

GALLIPOLIS MUNICIPAL COURT
518 SECOND AVENUE
GALLIPOLIS, OHIO 45631

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

JUDGE ERIC R. MULFORD

LOU ELLEN WERRY, CLERK

The Gallipolis Municipal Court expended from the General Fund of the City of Gallipolis \$325,102.77 for the year 2018. The Court paid to the General Fund of the City of Gallipolis through the collection of court costs and fines \$432,933.94 This is \$107,831.17 more than expended by the City General Fund to operate the Court.

The following is a comparison of the previous three years:

2017 Expenditure: \$331,448.90 Revenue: \$425,746.33
2016 Expenditure: \$317,776.58 Revenue: \$391,400.82
2015 Expenditure: \$319,883.78 Revenue: \$364,490.05

TRAFFIC/CRIMINAL DIVISION

COLLECTION OF FINES

The Court began the year with \$180,570.25 bond on hand. The Court collected \$1,088,537.95 in the Traffic/Criminal Division bring the total ledger to \$1,269,108.20 The Court disbursed unclaimed funds in 2018 of \$23,740.00 and also disbursed \$1,075,624.25 in fines and costs leaving bond on hand for 2018 in the amount of \$169,743.95

The following is a breakdown of previous years for comparison:

2017 \$1,058,699.17
2016-\$1,071,514.53
2015-\$1,110,042.38

The Court has its own funds, created by statute, available for a variety of purposes. These include, but are not limited to, the purchase of computers and technology, special projects of the Court, probation services, house arrest, and indigent alcohol treatment and/or monitoring. The amounts collected and disbursed to these accounts for the year 2018 total \$263,866.25 and are as follows:

IDATA/IWFC/IATC	\$7045.60
Probation Fund	\$50,792.25
House Arrest	\$9918.00
Special Projects	\$139,563.95
Computer Fund	\$22,586.30
Mediation Fund	\$30,659.15
IDIF	\$3301.00

In 2018 the Court distributed \$364,605.81 to the City of Gallipolis. The following is the past three years' distributions:

2017-	\$354,750.88
2016-	\$337,230.86
2015-	\$328,286.58

The distribution of the 2018 funds are as follows:

40% of State Highway Patrol	\$76,367.14
Court Costs	\$226,787.66
City Ordinance Case fines	\$35,682.51
Housing fees (dui)	\$537.00
Juror fees	\$3.00
Dui arrests costs	\$417.00
Service fees, Gallipolis PD	\$1.50
Drug fines	\$890.00
Expungements	\$180.00
Witness fees	\$0.00
Unclaimed funds	\$23,740.00

In 2018 the Court distributed \$75,701.72 to Gallia County. The following is the past three years' distributions:

2017-\$62,757.86
2016-\$60,698.56
2015-\$61,931.24

The distribution of the 2018 funds are as follows:

10% of State Highway Patrol	\$19,054.87
ORC fines	\$17,087.55
Uniform traffic	\$11,265.80
Liquor Control	\$382.75
Juror fees	\$225.80
Witness fees	\$24.00
Expungements	\$60.00
Public Defender	\$11,425.60
Law Library	\$4,000.00
Sheriff's dept (service fees)	\$6,368.35
Sheriff's dept (ovi arrest costs)	\$152.00
Sheriff's dept (housing fees)	\$5083.50
Sheriff's dept (drug fines)	\$571.50

In 2018 the court distributed \$267,362.99 to the State of Ohio. The following is the past three years' distributions:

2017-\$273,053.72
2016-\$286,972.26
2015-\$302,698.49

The distribution of the 2018 funds are as follows:

50% of State Highway Patrol	\$95,127.14
Liquor Control	\$382.75
Victims of Crime	\$29,805.10
Highway Safety	\$1540.00
Seatbelt fines	\$31,650.25
Expungements	\$560.00
IDFC/IDSF (ind. defense, former gen rev.)	\$94,450.65

JPSF (justice program fund)	\$286.70
DEFC (drug enforc. fund)	\$9842.40
Bond Surcharge	\$3718.00

The following is the remainder of fine distributions the Court made to other agencies, other fees and various sundry payments totaling \$127,827.48

