

STOW MUNICIPAL COURT

ANNUAL REPORT - 2022

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Serving the Following 16 Communities:

CITY OF STOW
CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS
CITY OF TALLMADGE
CITY OF HUDSON
CITY OF TWINSBURG
CITY OF MACEDONIA
CITY OF MUNROE FALLS
SILVER LAKE VILLAGE
BOSTON HEIGHTS VILLAGE
NORTHFIELD VILLAGE
PENINSULA VILLAGE
REMINDERVILLE VILLAGE
SAGAMORE HILLS TWSHP
TWINSBURG TWSHP
BOSTON TWSHP
NORTHFIELD CNTR TWSHP



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A MESSAGE FROM THE COURT

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code 1901.14(A)(4), the 2022 Annual Report for the Stow Municipal Court is below. This Report provides an overview of the caseload, revenue, and distribution statistics for each of the 16 communities served by the Court.

As expected, 2022 continued to define the “new normal” for the Court as the caseload remains down significantly from pre-pandemic levels. That trend does not appear to be changing in a significant way as we conclude the first quarter of 2023. Another concerning trend is the ever-increasing balance of uncollected fines and court costs. That figure has grown by nearly \$2 million since 2018. In recognition of this reality, judicial support staff and probation staff has been reduced and our operational model has been adjusted with our remaining employees taking on more responsibilities while continuing to provide necessary services to parties and agencies served by the Court.

In addition to adjusting staffing levels, the Court continues to seek out additional opportunities to pursue new innovations and expand the services offered by the Court. Last year, due to the hard work of our staff and the strategic partnerships we continue to foster in the community, the Court was awarded a grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety for \$47,385.00 to continue to develop and expand upon the e-Ticketing platform which we have piloted with the Ohio State Patrol. The long-term goal of this project is to allow more law enforcement agencies in the court district to submit citations and summons electronically through a secure portal linked to our case management system. This project will provide greater efficiencies to participating police agencies and it will automate the case initiation process which will allow the Clerk of Courts to right-size her staff as fewer employees will be needed to process new cases.

Despite staffing reductions, the Community Control Department continues to provide a wide range of probation services to offenders ordered to engage in community correction interventions. Some of these services include:

- **Pre-Trial Diversion Programs:** These programs allow eligible offenders who have been charged with minor traffic offenses, first-time theft offenses, and minor drug and underage alcohol-related crimes a chance to engage in educational and therapeutic intentions, perform community service, and in some cases, submit to a period of random drug testing to avoid a conviction and the stigmas that come with them.
- **Thursday Evening Intervention Classes:** In cooperation with community partners, local attorneys, and court staff, these educational series are designed to force theft, substance abuse, OVI, and domestic violence offenders to reflect on the actions, decision points, and thinking errors that led to their involvement in the criminal justice system with the hope inspiring long term change and lowering chances of recidivism.

- **STRIDE Court:** This specialty docket overseen by Judge Lisa Coates provides supervision and case management services to offenders with mental illness that directly contributed to their criminal conduct. Since its inception, the program has had 92 participants (38 graduates) including the 7 participants currently being served. The Court receives a \$55,000 annual subsidy to defray the costs of the program for the Court.

As we continue to move past the health and safety restrictions necessitated by the pandemic, the Court has been able to resume our Community Service Program. Participants in the program perform basic janitorial and maintenance tasks inside and around the courthouse to satisfy their diversion program requirements and in some instances, as credit toward satisfying their outstanding fines and court costs. This program is overseen by Court staff who continue to do the landscaping and otherwise take care of the courthouse grounds and gardens for the third consecutive year. This program continues to provide upwards of \$75,000 in annual savings to the Court's operational budget.

As we close the book on 2022, we are very grateful to our staff who continue to perform their duties at a high level, with professionalism and due care during an otherwise trying time. We would like to offer an additional note of thanks to Clerk of Courts Amber Zibritsky and her staff who helped provide the data and statistics included in this report. As we continue to navigate some of the challenges of our "new normal", we are committed to developing solutions that maximize our resources and limit the adverse impacts on the communities we serve.

