

2013 ANNUAL REPORT



William Steuk
Judge

Julie Ortega
Clerk of Court

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2013 Employee Roster

William Steuk Judge
Julie Ortega Clerk
Diana Krawetzki Deputy Clerk
Ashley Williams Probation Officer/Deputy Clerk
Laura Alkire Police Prosecutor

Pursuant to section 1901.14 Ohio Revised Code, the following report relative to the operation of the Huron Municipal Court for the year 2013 is respectfully submitted.

MUNICIPAL COURT

The Huron Municipal Court was established in 1968 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 1901.01. This court is a single judge court where the part-time judge acts as both the presiding and administrative Judge. The judge serves a term of 6 years. Although the court is situated in and acts as an entity of the city, the court is in fact separate from the city whereas job descriptions, employees, etc. are all dictated by the Ohio Revised Code and do not fall under the prevue of the Huron City Council or City Manager. The court employs one (1) full time Clerk/Court Administrator and one (1) full time Deputy Clerk/Probation Officer and one (1) full time Deputy Clerk for the Civil Division.

The goal of the court is to remain self-sustaining. To obtain this goal the court has established two programs to provide support for the court rather than rely upon the General Fund of the city. The first of said programs was initiated in January 1998, whereby the court established the Court Computerization Fund, collecting \$6.00 per case to go directly towards the acquisition and maintenance of court computers. The second program was created in January 1999, whereby the court established the Court Capital Improvements Fund collecting \$6.00 per court case going directly towards any type of maintenance, construction or remodeling of the court.

Clerk of Court's Department:

State law mandates that this department collect and disburse monies and maintain the records of the court. This department processes matters for and provides information to the State highway Patrol, Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Erie County Sheriff, civil litigants, attorneys, prosecutors, criminal defendants, the Supreme Court of Ohio, the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation and all other law enforcement agencies.

Money is paid into this department as fines and costs on traffic, criminal and civil cases. In 2013, the court operated well within the boundaries of its \$264,309 budget, collecting \$945,138 in fines and costs from both criminal/traffic and civil cases. From this total collected the court paid \$455,114 to the City of Huron. As required by statute, fines and costs were distributed to the various law enforcement agencies, state agencies and to the City of Huron and are shown in the following pages.

The Clerks' department is ever grateful for the cooperation received from the municipalities of this court district, other courts and law enforcement agencies. In closing, the Court is reminded of the court's goal of courtesy and efficiency. The clerk's office looks forward to assisting you in the coming year.

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SUMMARY REPORT

Traffic & Criminal Cases

Number of Traffic Cases Filed in 2013:	3383	
Huron Police Department:	1033	30%
Ohio State Highway Patrol:	1821	54%
Erie County Sheriff:	529	16%
Number of Criminal Cases Filed in 2013:	858	
Huron Police Department:	410	48%
Ohio State Highway Patrol:	36	4%
Erie County Sheriff:	402	47%
Ohio Department of Natural Resources:	10	1%

Civil Cases

Number of Civil cases Filed in 2013:	183	
Number of Small Claims Cases Filed in 2013:	158	
Total Civil cases filed in 2013:	341	

TOTAL MONIES COLLECTED IN 2013

Criminal & Traffic Account:		\$ 781,524.38
Civil Account:		\$ 163,614.00
Total Collections:		\$ 945,138.38

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2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on Hand 1/1/13:	\$ 6,187.00
Total Collections for 2013:	\$ 945,138.38

Total Cash:	\$ 951,325.38
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Disbursements:

City of Huron:

Court Costs:	\$ 206,341.28
Capital Improvement Fund:	\$ 22,216.00
Computer Improvement Fund:	\$ 21,484.20
City Ordinance Fines:	\$ 136,862.11
Special Warrant Fund:	\$ 4,897.11
45% OSP Fines – General Fund:	\$ 19,532.84
45% OSP Fines – Hwy Patrol Fund:	\$ 16,002.83
Special Projects:	\$ 4,938.50
DUI Arresting Agency:	\$ 1,080.00
DUI Indigent Alcohol Fund:	\$ 3,146.50
Probation Fees	\$ 18,612.88

