

MAHONING COUNTY SHERIFF OPERATIONS: “MORE THAN A JAIL”



Mahoning County Justice Center

“MORE THAN JUST A JAIL”!

This is the sentiment expressed by those that have participated in meetings that Sheriff Greene has held as part of a community awareness program. Many are unaware of the collaborations that exist between jurisdictions.

Did you know the Sheriff’s Office provides

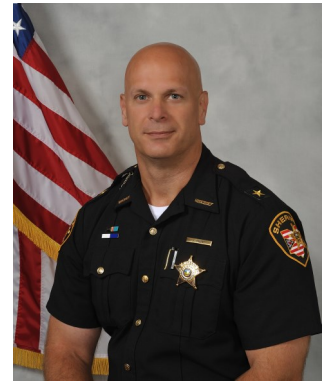
- ◆ **Primary** law enforcement, patrols and investigations for all unincorporated areas in Mahoning

County, as well as assisting all other Law Enforcement Agencies in the County.

- ◆ **Sex Offender registration and notification** to all Mahoning County residents.
- ◆ **The identification of inmates** fraudulently collecting SSI benefits and public assistance while incarcerated in the Mahoning County Jail saving taxpayers dollars.

- ◆ **Specialized investigators** for child abuse and internet crimes.
- ◆ **Senior Services Program** that assists Mahoning County Seniors that have nowhere else to turn.
- ◆ **Monitoring and issuance** of all Carry Conceal Handgun Licenses and Permits.
- ◆ **Security and transportation** of inmates to all County courts including transportation of inmates to penitentiaries.

These are just a few of the services that are offered by the Sheriff.



Sheriff Jerry Greene

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Deputies assigned** to multiple federal, state and local law enforcement task forces.
- **Day Reporting program** utilizing non-violent offenders to fill pot holes and pick-up litter and recyclable items around Mahoning County.
- **A fully functioning jail** (now fully open) which houses prisoners for all townships, cities & villages in Mahoning County.
- **30% reduction** in staffing from 2008 to 2013.

GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS

General Fund Departments, where your tax dollars were allocated in 2013:

Service Departments: 8% of the GF

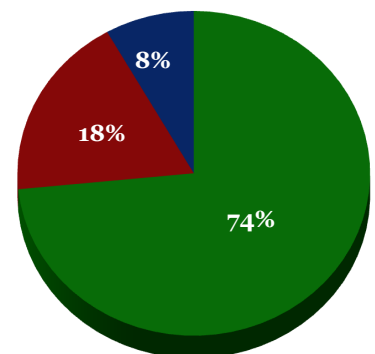
Auditor, Commissioners Office, Treasurer, Data Processing, Planning, Microfilm & Recorder

Public Safety/ Judicial: 74% of the GF

Bailiffs & Area Courts, Clerk of Courts, Common Pleas Courts, Coroner, Domestic Relations Court, Emergency 9-1-1, Juvenile Court, Probate Court, Municipal Courts (county share 40% of key positions), Probation, Prosecutor’s Office & Sheriff

Ohio Revised Code Mandated Funding/ Grant Local Match/ Facilities : 18% of the GF

Veteran Services Commission, Board of Elections, General Admin & Facilities



DID YOU KNOW.....

PUBLIC SAFETY/ JUDICIAL ACCOUNTED FOR 74% OF 2013 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES?

MAHONING COUNTY PROSECUTOR: “Justice Delayed is Justice Denied”



Mahoning County Court House

The Mahoning County Prosecutor is the County's Chief Criminal and Civil Attorney.

The Mahoning County Prosecutor's Office is:

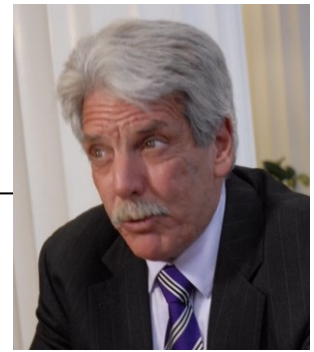
- ◆ Committed to seeking justice in criminal cases.
- ◆ Committed to providing legal representation to all townships, County agencies, departments, and officials.

- ◆ Committed to punish offenders, protect the rights of victims and safeguard the public.

The Prosecutor also:

- ◆ Provides 24 hour a day legal assistance and advice to all local, state and federal law enforcement to maintain zero tolerance on public corruption, gangs and violent crimes, particularly those involving a gun.

- ◆ Provides legal services in the preparation of all arrest and search warrants.
- ◆ Provides legal services such as those found in the private practice of law, civil rights violations, personal injury claims, and real property & business law.
- ◆ Cold Case Convictions. 1985 murder of a 19-year old YSU student, 1974 Murder of a Canfield Family.
- ◆ With stable funding and staffing, moves cases and moves inmates out of the County Jail and to prison. Avoids overcrowding and consent decrees.



Prosecutor Paul Gains

Quick Highlights

In-house representation saves the County and townships millions in legal services fees.

The Civil Division handles hundreds of matters for the townships, saving millions in legal fees; freeing up these funds for township roads, police & fire.

Civil Division

- Contract Review
- Collection of Delinquent Taxes
- Negotiate Contracts
- Litigation
- Opinions

TECHNOLOGY/ EFFICIENCIES—MOVING FORWARD

E-Filing: Professional Services Agreement for review and development of an e-filing and court-related document handling system.

LGIF grant application: to the Ohio Development Services Agency to participate in a feasibility study for 9-1-1 Mutual Aid Dispatch.

Microfilm: Records archiving restructuring and technology upgrade.

JJC Telephone Upgrade: Antiquated system being replaced.

Protective Order Card: Domestic Relations Court created a protective order registration card for victims, 1st in State.

