

MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT
WESTERN AND EASTERN DIVISIONS
2024 ANNUAL REPORT



Trotwood Courthouse



Huber Heights Courthouse

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AND ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

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INTRODUCTION

The Montgomery County Municipal Court was established by the State of Ohio on July 1, 2010. This Court is the successor court to the County Court of Montgomery County which was established in 1952. That court was the successor court to the Township Justices of the Peace prior to 1952. The Justices of the Peace were laymen elected by each township to act as part-time judicial officers. The County Court was comprised of attorneys elected throughout the area of the court's jurisdiction to serve as part-time judges. The County Municipal Court has downsized by attrition from five part-time judges to two full-time judges. We now have one full-time judge that sits on the bench in Trotwood (Western Division) and one full-time judge that sits on the bench in Huber Heights (Eastern Division). We also have one part-time Magistrate who hears the civil docket in both the Eastern and the Western Divisions. The Western Division moved to the Trotwood location and opened to the public on May 1, 2023.

THE PRESENT COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES ARE:



Honorable William C. Cox
2020 – Present

Currently sitting in Huber Heights (Eastern Division)

Judge William C. Cox received his B.A. from Bowling Green State University in 1986 and his J.D. from Claude W. Pettit College of Law of Ohio Northern University in 1989.



Honorable Margaret M. Quinn
2024 – Present

Currently sitting in Trotwood (Western Division)

Judge Margaret M. Quinn received her B.A. from the University of Dayton in 1977 and her J.D. from UDSL in 1980.

She was the Contract Litigation Attorney for the AFLC from 1980 – 1983 and an Assistant U.S. Attorney from 1983 – 2007. She currently sits as a part-time Judge for the City of Oakwood and Montgomery County Municipal Court in Trotwood (Western Division) as assigned by the Supreme Court.

Jurisdiction and Organization

The County Municipal Court serves four townships and eight municipalities in the northwest and northeast portions of Montgomery County.

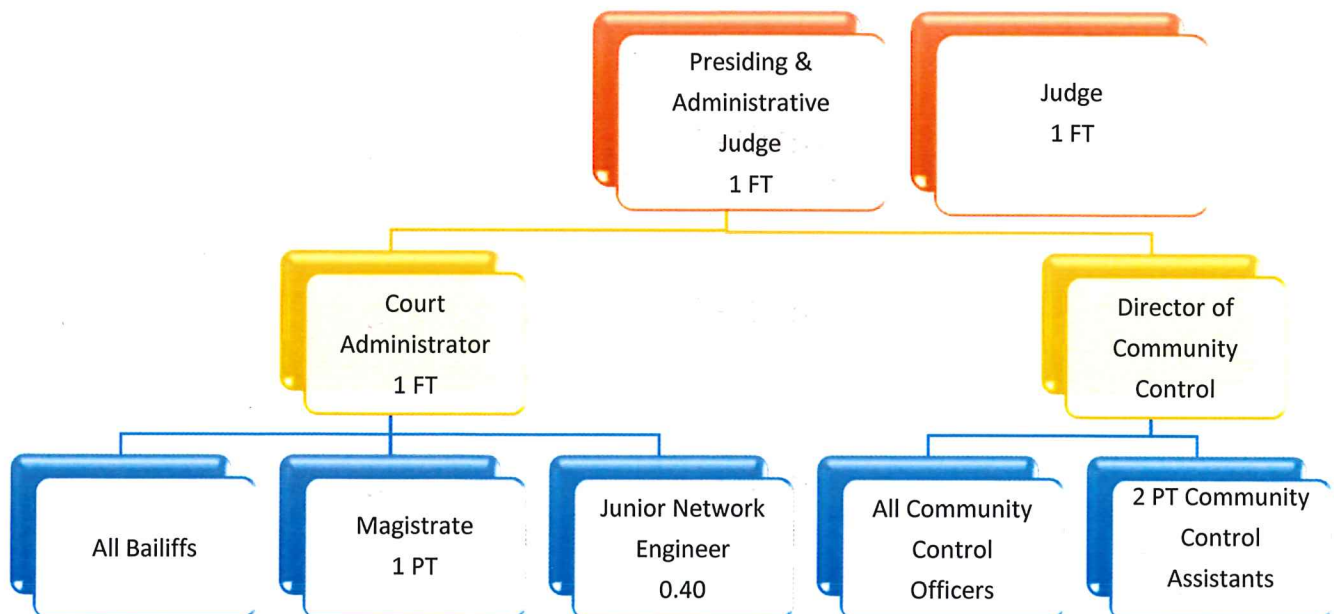
The County Municipal Court Western Division in Trotwood serves the cities of Trotwood and Brookville; the townships of Clay, Jackson, Jefferson and Perry; and the villages of Farmersville, New Lebanon, Phillipsburg and Verona. The County Municipal Court Eastern Division in Huber Heights serves the cities of Huber Heights and Riverside.

