



Judge Ronald C. Lewis

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Xenia Municipal Court 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



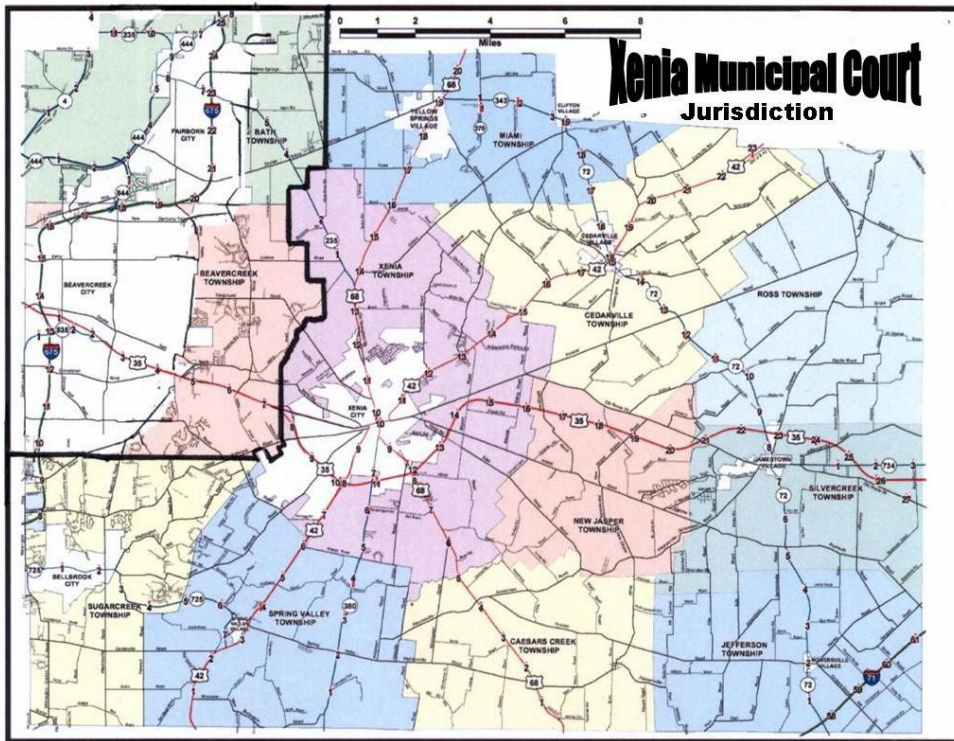
JUDGE RONALD C. LEWIS. has served as the Xenia Municipal Court Judge since January 1, 2020. Prior to his election, Judge Lewis was a practicing attorney for 27 years in the Montgomery / Greene area. Judge Lewis is a lifelong resident of Greene County, having been born and raised in the Xenia area. He graduated from Xenia High School and Ohio Northern University. Judge Lewis graduated from the Ohio Northern University Law School in 1993.

Judge Lewis first served as the Fairborn City Prosecutor beginning in 1999. In 2000 he became the Prosecutor for the City of Xenia and held that title until becoming Judge, January 1, 2020.

He and his wife Amy, Greene County Juvenile Court Judge, have been married for 29 years and enjoy a daughter and three sons. Judge Lewis is active in civic and charitable organizations.

MAGISTRATE LAURENCE LASKY. Larry was appointed as the Xenia Municipal Court Magistrate January 1, 2020. He has primarily heard the civil cases filed in Xenia Municipal Court. Larry has practiced law throughout the Miami Valley for over 42 years.

CLERK OF COURT STEVE PIERSON. Steve was appointed Clerk by Judge Lewis on January 1, 2020. He has practiced law in this area since graduating from the University of Cincinnati School of Law. He grew up in Jamestown and his mother Norma worked in Greene County Juvenile Court for over 30 years. Steve and his wife Karen, a retired lawyer, have been married for twenty years.



The jurisdiction of the Xenia Municipal Court includes the following cities, towns, villages and townships and their populations: * (figures from 2016-2017 Municipal Guide)

Bellbrook, City of	6,943
Bowersville, Village of	312
Cedarville, Village of	4,019
Cedarville Township	5,500
Caesars Creek Township	1,137
Jamestown, Village of	1,193
Jefferson Township	1,254
Miami Township	4,790
New Jasper Township	2,568
Ross Township	750
Silvercreek Township	3,738
Spring Valley Township	2,581
Spring Valley, Village of	479
Sugarcreek Township	8,041
Xenia, City of	25,719
Xenia Township	6,537
Yellow Springs, Village of	3,487
TOTAL:	79,048 *

- This figure differs from the figure provided by the 2016 Supreme Court report on Page 11. We have no explanation as to the discrepancy other than they are from two different sources and different years.



