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*Aerial Map of 35-acre campus in Austintown*

A “**CAMPUS OF CARING**”, a diverse group of non-profit agencies and governments, will come together to meet the needs of some of our most vulnerable population. The Youngstown Developmental Center that was paid for with your tax dollars, sits vacant. The Mahoning County Board of Commissioners is seeking State support to develop this asset, that once serviced 86 of our residents, into a public/ private partnership to repurpose and revitalize the campus into wrap around services. Requested State support is to provide startup costs and prepare the buildings for occupancy by June 2020.

- ◆ Partnership with local service agencies to restore the YDC property and provide a safe living environment for some of the most vulnerable populations.
- ◆ Develop employment and training in food service, landscaping, janitorial work, laundry facilities, child and senior care.
- ◆ Create a hub for community activity and involvement that includes seniors and youth, disabled and abled, strong and struggling that is inclusive, resilient and compassionate learning and helping each other.

### MAHONING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Carol Rimedio-Righetti



David Ditzler



Anthony Traficanti

#### QUICK LINKS

**Mahoning County Official Website**  
[www.mahoningcountyoh.gov](http://www.mahoningcountyoh.gov)

**Youngstown Live—Mahoning County CVB**  
[www.youngstownlive.com](http://www.youngstownlive.com)

**Youngstown Happenings**  
[www.youngstownhappenings.com](http://www.youngstownhappenings.com)

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## 2020 CENSUS Complete Count Committee:

As the year 2020 quickly approaches, the U.S. Government is preparing for the 2020 Census. To make

this endeavor a success, Mayor Jamael Tito Brown and the Board of Mahoning County Commissioners: David Ditzler, Anthony Traficanti and Carol Rimedio-Righetti asked citizens and community leaders from around this valley to join together to form a Complete Count Committee. This committee is comprised of a cross section of individuals from various sectors of community life to help promote the importance and awareness of the 2020 Census.

- ◆ Children under 5 are at the highest risk of not being counted. We will be making every effort to reach out to this and other under-represented groups through community events, non-profit agencies, and the educational system. If you can assist in these areas, please let us know.
- ◆ The goal of the Complete Count Committee is to equip leaders with the information needed to train community members about ways they can promote participation in the 2020 Census.
- ◆ We are asking that community leaders support the efforts of the 2020 Census Team to ensure that every individual is counted in the City of Youngstown and throughout Mahoning County.
- ◆ Additional 2020 educational information and handouts are at the [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) website, or you can contact the Commissioners Office for additional contact information.

## The 2020 Census at a Glance

*Counting everyone once, only once, and in the right place.*

The U.S. Census Bureau is the federal government's largest statistical agency. We are dedicated to providing current facts and figures about America's people, places, and economy. Federal law protects the confidentiality of all individual responses the Census Bureau collects.

The U.S. Constitution requires that each decade we take a count—or a census—of America's population.



The census provides vital information for you and your community.

- It determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress and is used to redraw district boundaries. Redistricting counts are sent to the states by March 31, 2021.
- Communities rely on census statistics to plan for a variety of resident needs including new roads, schools, and emergency services.
- Businesses use census data to determine where to open places to shop.

- 2019 ● Partnership activities launch
- Complete Count Committees establish
- Census takers update address list in person
- Remaining 248 area census offices open

- 2020 ● Advertising begins in January 2020
- Public response (online, phone, or mail) begins
- **Census Day**—April 1, 2020
- Census takers visit households that haven't responded
- Apportionment counts sent to the President by December 31, 2020

- 2021 ● Redistricting counts sent to the states by March 31, 2021

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## COMMISSIONERS: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT



The Commissioners' ability to support local infrastructure projects has been limited due to State cuts and budget constraints. In 2018 and 2019, the Commissioners were able to work with increased debt capacity and one time funding to provide support to Community Development Block grant awards so that all projects were covered. In addition they were able to provide \$3,250,000 to the County Engineer to address equipment needs and local match funding to leverage State and Federal grants.



## STATE FUNDING CUTS TAKING ITS TOLL ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

During the past 10 years, the State Legislature has continued to balance its budget on the backs of local government. From reductions to eliminations of revenue streams, it has become increasingly harder for Local Counties to fill the holes.

- ◆ Reductions of almost \$2 million in Local Government Funds, State distribution
- ◆ Almost a half a million in Community Development Block Grants, Federal distribution
- ◆ The elimination of \$4 million in Tangible Personal Property Tax/CAT Tax
- ◆ Projected annual loss of \$6 million from the State's elimination of Sales Tax on Medicaid Managed Care Organizations. This impacts the General Revenue Fund and the Criminal and Administrative Justice Fund.
- ◆ Not to mention the \$6 million loss of Estate Taxes felt county wide for all Political subdivisions.