County Municipal Court also serves the other law enforcement agencies that file cases from within these jurisdictions such as the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Ohio State Patrol, Ohio Park Rangers, Ohio Division of Wildlife, Public Utilities

Commission Police, Montgomery County Zoning, Public Health District of Dayton and Montgomery County, Animal Resource Center, Municipal Department of Taxation and the Board of Liquor Control.

The County Municipal Court has jurisdiction in all adult traffic and misdemeanor cases occurring in the court's jurisdiction. They are also the originating court for felony filings for preliminary hearings. The court has jurisdiction in civil cases up to \$15,000 and jurisdiction in small claims cases up to \$6,000. The court has a full-time Community Control Department responsible for supervising defendants. The Clerk of the County Municipal Court is the elected Clerk of Courts of Montgomery County.

The present organizational chart of the court is:



Court Personnel

The County Municipal Court, Western and Eastern Divisions, are staffed by two full-time elected Judges, one part-time Magistrate (Jeffrey D. Slyman), elected Clerk of Courts for Montgomery County, one Court Administrator (Amy Weimer), one Judicial Coordinator (LaJuana Curington), one Director of Community Control/Bailiff (Dean A. Johnson) and four full-time Community Control Officers (Taylor Shelton, James Hayes, Jr., Lesley Riley and Jeff Mahar) three full-time bailiffs (Dean Johnson, Michael Rotterman and Joseph Russell), four part-time security/service bailiffs (Mark Bruns, David Reed, James Gebhart and 1 currently vacant position), and two part-time judicial/community control assistants (Kellen McCoy and Wyonna Chenault).

Community Control Department

The County Municipal Court Community Control Department has supervisory responsibility for individuals whom the court places on community control. The Community Control Officers monitor the individuals for compliance with the law, completion of drug and alcohol treatment, batterers' education, theft education, anger management, community service and other requirements ordered by the Court.

The Community Control Department is responsible for preparing pre-sentence investigation reports, expungement reports, accepting restitution payments, performing drug screens, scheduling revocation hearings, and establishing ignition interlock.

The court placed five hundred forty-nine (549) individuals on Community Control in 2024 and six hundred and one (601) individuals were successfully terminated. The Community Control Department prepared thirty-eight (38) pre-sentence investigation reports and three hundred eighty-two (382) expungement reports.

Case Load

During the calendar year 2024 County Municipal Court processed thirteen thousand six hundred and seventy (13,670) cases comprised of twelve thousand five hundred and twenty eight (12,528) new case filings from local jurisdictions and had one thousand one hundred and forty two (1,142) cases that were reactivated. The new case filings may include multiple charges and does not include parking tickets. The following charts summarize the case load of the Administrative Judge and the Individual Judges for 2024.

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Between 1/2024 and 12/2024

Montgomery County Municipal Court

William Cox

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	T
	Felonies	Misdemeanors	O.V.I.	Other Traffic	Personal Injury & Property Damage	Contracts	F.E.D.	Other Civil	Small Claims	Total
Pending beginning of period	6	45	7	185	11	664	0	1	20	939
New cases filed	163	1,904	312	6,113	12	2,587	1,250	73	104	12,528
Cases transferred in, reactivated, or redesignated	52	491	14	580	1	4	0	0	0	1,142
Total cases	221	2,440	333	6,878	24	3,255	1,250	74	124	14,609