2021 CHARGES FILED BY LAW AGENCIES

	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	Criminal	Criminal	Traffic	Traffic	Total:	Total:
Beavercreek Police Dept.	20	0	0	0	20	0
Bellbrook Police Dept.	80	107	272	314	352	421
Bowersville Village	0		0			0
Cedarville Police Dept.	26	42	45	60	71	102
Central State U. Police Dept.	18	8	60	49	78	57
Child Support Enforcement	3	0	0		3	0
Greene Co. Animal Control	278	333	0	0	278	333
Greene Co. Commissioners	3	0	5	0	8	0
Greene Co. Parks District	69	7	15	0	84	7
Greene County Sheriff's Office	259	220	605	502	864	722
Jamestown Police Dept.	71	52	88	64	159	116
ODNR / Park /Wildlife	11	8	14	0	25	8
Ohio Dept. of Taxation	3	1	0	0	3	1
Ohio State Patrol	58	37	1715	1865	1773	1902
Kettering Health Network Police	3	7	0	0	3	7
Fairborn Police Dept.	6	0	0		0	0
Sugarcreek Township Police Dept.	219	137	713	649	932	786
Wilberforce U. Police Dept.	0	2	2	7	2	9
Xenia Police Division	1,198	1054	1398	2076	2596	3130
Yellow Springs Police Dept.	69	87	66	65	135	152
Misc.	3	16	0	8	3	24
Total:	2397	2118	4998	5659	7395	7777

XENIA MUNICIPAL COURT YEAR END REPORT FOR 2021

The following information is submitted as mandated by O.R.C. Section 1901.14(A)(4).

THE VISION AND MISSION OF THE XENIA MUNICIPAL COURT

The vision of the Xenia Municipal Court is to provide innovative and exemplary court services to the people of Greene County.

The mission of the Xenia Municipal Court is to be an *exemplary* court. *Exemplary* in...

- ⇒ promoting fair and efficient justice under the law for all people
- ⇒ the way every single person is treated with courtesy and respect
- ⇒ the way our employees work with professionalism and diligence
- ⇒ being accessible to all
- ⇒ resolving matters and disputes in a fair and timely manner
- ⇒ being culturally diverse
- ⇒ partnering effectively with City departments, our community, attorneys and other courts
- ⇒ utilizing technology effectively to expedite cases as accurately and efficiently as possible
- ⇒ providing a safe, rewarding, motivating and enjoyable work atmosphere for our employees
- ⇒ demonstrating fiscal accountability with integrity to the City and County finance departments and ultimately the taxpayers of Greene County and State of Ohio
- ⇒ pursuing a standard of excellence when recording and preserving legal records and documents
- ⇒ creating and maintaining an environment that is safe and secure for court officials, court employees, persons conducting court business, defendants and visitors
- ⇒ a trained and prepared court security team and staff for all potential threats, disasters or emergency situations, including proper response procedures

COURT PERSONNEL

The vision and mission of Xenia Municipal Court were carried out by the following staff: The Judge of Xenia Municipal Court, Ronald C. Lewis, Magistrate Laurence Lasky, the Clerk of Court, Steve Pierson, one (1) Chief Deputy Clerk – Operations, Dannette Donatelli, six (6) full-time Deputy Clerks (Yvette Mullikin, Sherry Johnson, Dawn Doerner, Ed Goble, Brittany Lamb, Leigh Ann Sims; the Chief Bailiff, Richard Walker, and two (2) full-time Deputy Bailiffs, Russell Shelley and Andrew Hull, the Court's Chief Probation Officer Alexis Scott and five (5) full-time Probation Officers Sam Smith, Jason Parsons, Chris Ferguson, Connie Vellia and Katelyn Dotson, and one (1) Court Reporter, Kim Ramey.

Two of the Probation Officer positions, House Arrest and Intensive Supervision, are largely funded by a \$87,617.00 grant from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections.

2021 NEW CASES FILED

	Felonies	Mis-demeanors	O.V.I	Other Traffic	PI & PD	Con tracts	FED	Other Civil	Small Claims	Total
January	8	91	17	389	2	71	26	5	5	614
February	9	85	16	305	1	75	9	4	4	508
March	12	109	26	498	1	89	18	4	3	760
April	9	92	13	369	1	75	14	4	4	581
May	9	103	13	310	0	61	18	1	2	517
June	6	114	23	461	1	76	22	1	2	706
July	11	86	18	400	1	73	24	2	7	622
August	11	106	18	361	0	64	21	3	9	593
September	6	100	11	358	0	61	23	4	3	566
October	7	124	15	320	0	83	29	3	8	589
November	6	83	13	343	2	39	18	3	3	510
<u>December</u>	9	107	10	360	1	57	16	1	3	564
TOTAL:	103	1200	193	4474	10	824	238	35	53	7130