Respectfully,



Kim R. Hoover
Judge

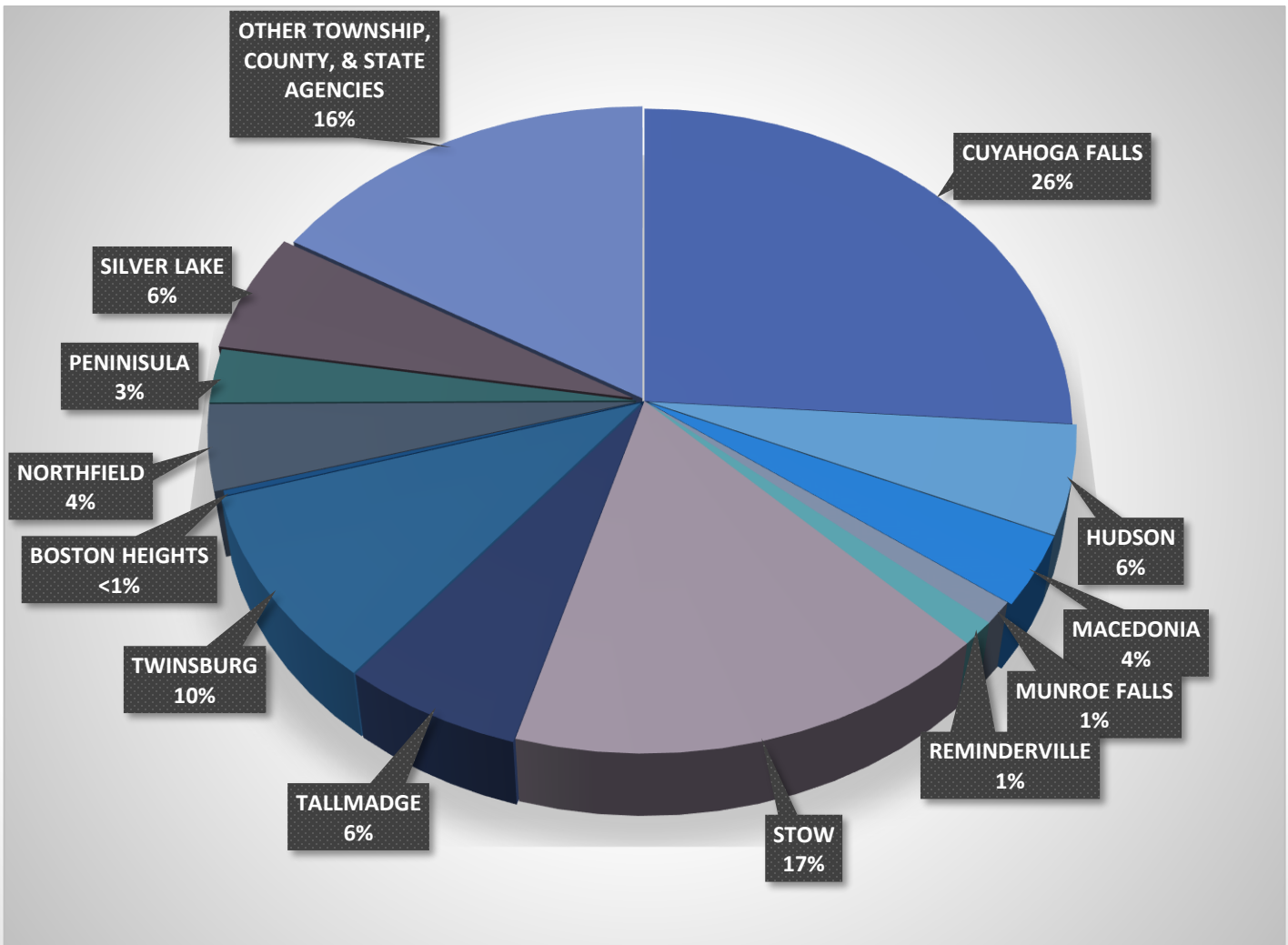


Lisa L. Coates
Judge

<u>SUMMARY OF TOTAL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS</u>				
<u>COURT RECEIPTS: 2022</u>				
	Civil Division			2,192,007.07
	Criminal Division			3,876,292.17
	Interest Income			0.00
			\$	6,068,299.24
<u>COURT DISBURSEMENTS: 2022</u>				
	Civil Division			2,155,839.11
	Criminal Division			3,886,639.77
			\$	6,042,478.88
	Court Balance: 12-31-21		\$	390,289.32
	Court Receipts for 2022			6,068,299.24
			\$	6,458,588.56
	Court Disbursements for 2022		\$	6,042,478.88
	Court Balance: 12-31-22		\$	416,109.68