TERMINATIONS BY:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	T
Trial/Hearing by Judge (include bindover by preliminary hearing, guilty or no contest pleas and defaults)	0	61	1	1,136	14	930	0	5	8	2,155
Hearing by Magistrate (include guilty or no contest pleas and defaults)	X	15	0	128	0	0	0	1	34	178
Transfer (include waivers of preliminary hearing and individual judge assignments)	0	1,646	308	1,588	2	199	1,257	0	0	5,000
Dismissal for lack of speedy trial (criminal) or want of prosecution (civil)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Other Dismissals (include dismissals at preliminary hearing)	165	80	3	112	3	876	0	1	53	1,293
Violations Bureau	X	32	X	3,038	X	X	X	X	X	3,070
Unavailability of party for trial or sentencing	55	544	11	643	0	0	2	0	0	1,255
Bankruptcy stay or interlocutory appeal	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	16
Other terminations	0	0	0	0	1	105	0	66	6	178
TOTAL Terminations	220	2,378	323	6,646	20	2,126	1,259	73	101	13,146

Clearance rate	102%	99%	99%	99%	154%	82%	100%	100%	97%	96%
Time guideline (months)	1	6	6	6	24	12	12	12	6	X
Pending end of period	1	62	10	232	4	1,129	1	1	23	1,463
Cases pending beyond time guideline	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Overage rate	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Number of months oldest case overage	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	X
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Between 1/2024 and 12/2024

Montgomery County Municipal Court

William Cox

	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	T	V
	Misdemeanors	O.V.L.	Other Traffic	Personal Injury and Property Damage	Contracts	F.E.D.	Other Civil	Total	Visiting Judge
Pending beginning of period	81	25	65	0	24	133	0	328	0
New cases filed	806	129	680	2	120	543	0	2,280	0
Cases transferred in, reactivated, or redesignated	174	12	181	0	0	0	0	367	0
Total cases	1,061	166	926	2	144	676	0	2,975	0

TERMINATIONS BY:	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	T	V
Jury trial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Court Trial	3	0	7	0	0	0	0	10	0
Default	X	X	X	0	5	2	0	7	0
GUILTY or no contest plea to original charge	247	40	238	X	X	X	X	525	0
GUILTY or no contest plea to reduced charge	225	87	217	X	X	X	X	529	0
Dismissal for lack of speedy trial (criminal) or want of prosecution (civil)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Other Dismissals	311	1	177	0	34	218	0	741	0
Transfer to another judge or court	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	4	0
Referral to private judge	X	X	X	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailability of party for trial or sentencing	181	12	196	0	0	0	0	389	0
Bankruptcy stay or interlocutory appeal	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
Other terminations	0	0	0	0	60	280	0	340	0
TOTAL Terminations	987	140	836	1	102	502	0	2,548	0

Clearance rate	99%	99%	97%	50%	85%	92%	0%	96%	0%
Time guideline (months)	6	6	6	24	12	12	12	X	X
Pending end of period	94	28	90	1	42	174	0	427	0
Cases pending beyond time guideline	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overage rate	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Number of months oldest case overage	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	X	0
Cases submitted awaiting sentencing or judgment beyond time guideline	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	T	V
	Misdemeanors	O.V.I.	Other Traffic	Personal Injury and Property Damage	Contracts	F.E.D.	Other Civil	Total	Visiting Judge
Pending beginning of period	167	24	92	2	20	241	0	546	0
New cases filed	840	179	908	0	79	714	0	2,720	0
Cases transferred in, reactivated, or redesignated	130	16	192	0	0	0	0	338	0
Total cases	1,137	219	1,192	2	99	955	0	3,604	0

TERMINATIONS BY:	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	T	V
Jury trial	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	6	0
Court Trial	3	1	7	0	0	0	0	11	0
Default	X	X	X	0	2	3	0	5	0
Guiltly or no contest plea to original charge	192	67	383	X	X	X	X	642	0
Guiltly or no contest plea to reduced charge	265	95	343	X	X	X	X	703	0
Dismissal for lack of speedy trial (criminal) or want of prosecution (civil)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Dismissals	440	8	168	1	25	245	0	887	0
Transfer to another judge or court	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0
Referral to private judge	X	X	X	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unavailability of party for trial or sentencing	116	15	188	0	0	0	0	317	0
Bankruptcy stay or interlocutory appeal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other terminations	0	0	0	1	37	519	0	557	0
TOTAL Terminations	1,017	187	1,089	2	69	769	0	3,133	0

Clearance rate	105%	98%	99%	0%	87%	108%	0%	102%	0%
Time guideline (months)	6	6	6	24	12	12	12	X	X
Pending end of period	120	32	103	0	30	186	0	471	0
Cases pending beyond time guideline	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	4	0
Overage rate	1%	3%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Number of months oldest case overage	6	1	1	0	4	1	0	X	0
Cases submitted awaiting sentencing or judgment beyond time guideline	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDS COLLECTED AND DISBURSEMENTS

The following charts set out the fines and court costs that were assessed by the court and collected and disbursed by the Clerk of Courts.