2021 NEW CASES DISPOSED

	Felonies	Misdemeanors	O.V.I.	Other Traffic	PI/ PD	Contracts	F.E.D.	Other Civil	Small Claims	Total
January	15	121	22	444	1	74	19	4	7	707
February	13	103	14	352	1	71	16	4	3	577
March	23	123	28	551	2	100	24	4	7	862
April	16	101	15	431	2	76	13	3	0	657
May	14	127	13	346	0	95	18	3	7	623
June	13	146	26	528	0	69	22	1	3	808
July	20	108	17	435	1	58	13	1	1	654
August	15	120	17	393	0	74	24	4	7	654
September	16	125	17	396	0	81	23	3	4	665
October	7	133	16	345	1	80	27	2	7	618
November	14	106	12	395	0	54	27	4	8	620
<u>December</u>	15	117	11	411	0	57	10	0	1	622
TOTAL:	181	1430	208	5027	8	889	236	33	55	8067

CASES OVER THE SUPREME COURT RECOMMENDED TIME LIMITS

TRAFFIC/CRIMINAL

CIVIL

JANUARY	0	0
FEBRUARY	0	0
MARCH	0	0
APRIL	0	0
MAY	0	0
JUNE	0	0
JULY	0	0
AUGUST	0	0
SEPTEMBER	0	0
OCTOBER	0	0
NOVEMBER	0	0
DECEMBER	0	0

There are multiple factors that impact the Court's ability to meet these guidelines suggested by the Supreme Court – the sheer volume of cases this Court handles, witness availability, illness, scheduling conflicts for attorneys and law enforcement officials, and a myriad of other conflicts.

These figures reflect significant effort on the part of the scheduling clerk, all parties, the Prosecutor's office, attorneys and law enforcement officers for the timely resolution of cases.

2021 TRAFFIC/CRIMINAL DISTRIBUTIONS

	2021
City of Xenia	\$ 830,492.58
Xenia Police Department	\$ 906.05
Greene County	\$ 359,742.56
Greene Co. Public Defender	\$ 953.43
Treasurer of State of Ohio	\$ 286,808.03
Ohio Dept. of Nat. Resources	\$ 860.00
Caesarscreek Twp Trustees	
Village of Bowersville	
Kettering Health Network Drug Fines	
Greene Co. Humane Society	\$ 125.00
Higbee & Associates	\$ 0.00
City of Bellbrook	\$ 691.00
Village of Jamestown	\$ 135.00
Village of Yellow Springs	\$ 760.00
Village of Cedarville	\$ 75.00
Village of Spring Valley	
Sugarcreek Township	\$ 925.00
Central State University	\$ 150.00
Greene Co. Sheriff's Dept.	\$ 6,011.09
Greene Co. Park District	\$ 594.00
Direct to Law Library	\$ 6,238.09
Other Sheriff's Fees	\$ 253.50
New Jasper Township	
Bureau of Motor Vehicles	\$ 150.00
Restitution	\$ 53,341.56
Five Rivers Metro Park	\$
Capital Recovery	\$ 39,327.21
Overpayments / bond refunds	\$ 59,074.12
Net increase from Open Items	\$ 11,120.00)
General Revenue	\$ 85.75
Wilberforce University	\$ 0.00
TOTAL:	\$ 1,636,583.97

CIVIL DIVISION RECEIPTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

City of Xenia	\$	236,762.49
Judgments	\$	4,155.54
Garnishments	\$	611,215.37
Sheriff Fees	\$	298.80
Refunds & Miscellaneous	\$	2,955.88
Legal Aid	\$	28,925.28
Overpayments	\$	140.00
Open Items Net Increase	\$	1,489.04
TOTAL:	\$	885,842.40

CITY OF XENIA RECAP

DISTRIBUTED TO THE CITY OF XENIA:	2020	2021	INC/DEC
CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DIVISION	\$ 708,944.57	\$ 830,492.58	\$ 121,548.01
CIVIL/SMALL CLAIMS DIVISION	\$ 210,331.92	\$ 236,762.49	\$ 26,430.57
SUBTOTAL	\$ 919,276.49	\$ 1,067,255.07	\$ 147,978.58
REIMBURSEMENT FROM OPERATING EXPENSES FROM OTHER CITIES & VILLAGES	\$ 000.00	\$ 561.00	\$ 561.00
COMMUNITY BASED CORRECTION ACT PROGRAM GRANT	\$ 87,617.00	\$ 87,617.00	\$ 0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,006,893.49	\$ 1,155,433.07	\$ 148,539.58
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,395,098.23	\$ 1,191,370.82	\$ 203,727.41
TOTAL EXCESS OF EXPENSE OVER INCOME FOR 2020	\$ (388,204.74)	\$ (35,937.75)	\$ 352,266.99