2022 - CASELOAD BY JURISDICTION

	TRAFFIC	CRIMINAL	CIVIL	TOTAL
CUYAHOGA FALLS	1,643	1,473	1,026	4,142
HUDSON	638	95	132	865
MACEDONIA	91	255	219	565
MUNROE FALLS	42	74	66	182
REMINDERVILLE	58	21	115	194
STOW	1,558	681	446	2,685
TALLMADGE	278	391	325	994
TWINSBURG	847	315	366	1,528
BOSTON HEIGHTS	16	23	2	41
NORTHFIELD	213	125	343	681
PENINISULA	381	10	39	430
SILVER LAKE	889	45	13	947
OTHER TOWNSHIP, COUNTY, & STATE AGENCIES:	2,203	329	71	2,603
TOTAL:	8,857	3,837	3,163	15,857



CIVIL DIVISION ACTIVITY

<u>MONTH</u>		<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
January	\$	178,956.61	\$	160,347.24
February		146,497.46		152,949.56
March		189,499.03		190,795.54
April		176,176.33		163,235.66
May		210,683.48		196,996.17
June		145,389.63		176,829.56
July		206,159.53		167,878.20
August		215,540.51		200,536.88
September		186,188.72		208,397.95
October		164,296.59		187,222.37
November		168,478.43		168,477.19
December		204,140.75		182,172.79
	\$	2,192,007.07	\$	2,155,839.11
Civil Account Balance: 12-31-21			\$	70,908.42
Civil Account Receipts for 2022			\$	2,192,007.07
Civil Account Disbursements for 2022			\$	2,155,839.11
Civil Account Balance: 12-31-22			\$	107,076.38

CIVIL DIVISION – 2022 RECEIPTS BY ACCOUNT

Clerk and Bailiff Fees	\$687,959.28
Legal News for Bailiff Sale (ALN)	\$34,138.00
State of Ohio Legal Aid Society	\$72,678.87
Computer Fees (CRT)	\$9,390.00
Computer Fees (CLK)	\$21,878.00
Special Projects Fees	\$78,210.00
Poundage	\$23,425.58
Credit Card Fees - First Data	\$28,775.06
Invoice Fee - First Data	\$28,285.18
Deposits for Jury	\$800.00
Bank Fees	\$6.00
Notary and Appraiser Fees	\$0.00
Security for Cost	\$0.00
Judgements (Non-Garn)	\$42,784.66
Judgements	\$1,141,094.04
Witness Fees	\$155.61
Sheriff Fees	\$963.70
Landlord Tenant Filing Fees	\$0.00
Bonds	\$500.00
Bonds 10%	\$0.00
Rent/Escrow for Landlord Tenant	\$15,612.00
Refund/Overpayment	\$5,325.09
Sec. State Process Server	\$0.00
Trusteeship Fee	\$0.00
Trusteeship AR Payables	\$0.00
Trusteeship Pay	\$0.00
Warrants	\$26.00
Warrants (SP01)	\$0.00
Non-Negot Checks	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Total:	\$2,192,007.07

CIVIL DIVISION – 2022 DISBURSEMENTS BY ACCOUNT

Clerk and Bailiff Fees	\$681,970.70
Legal News for Bailiff Sale (ALN)	\$33,423.00
State of Ohio Legal Aid Society	\$71,263.17
Computer Fees (CRT)	\$9,240.00
Computer Fees (CLK)	\$21,536.00
Special Projects Fees	\$76,970.00
Poundage	\$23,548.58
Credit Card Fees - First Data	\$28,285.18
Invoice Fee - First Data	\$26,127.92
Deposits for Jury	\$1,200.00
Bank Fees	\$5.00
Notary and Appraiser Fees	\$0.00
Security for Cost	\$0.00
Judgements (Non-Garn)	\$42,766.41
Judgements	\$1,127,759.35
Witness Fees	\$155.61
Sheriff Fees	\$588.10
Landlord Tenant Filing Fees	\$0.00
Bonds	\$500.00
Bonds 10%	\$0.00
Rent/Escrow for Landlord Tenant	\$5,150.00
Refund/Overpayment	\$5,325.09
Sec. State Process Server	\$0.00
Trusteeship Fee	\$0.00
Trusteeship AR Payables	\$0.00
Trusteeship Pay	\$0.00
Warrants	\$25.00
Warrants (SP01)	\$0.00
Non-Negot Checks	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Total:	\$2,155,839.11