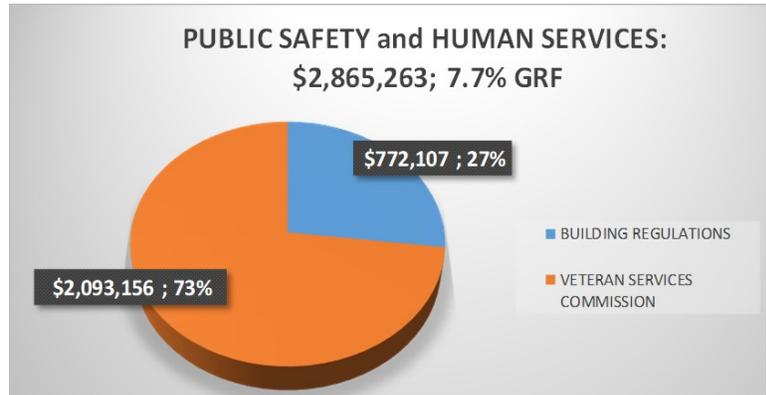
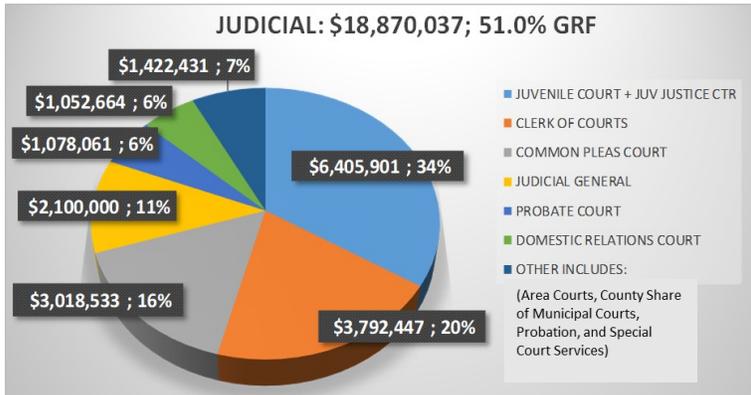
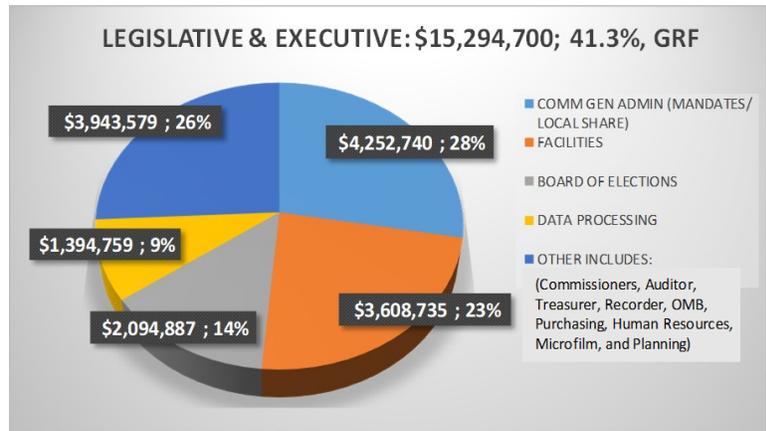
Collectively, Mahoning County has seen annual losses of more than \$12 million from State cuts. These losses eliminate a dedicated revenue that have been used in the past to subsidize the County Engineer for Road Resurfacing and equipment purchases; and used to boost the CDGB funds for local projects, like infrastructure and flood alleviation projects.

# MAHONING COUNTY GENERAL REVENUE FUND EXPENDITURES

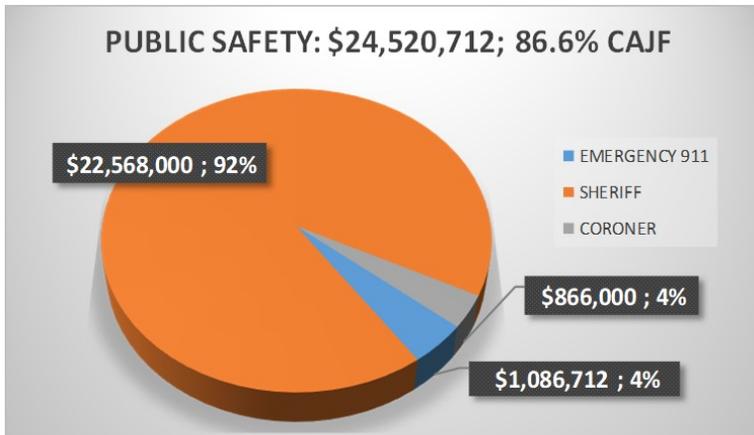
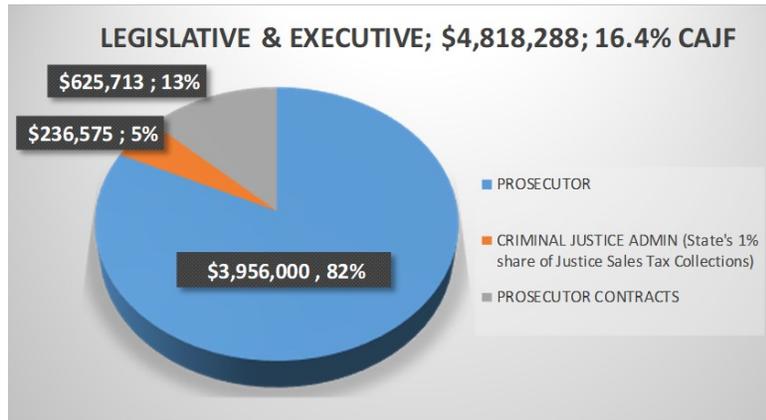