ADDITIONAL COLLECTION EFFORTS

To maximize the collection of fines and Court costs, the Court continued the services of two professional collection agencies, as well as The Ohio Attorney General's Office to pursue unpaid fines and Court costs. The professional collection agency services cost the Court nothing. By law, the agency selected to perform collection work for the Court is permitted to add a thirty percent (30%) fee on top of the fines and Court costs. The agencies agree to collect all the fines and Court costs owed by an individual and forward those monies to the Court before the agency collects its fee. This effort in 2021 has resulted in the collection of **\$301,613.52**.

The Ohio Attorney General's Office has collection options not available to other collection agencies. The AG's Office keeps 10% of what it collects as its fee for services.

Probation Department

The Xenia Municipal Court Probation Department is responsible for the supervision of individuals the Court places on probation. Individuals placed on probation have typically been convicted of drug, alcohol, domestic violence, assault, and/or theft offenses. The Probation Officers monitor probationers for compliance with the law, completion of drug/alcohol treatment, batterer's education, anger management, theft education, help them to obtain employment, housing, higher levels of education, and other requirements as ordered by the Court, such as community service. At the end of 2021, there were 628 individuals on active probation. 464 new probationers were placed on supervision in 2021. 506 probationers were released from probation in 2021. 371 were successfully terminated, 15 were unsuccessfully terminated, 116 were administratively terminated and 34 were revoked. In addition to this, 34 probationers were placed on Electronically Monitored House Arrest (EMHA), an increase of 6 (largely due to the uncertainties of the COVID pandemic); and 58 were placed on Secured Continuous Random Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM), an increase of 16.

EMHA continues to be a valuable tool for the Court due to the limited jail space availability currently. Probationers who are employed when placed on EMHA are allowed "work release" privileges. Costs associated with indigent probationers are paid for by the Community Corrections Act grant received from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, which was re-awarded for the 2021 Fiscal Year. (See Graph Below)

The XMC Probation Department is fortunate to have access to programming as an alternative to jail through the Christopher House, the Women's Recovery Program, and the Counseling Center. Our entire Probation staff are certified and trained to facilitate the "Thinking for a Change Program" which helps probationers develop cognitive self-change, social skills, and problem solving skills through homework, role playing, check-ins, and group discussions.

Our Probation Department also works very closely with TCN Behavioral Health Services for various Probation counseling referrals as well as Medication Assisted Treatment for opioid addictions. Another important resource service for our Probation department is our partnership with The Family Violence Prevention Center to address domestic violence and assault cases. Offenders attend a 16-week batterers' program that is usually Court-ordered but could also be voluntary.

During 2021, 143 were referred for drug and alcohol assessments, 56 for mental health assessments and 51 for anger and batterer's assessments.

XMC Probation Department continues to develop and improve their approach to supervision with training, conferences, and staff meetings. We have continued to partner with MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) with regular meetings held in our Courtroom with MADD speakers sharing their stories with OVI offenders on Probation. The number of clients who have participated in these meetings in 2021 is 155.

A definite highlight of this year was the purchase of Cellular Phones, Tablets, Radios, and Printers for the probation staff, which was funded by the Office of Criminal Justice Service Coronavirus Emergency ACT grant that was awarded to the department.

2021 PROBATION DEPARTMENT YEAR-END REPORT

PROBATIONERS / CLIENTS DATA		REFERRALS MADE BY PO'S	
TOTAL ACTIVE CLIENTS	628	DRUG/ALCOHOL	143
TOTAL ACTIVE WARRANTS	167	ANGER/BATTERERS	51
NEW CLIENTS PLACED ON PROBATION	464	MENTAL HEALTH	56
CLIENTS RELEASED	506	THEFT CLINIC	62
WARRANTS ISSUED	163	GED	1
CLIENTS SUCCESSFUL	371	EMPLOYMENT	1
CLIENTS ADMINISTRATIVE TERM	116		
CLIENTS REVOKED	15		
PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATIONS	1	HOUSING	2
POST-SENTENCE INVESTIGATIONS	0	SEX OFFENDER	1
HOUSE ARREST HOOK-UPS	34	GRIEF	0
SCRAM	58	T4C	0
IGNITION INTERLOCK	0	MADD	155
PRE-TRIAL SUPERVISION	81	3 DAY	
		OTHER	10