CRIMINAL DIVISION ACTIVITY						
<u>MONTH</u>			<u>RECEIPTS</u>			<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
January		\$	259,826.52		\$	292,265.87
February			312,592.77			254,685.06
March			404,777.43			338,503.83
April			397,331.64			387,337.56
May			343,397.55			380,179.98
June			288,351.70			357,981.38
July			273,501.89			277,440.54
August			322,778.59			300,987.88
September			372,381.42			314,990.94
October			307,344.26			363,090.22
November			333,512.35			309,028.42
December			260,496.05			310,148.09
		\$	3,876,292.17		\$	3,886,639.77
Criminal Account Balance: 12-31-21					\$	319,380.90
Criminal Account Receipts for 2022					\$	3,876,292.17
					\$	4,195,673.07
Criminal Account Disbursements for 2022					\$	3,886,639.77
Criminal Account Balance: 12-31-22					\$	309,033.30

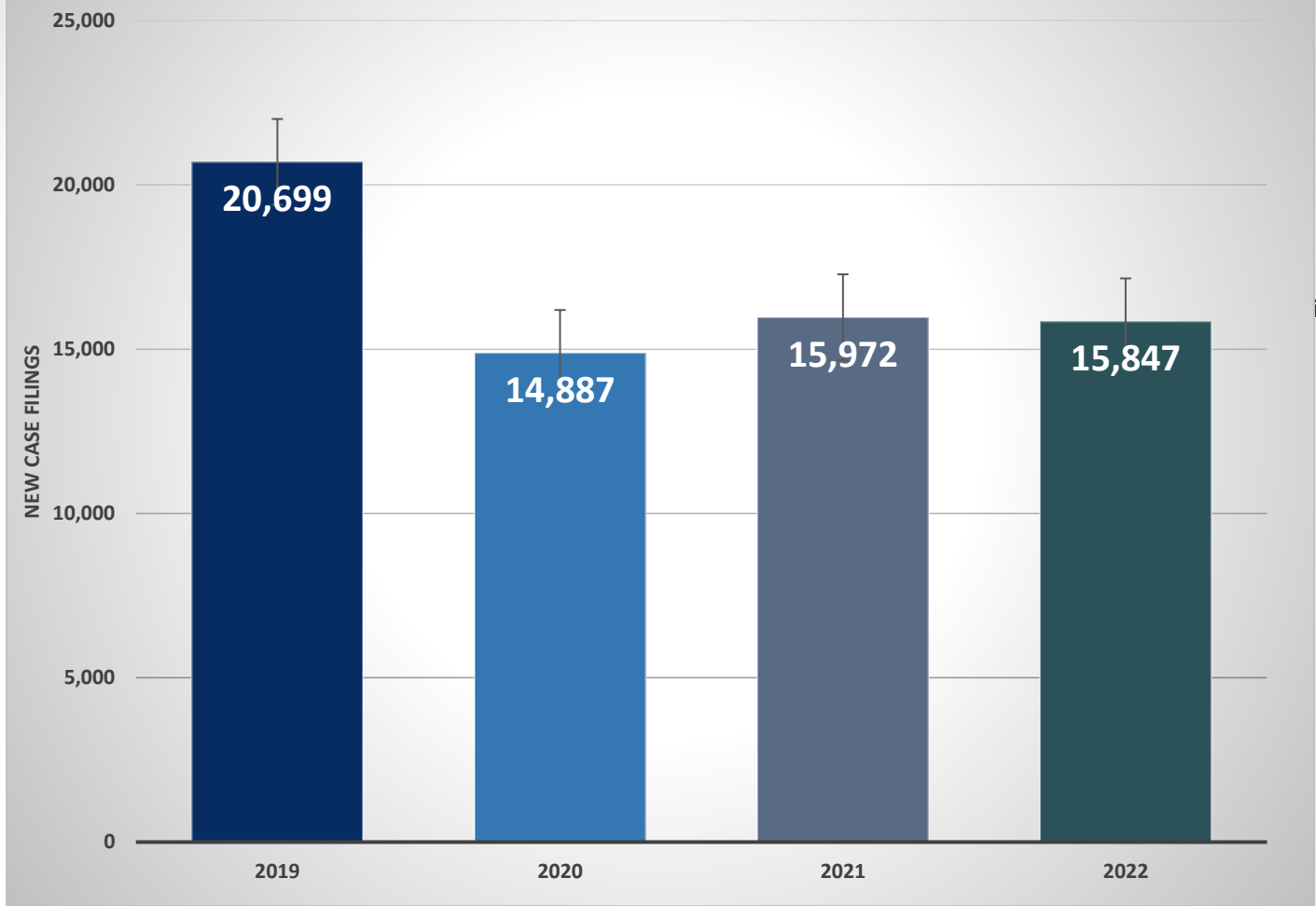
CRIMINAL DIVISION – 2022 RECEIPTS BY ACCOUNT