ODNR	\$2481.00
OSP (ovi arrest)	\$1886.20
OSP (drug fines)	\$3288.00
ODPS (drug fines)	\$0
Board of Pharmacy	\$4258.87
Sundries	\$849.90
Out of County Sheriff fees	\$148.50
Centerville	\$43.00
Cheshire	\$0
Crown City	\$730.00
Rio Grande	\$585.00
Vinton	\$356.00
Capital Recovery	\$4594.07
BMV	\$88.00
Bond refunds	\$107,554.97
Animal Welfare League	\$0
Dept of Taxation	\$0
Restitution account	\$963.97

CIVIL/SMALL CLAIMS DIVISION

The Court began the year with a carryover of \$338.30 and collected \$437,108.26. The court reissued outstanding funds from 2017 in the amount of \$189.07 and disbursed \$437,337.33 leaving a carryover of \$298.30.

The following is a comparison of the past three years' distributions:

2017-\$397,327.04
2016-\$271,937.58
2015-\$284,777.85

The following is an account of funds collection/disbursement in 2018:

City of Gallipolis, court costs/unclaimed funds	\$90,415.38
Mediation fund	\$3575.00
Computer fund	\$5335.00
Special Projects (CAP)	\$19264.00
Legal Aid	\$18,170.00
Sheriff fees (including other county)	\$853.00
Sundries	\$506.00
Judgments	\$299,029.88
Check reissued	\$189.07
Bond	\$.00

The following is a comparison of judgment disbursement figures:

2017-\$265,446.47
2016-\$186,360.28
2015-\$213,208.77

MUNICIPAL COURT CASELOAD

	2015	2016	2017	2018
DUI	220	222	251	336
MISC. TRAFFIC	5903	5530	5642	5245
CRIMINAL	1254	1471	1484	1521
CIVIL/SMALL CLAIMS	446	515	795	696

The above figures represent the actual number of charges/complaints filed in each category.

Felony

The Court heard 14 preliminary hearings resulting in bind over to Common Pleas Court. 38 defendants waived their preliminary hearing and agreed to be bound over. 23 were dismissed, most of which were due to the case being taken directly to the Grand Jury of Gallia County. There are 10 outstanding felony warrants for this year.

Criminal Misdemeanor

The Court took 448 guilty pleas on one or more original charges in misdemeanor criminal cases. The Court also heard 87 guilty pleas to reduced or amended charges. The Court had 25 bench trials on criminal cases. The court held one criminal jury trial.

OVI

The Court had 123 defendants plead guilty to OVI. There were 117 pleas of guilty to reduced charges. The court had one bench trial on an OVI.

Traffic other Misdemeanor

The Court had 3722 pleas of guilty to original charges, this includes waivers of appearance on MM traffic citations. There were 278 guilty to reduced charge pleas. There were 8 trials.

The Municipal Court offers a free mediation program. This program allows individuals and small businesses the opportunity to try and resolve civil disputes through the use of a trained mediator rather than incur the expense of attorneys and court fees. There were 17 mediation cases filed in 2018.

The Court reports monthly to the Supreme Court of Ohio regarding the number and type of cases filed, how those cases are disposed, and the timeliness of disposition. There are two reports each month titled the Administrative Judge Report and the Individual Judge report. The reports document the Court's clearance rate, which is a statistical calculation comparing the number of cases filed during the year to the number of cases terminated during the same year. The Court has an average clearance rate in excess of 100% for calendar year 2018. Detailed data measuring the Court's caseload and performance may be found online at www.sc.ohio.gov/JVS/courtSvcs/dashboards.

GALLIPOLIS MUNICIPAL COURT PROBATION DEPARMENT

The Gallipolis Municipal Court Probation department is comprised of three full time probation officers, including the Chief of Probation and Drug Court Coordinator. In 2018, the bulk of the expenses for these officers was paid for through a Justice Reinvestment Initiative grant and a Mental Health services grant. For this reason, the expenditure in 2018 from the Court's probation fund totaled only \$4783.22. The Court maintains a probation fund with an end of year balance of \$71,631.25. As of 12/31/18, the department had 955 individuals under supervision. The Court placed 320 adults on probation in 2018. There were 99 offenders placed on electronic monitoring house arrest as an alternative to jail. The average length of days served in the program was 27 days with a success rate of 74%.