The General Revenue Fund 2019 Original Budget is \$37,030,000, which is 14.52% of Total County Budgets.

Mahoning County General Revenue Fund is allocated into 4 program areas which include Judicial, Legislative & Executive, Public Safety, and Human Services. Additional support for departments come from restricted sources of revenues provided through State and/ or Federal grants and subsidies in County Special Revenue Funds. Revenues for the General Fund are unrestricted and in 2018 and 2019, the Commissioners used one time revenues to support additional requests that exceeded the Federal Community Development Block grant (CDBG) award.



# CRIMINAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE FUND EXPENDITURES



The Criminal and Administrative Justice Revenue Fund's (CAJF) 2019 Original Budget is \$29,339,000, which is 11.51% of Total County Budgets. Justice Sales Tax Levy, renewed 5/7/19.

Mahoning County Criminal and Administrative Justice Fund is allocated into Public Safety and Legislative & Executive program areas. Currently the Fund is supported by \$2,000,000 in transition aid from the loss of MCO Sales Tax revenues through 2020. Funding will be exhausted by June of 2021. The County Commissioners are working with departments and lobbying State Officials to address this loss and to address other revenues that were cut by the State in prior years.



## Federal Assistance for Flooding

The Board of Mahoning County Commissioners' office of Emergency Management is responsible for Mitigation, Prevention, Preparedness, Response, & Recovery within Mahoning County. On May 28, 2019, Mahoning County suffered heavy rains and flooding. The Board of Mahoning County Commissioners' written request was honored on July 2<sup>nd</sup> when Mahoning County was added to Presidential Disaster Declaration DR-4447-OH.

The Mahoning County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated to assist first responders and coordinate sheltering needs.

- ◆ The hardest hit townships were Boardman, Canfield, and Poland.
- ◆ Coordinated Outreach: Canfield Presbyterian Church (2 day Emergency Shelter); and Help Network of Northeastern Ohio (#211 non-emergency calls). Boardman Township Hall staged as Temporary Disaster Recovery Center.
- ◆ Damage Assessment Teams, made up of firefighters from the impacted communities, Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) volunteers, and Trumbull County EMA, to the impacted areas.
- ◆ FEMA registrations included 983 households. FEMA Disaster Relief grants in Mahoning County totaled \$707,452.91.
- ◆ The U.S. Small Business Association (SBA) approved \$3,169,000 in low interest loans to individuals and businesses that were impacted.



## 2019 Mahoning County Ballot Issue



### Issue 1

Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal)

Mahoning County Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County (Excluding Alliance City School District, Columbiana Exempted School District, Hubbard Exempted School District and Leetonia Exempted School District)

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, also known as Reuben McMillan Free Library Association for the purpose of **maintenance and operation** at a rate not exceeding 2.4 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.24 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 years, commencing in 2020, first due in calendar year 2021.

- FOR THE TAX LEVY
- AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

## TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

<b>Auditor</b> 330-740-2010	<b>Veteran Services</b> 330-740-2450
<b>Board of Elections</b> 330-783-2474	<b>9-1-1 Operations</b> 911
<b>Commissioners</b> 330-740-2130	<b>COURTS</b>
<b>Coroner</b> 330-740-2175	<b>Austintown</b> 330-740-2001
<b>Dog Warden</b> 330-740-2205	<b>Boardman</b> 330-726-5546
<b>EMA</b> 330-740-2200	<b>Canfield</b> 330-533-3643
<b>Microfilm</b> 330-740-2303	<b>Clerk of Courts</b> 330-740-2104
<b>Planning Commission</b> 330-270-2890	<b>Common Pleas</b> 330-740-2158
<b>Prosecutor</b> 330-740-2330	<b>Domestic Relations</b> 330-740-2208
<b>Recorder</b> 330-740-2345	<b>Juvenile</b> 330-740-2278
<b>Sheriff</b> 330-480-5000	<b>Probate</b> 330-740-2310
<b>Treasurer</b> 330-740-2460	<b>Sebring</b> 330-938-9873