	Totals:
Ohio State Patrol	\$31,356.06
Victims of Crime	\$63,667.38
Public Defenders	\$227.00
Indigent Defense Support Fund/Pub. Defenders	\$154,080.05
Indigent Defense Support Fund-Bond (§2937.22)	\$3,927.60
Indigent Defense Support Fund (SB 208)	\$17,760.02
Drug Law Enforcement Fund (HB 562)	\$19,197.73
Criminal Justice Program Services Fund (HB 562)	\$622.91
Indigent Defense Support Fund (HB 562)	\$28,304.52
State Highway Safety Fund (SB 17)	\$860.00
Record Sealings/Convictions	\$5,790.00
Department of Liquor Control	\$2,578.00
Board of Pharmacy	\$21,944.03
Department of Natural Resources	\$14.70
Ohio Department of Taxation	\$0.00
Ohio Department of Health	\$200.00
Child Restraint	\$692.32
Seat Belt Violations	\$4,580.00
Summit County	\$326,464.76
Ohio State Patrol County	\$6,266.21
Public Defender Application Fee	\$8,559.00
Fines: Stow Local Ordinances	\$133,604.75
Fines: State Patrol	\$25,089.84
Stow Costs: City & State Ord.	\$1,347,147.10
City of Cuyahoga Falls	\$31,788.30
City of Hudson	\$39,903.80
City of Macedonia	\$8,950.17
City of Munroe Falls	\$2,079.02
City of Reminderville	\$3,240.00
City of Tallmadge	\$15,530.54
City of Twinsburg	\$66,222.98
Village of Boston Heights	\$166.50
Village of Northfield	\$16,065.00
Village of Peninsula	\$23,079.00
Village of Silver Lake	\$69,764.50
Bond	\$196,786.00
Bond Applied 10% Clerk's Fee	-\$9,174.00
Jury Fees	\$0.00
Witness Fees	\$84.00
Sheriff Fees	\$1,456.30
Restitution	\$76,859.47
Restitution in Accounts Receivable Payables	\$1,100.00
Refunds	\$2,656.34
LEEF	\$5,827.00
Computer Fees - Court	\$31,297.35
Computer Fees - Clerk	\$69,814.58
ATA	\$8,519.10
Indigent Driver's Alcohol Treatment Fund (HB 562)	\$8,494.15
Incarceration	\$14,626.21
State Mandated Alcohol Monitoring (SB 17 F&C)	\$10,041.50
Metro Parks Ak/Cl	\$160.00
Summit County Humane Society	\$100.00
Police Agency Drug Fines	\$27,545.65
Probation Services Fund	\$156,206.97
Citizen's Reward Program	\$1,334.40
First Data Credit Card Service Fee	\$67,879.85
Summit County Bench Warrant Service Fee	\$0.00
BMV/DLF	\$0.00
BW/Warrant Blocks	\$45.00
Transfer to Bond Account	\$0.00
Attorney General Collections	\$104,504.38
Attorney General Overpayments	\$595.25
Akron Law Library (Disbursement Only)	\$0.00
Interpreter Fees	\$0.00
Re-Instate Bond	\$0.00
Unclaimed Money to be held in Trust	\$0.00
Judgements	\$0.00
Pending Appeals	\$0.00
Safe Drivers Program	\$37,800.00
Diversion Program Community Costs	\$30,179.10
Mayors Court IDAT Funds	\$2,471.50
First Data Invoice Fee (paid to Courtview monthly)	\$68,111.96
Immobilization Agency Fee	\$100.00
Special Projects Donations	\$0.00
Special Projects	\$481,146.32
Total:	\$3,876,292.17