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC RECEIPTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

For the 2024 year, County Municipal Court collected **\$1,404,925.84** in fines, court costs, and other monies for criminal and traffic cases. Distributed as follows:

CRIMINAL- TRAFFIC

BROOKVILLE	\$ 4,935.08
CLAY TOWNSHIP	\$ 201.00
FIVE RIVERS METRO PARK	\$ 2,365.37
HUBER HEIGHTS	\$ 21,113.83
JACKSON TOWNSHIP	\$ 50.00
NEW LEBANON	\$ 77.75
PERRY TOWNSHIP	\$ 260.00
PHILLIPSBURG	\$ 270.02
RIVERSIDE	\$ 15,565.95
TROTWOOD	\$ 4,752.07
VERONA	\$ -
OTHER COUNTIES - SERVICE OF SUMMONS	\$ 279.09
OHIO STATE PATROL	\$ 415.00

MONT CO TREASURER:

CLERK AUTOMATION/ COMPUTER IMPROVEMENT	\$ 83,680.63
COMPUTER/LEGAL RESEARCH	\$ 25,106.26
COURT IDAFT	\$ 8,032.78
CREDIT CARD FEE/ AUTOMATION	\$ 13,891.73
INDIGENT MONITORING FUND	\$ 5,390.63

MONTGOMERY CO TREASURER:

BROOKVILLE:

4511 & 4513	\$ 4,256.99
NON 4511 & 4513	\$ 3,729.22
CRIMINAL	\$ 1,945.86

CLAY:

4511 & 4513	\$ 4,704.91
NON 4511 & 4513	\$ 1,939.12
CRIMINAL	\$ 1,801.19

HUBER HEIGHTS:

4511 & 4513	\$ 15,220.46
NON 4511 & 4513	\$ 11,669.75
CRIMINAL	\$ 7,878.01

JACKSON:

4511 & 4513	\$ 3,317.04
NON 4511 & 4513	\$ 1,464.99
CRIMINAL	\$ 125.00

MCSO/JEFFERSON:

4511 & 4513	\$ 8,016.44
NON 4511 & 4513	\$ 7,658.32
CRIMINAL	\$ 689.70

NSF FEES	\$ -
PROBATION	\$ 62,718.83
PUBLIC DEFENDER FEE	\$ 27,780.92
REIMBURSEMENTS	\$ 2.48
SPECIAL PROJECTS FEES	\$ 275,906.74

**MONT COUNTY
SHERIFF:**

BOOK IN /BOOK OUT	\$ 8,967.85
HOUSING	\$ 9,677.34
COUNTY IDATF	\$ 3,499.49
VIDEO TRANSPORTATION FEES	\$ 3,087.86
MONT. CO. SHERIFF FINES	\$ 217.50
MONT CO. SHERIFF - SERVICE OF SUMMONS	\$ 5,776.56

STATE OF OHIO:

CHILD RESTRAINT	\$ 584.81
DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 17,802.69
EXPUNGEMENT	\$ 3,055.00
INDIGENT DEFENSE/ GENERAL REVENUE	\$ 179,858.02
LIQUOR	\$ 277.94
OSP FINES (50%)	\$ 17,296.39
SEAT BELT	\$ 4,220.68
VICTIM OF CRIME	\$ 60,294.24
STATE BAIL BOND SURCHARGE	\$ 10,837.50

**OHIO BUREAU OF
MOTOR VEHICLES:**

LICENSE FORFEITURE	\$ 22.13
WARRANT BLOCK	\$ 111.13
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE	\$ 185.00
OHIO BOARD OF PHARMACY	\$ 767.92

NEW LEBANON:

4511 & 4513	\$ 1,390.70
NON 4511 & 4513	\$ 1,754.89
CRIMINAL	\$ 2,607.59

PERRY:

4511 & 4513	\$ 26,748.52
NON 4511 & 4513	\$ 4,566.00
CRIMINAL	\$ 1,238.62

PHILLIPSBURG:

4511 & 4513	\$ 520.00
NON 4511 & 4513	\$ 100.00
CRIMINAL	\$ 25.00

RIVERSIDE:

4511 & 4513	\$ 11,315.05
NON 4511 & 4513	\$ 12,114.18
CRIMINAL	\$ 4,867.90

SHERIFF:

4511 & 4513	\$ 985.82
NON 4511 & 4513	\$ 583.13
CRIMINAL	\$ 918.90

TROTWOOD:

4511 & 4513	\$ 28,365.70
NON 4511 & 4513	\$ 27,397.28
CRIMINAL	\$ 14,929.71

VERONA:

4511 & 4513	\$ -
NON 4511 & 4513	\$ -
CRIMINAL	\$ -

OHIO DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ -	MONT CO. LIQUOR	\$ 277.91
MIAMI VALLEY CRIME STOPPERS	\$ 837.44	MONT. CO. LOCAL COST	\$ 159,547.05
CAPITAL RECOVERY	\$ 52,667.98	10% BOND FEE	\$ 35,703.05
HIGBEE AND ASSOCIATES	\$ -	EXPUNGEMENT CO.	\$ 2,020.00
GREATER DAYTON HUMANE SOCIETY	\$ 111.87	JURY FEE	\$ 375.00
SCHUERGER LAW	\$ 24,654.96	WITNESS FEES	\$ 1,691.73
		OSP FINES TRAFFIC	\$ 17,296.87
		OSP FINES CRIMINAL	\$ 484.00
		DOG WARDEN	\$ 1,771.61
		TREASURER MONT CO. - UNCLAIMED FUNDS	\$ 13,304.17
		TOTAL	\$1,404,925.84

CIVIL DIVISION RECIPITS AND DISBURSEMENTS

The court collected money through the civil and small claims divisions totaling **\$647,480.97** and distributed as follows:

MONT. CO.:

LOCAL COST:	\$ 292,973.91
LEGAL RESEARCH	\$ 11,901.00
COMPUTER IMPROVEMENT	\$ 39,837.63
OPERATION FEES	\$ 169,825.00
REIMBURSEMENTS	\$ -
MONT. CO. SHERIFF – SERVICE OF SUMMONS	\$ 1,776.00
OTHER COUNTIES – SERVICE OF SUMMONS	\$ 94.39

STATE OF OHIO:

LEGAL AID (99%)	\$ 100,714.68
NSF FEES	\$ 2,589.36
TREASURER OF MONT. CO. – UNCLAIMED FUNDS	\$ -
DAILY LAW JOURNAL – COX MEDIA	\$ 27,769.00
TOTAL	\$ 647,480.97

PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

The Montgomery County Public Defender's Office provides valuable legal defense services to individuals who cannot afford to retain their own attorney. In 2024 the Public Defender's Office represented a total of two thousand one hundred and twenty-two (2,122) individuals in the County Municipal Court. Of those one thousand nine hundred forty-eight (1,948) were new case filings from local jurisdictions, forty three (43) cases that were reactivated.


SUMMARY

The goal of the Montgomery County Municipal Court is to provide judicial service to those citizens who are required to utilize the courts' services. While the court primarily services citizens of Montgomery County, we touch the lives of many people who travel into Montgomery County or have business dealings therein. Although providing these services is important, we strive to meet the extraordinarily high standards which are set by the Second District Court of Appeals, the Ohio Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court. The court provides an impartial forum to all citizens regarding criminal, traffic and civil cases.

The essence of any organization is the people who toil day-to-day to serve the citizen. In that respect our court is fortunate to have employees who are dedicated to this goal and who have achieved a high level of competence.

Thirteen thousand six hundred and seventy (13,670) cases passed through the court either in civil, criminal or traffic filings. This range includes cases which were reactivated by the court due to some action by the defendant, i.e. expungements, etc. The Supreme Court has time guidelines which mandate all Ohio courts to report any case which exceeds their requirements. This record is a tribute to the hard work and attention to detail from the Judges, the judicial staff and the Clerk of Courts' staff. All court employees strive to ensure that each citizen who is touched by this organization leaves with the belief that their case has been heard and that they were treated fairly and with dignity.

All of us at the court express our gratitude for the support of the Montgomery County Commissioners and their staff. Without the help of these dedicated county workers we could not achieve the high level of efficiency which is a hallmark of Montgomery County. Our hope is that this positive working relationship will continue and that this partnership will be a benefit to the community we serve.



William C. Cox, Judge, Presiding
and Administrative Judge