JJC Security Camera: Enhanced security of the Juvenile Justice Center.

Future Initiatives:

- Overhaul County Website: Upgrade to user friendly software and citizen access.
- Receipt of credit cards for payment of County services.

- Online Employee Benefit Enrollment Module.
- Electronic scanning of tax receipts and payments processed through the Treasurer's Office.
- Air Induction system and renovations in Coroner's department for upgrades and to bring a Life Banc partnership to the County.

DID YOU KNOW..... OF THE 7% SALES TAX

5.75% OF THE SALES TAX GOES TO THE STATE AND .25% TO WRTA, ONLY 1% TO MAHONING COUNTY ?

COMMISSIONERS: MEETING SPOTLIGHTS



Mahoning County Sales Tax Impact Statement:

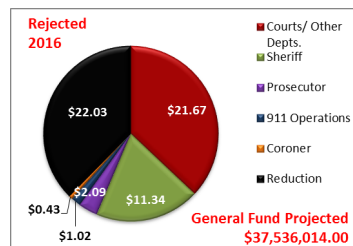
Mahoning County is the home to over 238,000 residents. Over the years, we have had many challenges. The last seven years have especially been challenging not only for residents, but also for our local governments.

- ◆ The reduction in various revenue sources has left the County scrambling
- ◆ This stability is supported by sales tax revenues which are the life line of the County's General Fund services.
- ◆ The proposed levy is critical to this stability.

to survive and to provide a minimum level of stability to County government for the security of the taxpayers.

Justice Tax: Ballot Issue #1: restricted by the Ohio Revised Code and ballot language to the offices of the Sheriff, Prosecutor, Coroner and 9-1-1 Operation Center. The tax is the combination of a 1/2% renewal and a 1/4% additional tax, both for a five (5) year period.

If Rejected: GF Projected Shortfall in Black (in millions)



County Affirms Bond Rating at A+: County Officials were able to affirm the County's Bond rating with S&P with a stable outlook, no small feat. Maintaining the rating is contingent on passage of **ballot issue #1, Justice**

GENERAL FUND REVENUE FACTS

Major Revenue Losses/ Cuts: 2008 to 2013

- ◆ House Federal Inmates: (\$4,000,000), new initiative limited restore.
- ◆ Investment Income: (\$3,200,000) reduction.
- ◆ Local Government Funding: 50% State reductions (\$2,900,000).

Sales Tax Revenues:

- ◆ The County's voted rates are 1/2 % cont. & 1/2% renewal = 1% total.
- ◆ 61 Counties have a higher rate than 1% ; 14 are at 1.25% & 47 are at 1.50%.
- ◆ It is estimated that 30% of Sale Tax revenue generated in the County comes from non-residents.
- ◆ The 1/4% additional tax is \$25 on every \$10,000 spent on taxable items.
- ◆ Proactive services are vulnerable to reductions during revenue shortfalls.
- ◆ Ohio Revised Code mandated funding levels cannot be reduced for budget shortfalls.

Quick Highlights

Resolution to put Sales Tax on Nov. 4th ballot at 1/2% renewal and 1/4% additional for a five (5) year period.

Adopted Emergency Resolution to repair flood damages at the County Jail.

Awarded Courthouse security & holding cells facilities enhancement project.

Award architectural contract for Courthouse restoration and major repairs.

Projected deficit of revenues over expenditures in excess of \$5,000,000 for 2015.

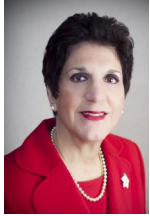
Auctioned South Side Annex building on Market Street: high bid went to Banner Supply

Countywide staffing reductions of 296 positions since 2008

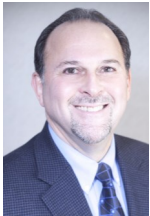
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GENERAL FUND OFFICES

9-1-1 Operations	911
Auditor	330-740-2010
Board of Elections	330-783-2474
Commissioners	330-740-2130
Coroner	330-740-2175
Microfilm	330-740-2303
Planning Commission	330-270-2890
Prosecutor	330-740-2330
Recorder	330-740-2345
Sheriff	330-480-5000
Treasurer	330-740-2460
Veteran Services	330-740-2450

GENERAL FUND COURTS

Austintown	330-740-2001
Boardman	330-726-5546
Canfield	330-533-3643
Clerk of Courts	330-740-2104
Common Pleas	330-740-2158
Domestic Relations	330-740-2208
Juvenile	330-740-2278
Probate	330-740-2310
Sebring	330-938-9873

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BALLOT LANGUAGE

ISSUE 1
PROPOSED SALES AND USE TAX
(RENEWAL AND ADDITIONAL)
JUSTICE TAX
MAHONING COUNTY
 A majority affirmative vote is
 necessary for passage.

The Board of County Commissioners of Mahoning County proposes the continuation of an existing levy for sales and use tax in the amount of 1/2 percent commencing October 1, 2015 and an additional 1/4 percent commencing on April 1, 2015 both for the purpose of providing criminal and administrative justice services of the Sheriff, Coroner, and Prosecutor and for 9-1-1 for a five (5) year period of time.

SHALL THE RESOLUTION OF THE MAHONING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROPOSING THE CONTINUATION OF AN EXISTING 1/2 PERCENT AND AN ADDITIONAL 1/4 PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX BE APPROVED FOR
 A FIVE (5) YEAR PERIOD?

YES

NO

Justice Sales Tax
100% Earmarked
for Sheriff,
Prosecutor,
9-1-1 & Coroner



A Yes Vote Will
Increase Your
Sales Tax by 1/4
of a Penny!

Groceries, Rent,
Prescription
Drugs, Utilities
are not taxed