CRIMINAL DIVISION – 2022 DISBURSEMENTS BY ACCOUNT

Ohio State Patrol	\$32,948.56
Victims of Crime	\$63,888.38
Public Defenders	\$242.00
Indigent Defense Support Fund/Pub. Defenders	\$154,789.45
Indigent Defense Support Fund-Bond (\$2937.22)	\$3,677.60
Indigent Defense Support Fund (SB 208)	\$18,253.72
Drug Law Enforcement Fund (HB 562)	\$19,379.25
Criminal Justice Program Services Fund (HB 562)	\$628.77
Indigent Defense Support Fund (HB 562)	\$28,570.77
State Highway Safety Fund (SB 17)	\$830.00
Record Sealings/Convictions	\$5,790.00
Department of Liquor Control	\$2,943.00
Board of Pharmacy	\$21,144.03
Department of Natural Resources	\$14.70
Ohio Department of Taxation	\$0.00
Ohio Department of Health	\$100.00
Child Restraint	\$692.32
Seat Belt Violations	\$4,800.00
Summit County	\$323,364.00
Ohio State Patrol County	\$6,584.71
Public Defender Application Fee	\$8,597.46
Fines: Stow Local Ordinances	\$135,044.72
Fines: State Patrol	\$26,363.84
Stow Costs: City & State Ord.	\$1,350,068.42
City of Cuyahoga Falls	\$31,719.94
City of Hudson	\$40,827.97
City of Macedonia	\$8,506.00
City of Munroe Falls	\$2,069.02
City of Reminderville	\$3,296.55
City of Tallmadge	\$15,571.30
City of Twinsburg	\$66,237.98
Village of Boston Heights	\$164.00
Village of Northfield	\$14,532.92
Village of Peninsula	\$25,592.22
Village of Silver Lake	\$69,374.18
Bond	\$202,984.00
Bond Applied 10% Clerk's Fee	\$0.00
Jury Fees	\$0.00
Witness Fees	\$90.00
Sheriff Fees	\$1,439.80
Restitution	\$70,778.44
Restitution in Accounts Receivable Payables	\$1,100.00
Refunds	\$2,639.34
LEEF	\$6,100.00
Computer Fees - Court	\$31,696.43
Computer Fees - Clerk	\$70,716.38
ATA	\$8,653.10
Indigent Driver's Alcohol Treatment Fund (HB 562)	\$8,574.02
Incarceration	\$14,919.10
State Mandated Alcohol Monitoring (SB 17 F&C)	\$10,311.80
Metro Parks Ak/Cl	\$160.00
Summit County Humane Society	\$100.00
Police Agency Drug Fines	\$28,160.65
Probation Services Fund	\$158,492.29
Citizen's Reward Program	\$1,310.40
First Data Credit Card Service Fee	\$68,111.96
Summit County Bench Warrant Service Fee	\$0.00
BMV/OLF	\$0.00
BW/Warrant Blocks	\$45.00
Transfer to Bond Account	\$0.00
Attorney General Collections	\$104,825.58
Attorney General Overpayments	\$724.55
Akron Law Library (Disbursement Only)	\$3,750.00
Interpreter Fees	\$0.00
Re-Instate Bond	\$0.00
Unclaimed Money to be held in Trust	\$0.00
Judgements	\$0.00
Pending Appeals	\$0.00
Safe Drivers Program	\$35,776.00
Diversion Program Community Costs	\$18,734.10
Mayors Court IDAT Funds	\$2,325.00
First Data Invoice Fee (paid to Courtview monthly)	\$61,557.44
Immobilization Agency Fee	\$100.00
Special Projects Donations	\$0.00
Special Projects	\$485,856.61
Total:	\$3,886,639.77

