently deceased Judge Dominic Frank would have fought for our court and we. Please give our court credit where it is due. Correct case count because we deserve the true case count figures, not inaccurate ones."

City chief probation officer Sara Norris also addressed council about the court, discussing different essential programs such as drug court. She said these programs are important to change lives and break the cycle of addiction.

"None of our good ideas and plans will be able to be in place to better the city if we cannot help the drug problem," Norris said. "We've passed the fentanyl and we're on top of it. If you've never seen anybody on meth, I suggest you look it up on YouTube and see what we're dealing with. This will continue and get worse if they don't have anyone here."

Norris said she doesn't want the closure of the court to erase Judge Frank's legacy. "Not even a month after he passed then we get blindsided," Norris said, and added that drug court has a 69 percent success rate for people who successfully complete the program. National average, she said, is about 50 percent.

Next, the matter of East Liverpool's court will be reviewed by State Rep. Tim Ginter and the Ohio Supreme Court. If the Ohio Supreme Court reviews it and decides it would be best to merge the courts, it would require legislation by Ginter in order to dissolve the court, and that could take months.

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January 14, 2022 2021 YEAR END REPORT

Summarized below for the attached facts and figures of the East Liverpool Municipal Court for the year 2021. **THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY COLLECTED BY THE COURT IN 2021 WAS \$675,246.09.**

To aid the Court in aggressively collecting fines and costs, the Court contracted, as of March 2014, with the Ohio Attorney General's Office, who collects fines and costs from defendants at **no cost** to the Court. **In 2021 the Attorney General's Office collected \$15,153.06 in fines and court costs.**

In 2021, the Court collected in the Traffic/Criminal Division fines, court costs, LEEF and unclaimed money in the amount of \$332,863.25. This amount excluded computer (CIF & CLR) fund money of \$27,654.99, the Maintenance Fee fund money of \$87,611.10, Indigent Driver Interlock Fund money of \$1,000.00, the Probation Fund money of \$61,849.40 and Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment Fund (IDAT) money of \$1,646.00. Traffic/Criminal division had 1,894 cases, the actual number of charges filed was 2,499, and 2,943 cases were disposed. Approximately **1,162 review hearings** were conducted by the Court to enforce the payment of fines and court costs.

In 2021 the Small Claims/Civil Division case count was a total of 479 cases; 177 bank and wage garnishments were filed, 16 Revivors of Dormant Judgments and 478 cases were disposed of. The Clerk and Bailiff fees and Civil postage money was \$43,311.54. State Legal Aid was \$12,870.00.

In 2021, the City's Budget received \$130,021.63, which includes the amount the East Liverpool Police Department received \$14,276.13 in City Ordinance fines, L.E.E.F. and drug fines. Liverpool Township received \$13,872.50 in fines, L.E.E.F. and drug fines. St. Clair Township received \$19,783.84 in fines, L.E.E.F. and drug fines.

The Probation Department had a yearly success rate of 69%. The amount collected in the Probation Fee Fund was \$61,849.40. Probation has 141 persons on active probation and 404 persons on unsupervised probation, **for a total of 545 on probation.** Office visits conducted were 3,180 clients seen, 123 home visits, 211 ORAS assessments completed and 1,972 drug screens completed. **Received \$6,210.78 in restitution.** 28 Probation Violations and 74 Bench Warrants were filed. Electronic monitoring through SCRAM (Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring) had 11 participants for a total of 826 days assigned for participants. Global Position System (GPS Monitoring) had 7 participants with 55 days monitored for assigned participants, which saved the County \$4,119.50. The SOS Addiction Recovery Court meetings had 12 current participants, 12 new participants, 7 terminated, 6 not qualified and 6 graduated with **50% success rate.**

The Community Service Program had 62 community services workers at 10 non-profit work locations in the City, St. Clair Township, Liverpool Township and other local locations for a **total of 1,602 hours of free work.**

TREASURER OF THE CITY:**SPECIAL MUNICIPAL COURT FUNDS:**

	<u>2020</u> Amount	<u>2021</u> Amount
Probation Fee Fund #248	\$ 44,990.74	\$ 61,849.40
Computerized Legal Research (CLR) #247	5,065.20	6,316.14
Capital Imp. for Computerization (CIF) #453	17,171.23	21,338.85
Maintenance Fee Fund #460	46,775.44	87,611.10
Indigent Driver Interlock #460	866.41	1,000.00
Indigent Alcohol Treatment Fund #224	1,247.00	1,646.00
Soberlinks	----	----
Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring(SCRAM)#248	----	----
Global Positioning System(GPS)#248	----	450.00
SOS-Addiction Recovery Court	----	----
House Arrest Fee Fund #248	25.00	29.35
TOTAL	\$ 116,141.02	\$ 180,240.84

Department of Public Safety Fiscal Section (State of Ohio):

Indigent Drivers Interlock & Alcohol Treatment #460:	\$ 2,507.68	\$ 1,465.83
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CLERK OF LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP:

Fines	\$ 6,882.75	\$ 12,742.50
LEEF	139.30	123.00
Drug Fines	1,093.00	1,007.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,115.05	\$ 13,872.50

CLERK OF ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP:

Fines	\$ 12,161.51	\$ 17,219.84
LEEF	83.00	147.00
Drug Fines	1,683.00	2,417.00
TOTAL	\$ 13,927.51	\$ 19,783.84

TREASURER OF COLUMBIANA COUNTY FOR LAW LIBRARY FUND:

Liverpool Township	\$ 6,882.75	\$ 12,742.50
St. Clair Township	12,161.51	17,219.84
City O.S.P. Fines	630.95	1,123.60
City Ordinance Fines	4,407.30	3,927.07
TOTAL	\$ 24,082.51	\$ 35,013.01

THE COURT RECEIVED \$15,153.06 IN FINES AND COSTS IN 2021 FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE COLLECTED FINES AND COSTS AT NO COST TO THE COURT AND THE COST IS CHARGED TO THE DEFENDANT.

<u>2021</u>	<u>CIVIL</u>	<u>SMALL CLAIMS</u>	<u>TRAFFIC</u>	<u>CRIMINAL</u>	<u>TOTAL CASES</u>
CASES FILED:	455	24	1142	752	2373
CASES DISPOSED OF:	451	27	1510	1433	3421
CASES PENDING:	202	7	126	150	485

<u>O.V.I. CASES FILED IN MUNICIPAL COURT</u>										
<u>YEAR</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
E.L.POLICE DEPT.	22	20	21	28	30	31	21	19	23	24
LIVERPOOL TWP.	8	6	22	10	16	17	17	10	10	14
ST.CLAIR TWP.	17	10	21	30	27	7	11	16	12	12
O.S.PATROL	7	4	5	6	12	32	14	25	26	12
SHERIFF	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
RANGER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
TOTAL	54	40	69	74	86	87	64	72	71	62

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace K. Page

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Clerk of Court

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Liverpool Township Fiscal Officer & Trustees
State Highway Patrol
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Chief Brian McKenzie, St. Clair Township P. D.
Chief Jayson Jackson, Liverpool Township P. D.
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