Total paid to City of Huron:	\$ 455,114.25
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Erie County:

Highway Maintenance Fines:	\$ 12,765.00
Regular Fines Collected:	\$ 31,561.71
Uniform Fines Collected:	\$ 46,645.51
Highway Safety:	\$ 30.00
Dog Fines:	\$ 00.00
Drug Fines:	\$ 10,494.00
Liquor Fines:	\$ 2,557.50
10% OSP Fines:	\$ 8,883.67
Sheriff Housing Fund:	\$ 1,245.00
Sheriff Fees:	\$ 180.00
DUI Arresting Agency:	\$ 360.00
Public Defenders Fee:	\$ 2,602.00
Erie County Law Library	\$ 924.45

Total Paid to Erie County:	\$ 118,248.84
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State of Ohio:

Victims of Crime Fund:	\$	27,281.46
Indigent Defense Fund:	\$	86,520.96
Expungement Costs:	\$	1,020.00
45% OSP Fines:	\$	44,417.37
DUI Arresting Agency	\$	206.00
OSP Drug Fines:	\$	1,040.00
Board of Pharmacy Fines:	\$	5,817.00
50% Liquor Fines:	\$	2,557.50
Seat Belt Fines:	\$	8,413.00
Highway Safety Fund	\$	220.00
Bureau of Motor Vehicles:	\$	45.00
Ohio Dept. Natural Resources	\$	1,155.00
Ohio Dept. of Public Safety	\$	150.00
Legal Aid:	\$	6,323.00
Drug Law Enforcement:	\$	9,136.30

Total paid to State of Ohio: \$ 194,302.59

Miscellaneous Disbursements:

Restitution Payments Collected and Disbursed:	\$	7,485.67
Bond Refunds paid throughout Year:	\$	42,786.73
Garnishment Payments (Civil Cases)	\$	124,283.34
Capital Recovery Systems:	\$	1,010.70
Other Disbursements:	\$	485.40

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$ 943,717.52

BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2013: \$ 7,607.86

The balance on hand represents bonds being held on pending cases in the Huron Municipal Court and will be carried over to the beginning of the year 2014.

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COMPARISON REPORT

Cases Filed:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Criminal</u>	<u>Traffic</u>	<u>Civil</u>	<u>Total</u>
2001	580	3143	341	4064
2002	598	4246	187	5031
2003	737	4385	269	5391
2004	800	3642	332	4774
2005	748	3339	300	4387
2006	671	2916	406	3993
2007	595	2617	285	3497
2008	929	2594	377	3900
2009	649	2454	292	3395
2010	752	2605	272	3629
2011	562	2335	271	3168
2012	824	2515	281	3620
2013	858	3383	341	4582

Collections:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Criminal & Traffic</u>	<u>Civil</u>	<u>Total</u>
2001	\$ 511,094.46	\$ 69,954.20	\$ 581,048.66
2002	\$ 627,119.20	\$ 54,058.39	\$ 681,177.59
2003	\$ 602,219.49	\$ 121,058.66	\$ 723,278.15
2004	\$ 608,558.62	\$ 109,379.21	\$ 717,937.83
2005	\$ 630,324.93	\$ 93,663.75	\$ 723,988.68
2006	\$ 561,514.23	\$ 107,435.56	\$ 668,949.79
2007	\$ 542,688.40	\$ 129,562.88	\$ 672,251.28
2008	\$ 575,730.35	\$ 147,718.22	\$ 723,448.57
2009	\$ 554,138.85	\$ 142,922.36	\$ 697,061.21
2010	\$ 564,309.25	\$ 133,088.46	\$ 697,397.71
2011	\$ 566,331.85	\$ 136,444.27	\$ 702,776.12
2012	\$ 628,219.30	\$ 136,585.16	\$ 764,804.46
2013	\$ 781,524.38	\$ 163,614.00	\$ 945,138.38

The Huron Municipal Court would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have contributed to the continued success of the court.

A copy of this report will be sent to the following:

Huron City Manager	Huron City Council
Huron City Finance Director	Erie County Commissioners
Erie County Auditor	