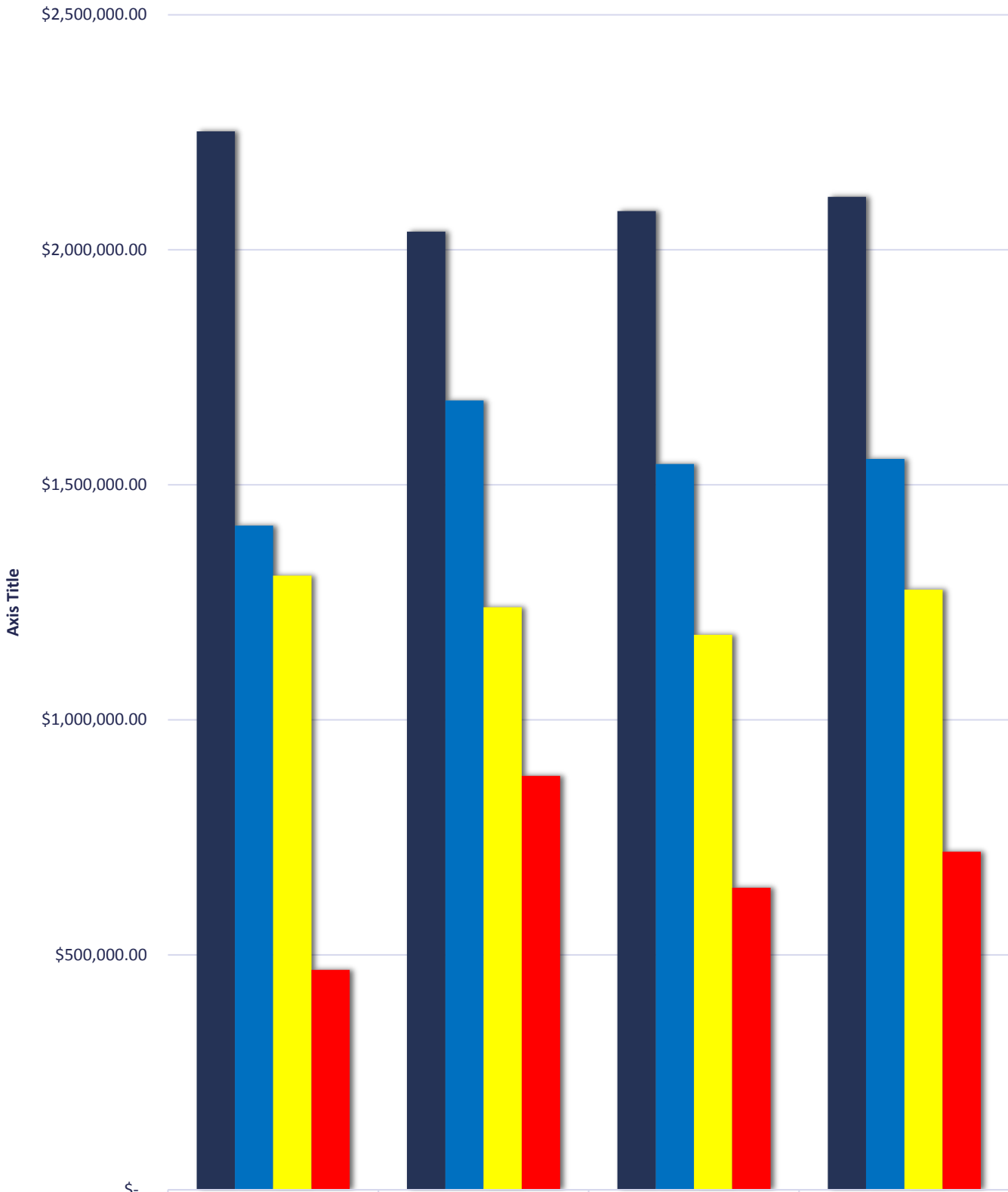
Year to Year Omnibus Caseload Comparison



	Felonies	Misdemeanors	OVI's	Other Traffic	PI/PD*	Contracts	Evictions	Other Civil	Small Claims	Total
2019	959	2938	577	11962	57	3157	585	50	414	20699
2020	772	2429	486	8102	39	2312	377	37	333	14887
2021	968	2610	523	8566	37	2348	435	52	433	15972
2022	931	2902	572	8287	37	2080	530	39	469	15847

*PI/PD – Personal Injury/ Property Damage

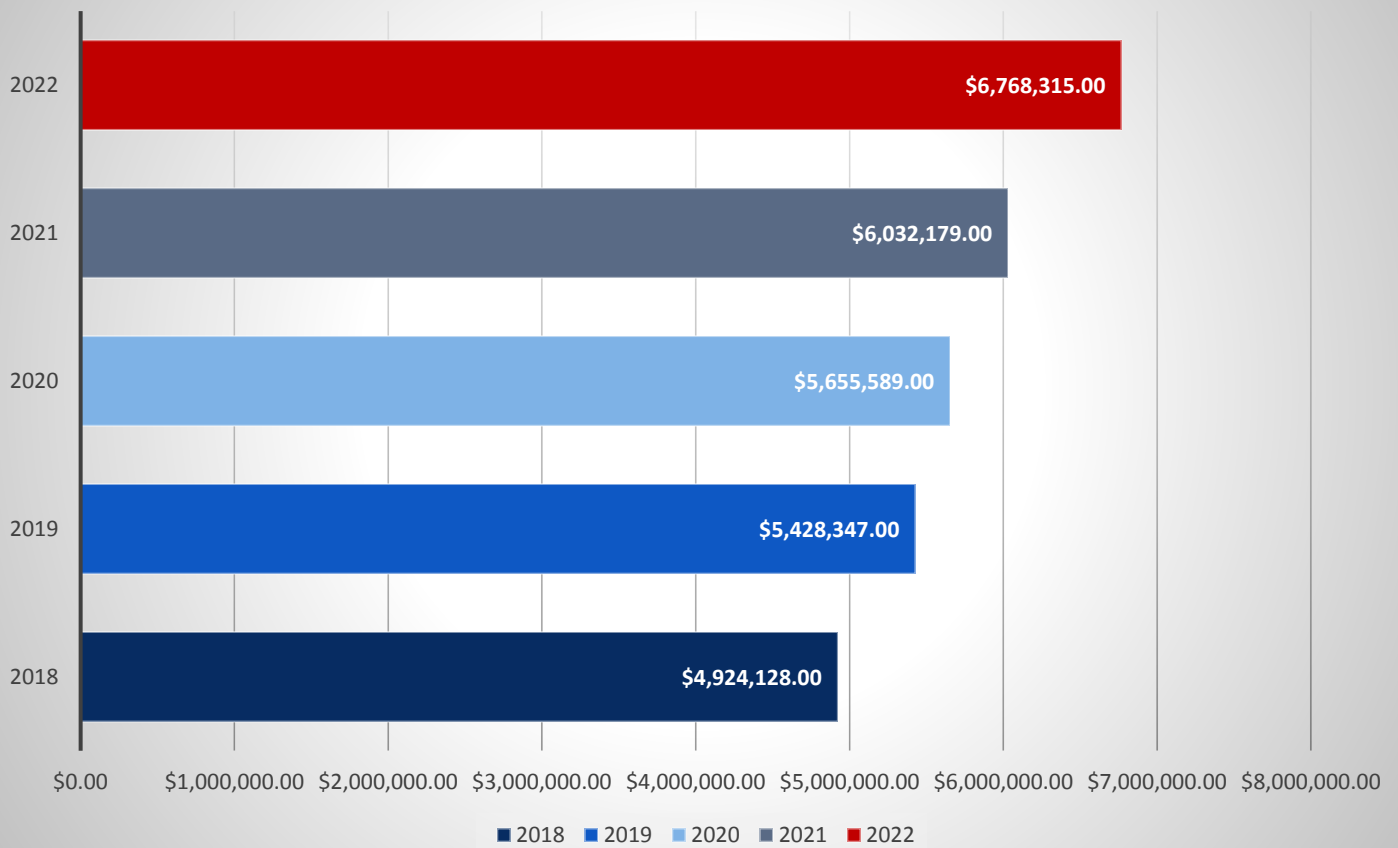
Year to Year Financial Analysis



	2019	2020	2021	2022
Revenue	\$2,251,943.00	\$2,038,423.00	\$2,082,172.00	\$2,112,676.00
Court Operations	\$1,413,294.00	\$1,679,563.00	\$1,544,148.00	\$1,554,840.00
Clerk Operations	\$1,306,677.00	\$1,239,562.00	\$1,180,859.00	\$1,277,212.00
Deficit	\$468,028.00	\$880,702.00	\$642,835.00	\$719,376.00

NOTE: For the past 11 years, the operational deficit and construction debt has been covered by the special projects fund.

Uncollected Debt Trend Report



	Uncollected Debt*	% Year to Year Growth
2018	\$4,924,128.00	-----
2019	\$5,428,347.00	10.10% ↑
2020	\$5,655,589.00	4.18% ↑
2021	\$6,032,179.00	6.65% ↑
2022	\$6,768,315.00	12.20% ↑

*Uncollected debt consists of unpaid fines, court costs, and restitution owed on cases that have been adjudicated by the Court.

2022 COMMUNITY CONTROL STATISTICS

PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATIONS

2021 CARRY-OVER:	3
NEW:	36
2022 COMPLETED:	29

COMMUNITY CONTROL SUPERVISIONS

2021 CARRY-OVER:	131
NEW:	278
2022 COMPLETED:	259

COMMUNITY CONTROL MONITORINGS

2021 CARRY-OVER:	50
NEW:	138
2022 COMPLETED:	131

RECORD SEALING INVESTIGATIONS

2021 CARRY-OVER:	12
NEW:	266
2022 COMPLETED:	249

ELECTRONIC MONITORINGS

2021 CARRY-OVER:	159
NEW:	551
2022 COMPLETED:	481

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2022 Annual Report – Clerk of Courts Certification

I, Amber Zibritosky, Clerk of the Stow Municipal Court, do hereby certify that the statistical information and financial statements contained in pages 4 through 11 of the 2022 Stow Municipal Court Annual Report were prepared from records maintained by my office and to the best of my knowledge, accurately reflect all receipts and distributions of the Court as recorded in its official records.



Amber Zibritosky
Clerk of the Stow Municipal Court

Date: 3/30/23