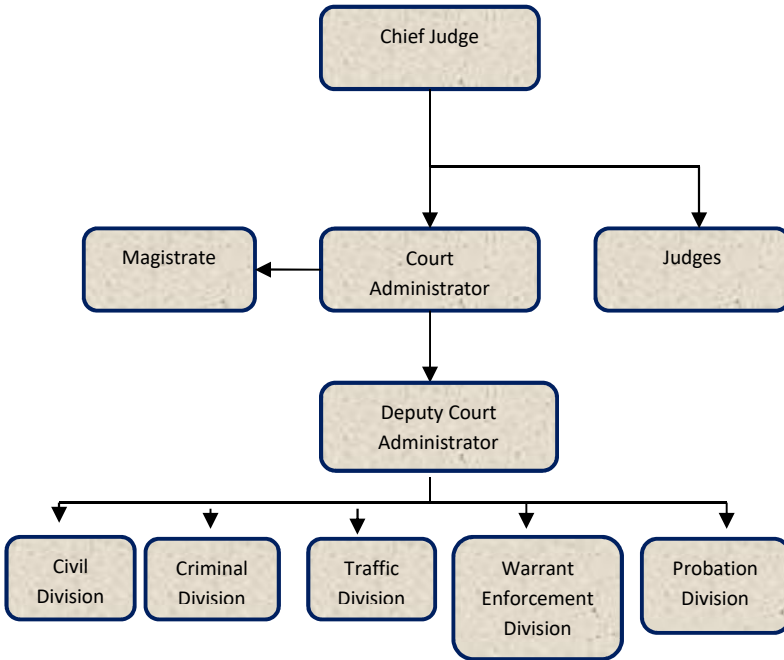


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Activities

There are five divisions of 12th District Court: Civil, Criminal, Warrant Enforcement, Probation and Traffic.

The District Court processes civil lawsuits, performs weddings, and processes all statute and ordinance misdemeanors.

The District Court is also responsible for processing felony matters up to the preliminary examination stage.

We collect current and delinquent fines and costs owed to the court, and execute criminal bench warrants.

Additionally, we conduct presentence investigations; supervise individuals on probation, and process traffic, marine, snow-mobile, conservation, animal control, and come parking violations.

Lastly, we operate two specialty courts – Mental Health and Domestic Violence.



Mission Statement

The 12th Judicial District Court is dedicated to dispensing equal justice in all matters under the court's jurisdiction, providing the highest quality of professional services in a prompt and efficient manner, and recognizing and respecting the individual dignity of all people served by the court.

Programs

[Specialty Court Programs](#)

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12th District Court Program

Strategic Plan Impact

✓ Safe Community

The 12th District Court plays an important role in providing Jackson County residents with a safe community. Through the adjudication process, we hope to create an environment where residents peacefully coexist and participate in all aspects of life. The District Court has two specialized courts for increased focus and attention on areas of concern, which are Domestic Violence/ Aggression Court and Mental Health Court. Both courts are fully functional and are proving beneficial for community safety. Our probation department has an Alternative Sentencing Division created in October of 2017 to provide alternatives to incarceration and to provide a practical alternative to resolving fine and cost issues; this is achieved through the use of court authorized monitoring programs and assignments to community based improvement initiatives. Video arraignment technology provides added security benefits when arraigning individuals currently housed at the County Jail and /or Department of Corrections, eliminating the need to remove the offender from the secured location.

Accomplishments

- ✓ 2021 continued to be challenging given the restrictions by the State Court Administrative Office's (SCAO) guidelines on court operations. In July, the restrictions were released in large part. Jury trials began in August and the court is still working through the backlog of jury trials caused by the shutdown.
- ✓ The remaining directive from SCAO relates to Landlord/Tenant (LT) cases. The 12th District Court previously was an "answer" court, in which the tenant had to respond to the summons of eviction if they were contesting it. If there was no response from the tenant, the landlord was found in favor and could proceed with eviction. Current State Court rules require all LT cases to move through the court process for multiple hearings. This is also largely due to federal COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) Funds that have paid for most if not all back rent payment and several months forward, along with utilities.
- ✓ Specialty Courts are still a high priority for District Court. Honorable Allison L. Bates began serving the court and continue overseeing the Aggression Court. This Court (Domestic

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Violence) completed its fifteenth year. This specialty court is dedicated to reducing the number of domestic violence incidents in Jackson County through a coordinated effort, which focuses on safety and accountability. This year the court successfully graduated 56 defendants, making 1,353 successful graduates since inception. In addition to domestic violence offenses, the Aggression Court handles all other assault, stalking, child abuse, malicious destruction of property, and resisting and opposing cases. Aggression cases are referred to the probation department for a presentence investigation. Once these offenders are referred, the fast-track begins. The department has two dedicated officers to manage the caseload. Offenders sentenced to probation are typically sentenced to at least 15 months and are required to attend and successfully complete a batterer's intervention program. While success ultimately depends on the offender's willingness to change, these batterer intervention programs are the court's foundation. Program length ranges from 26 to 52 weeks, depending on offenders needs.

An era came to a close in 2021, as the Jackson County Mental Health Court discontinued service. The Jackson County Mental Health Court (MHC) held its first court session in July 2008. Over the last thirteen years, this specialty court was devoted to improving public safety, reducing recidivism, and enhancing the quality of life among mentally ill defendants.

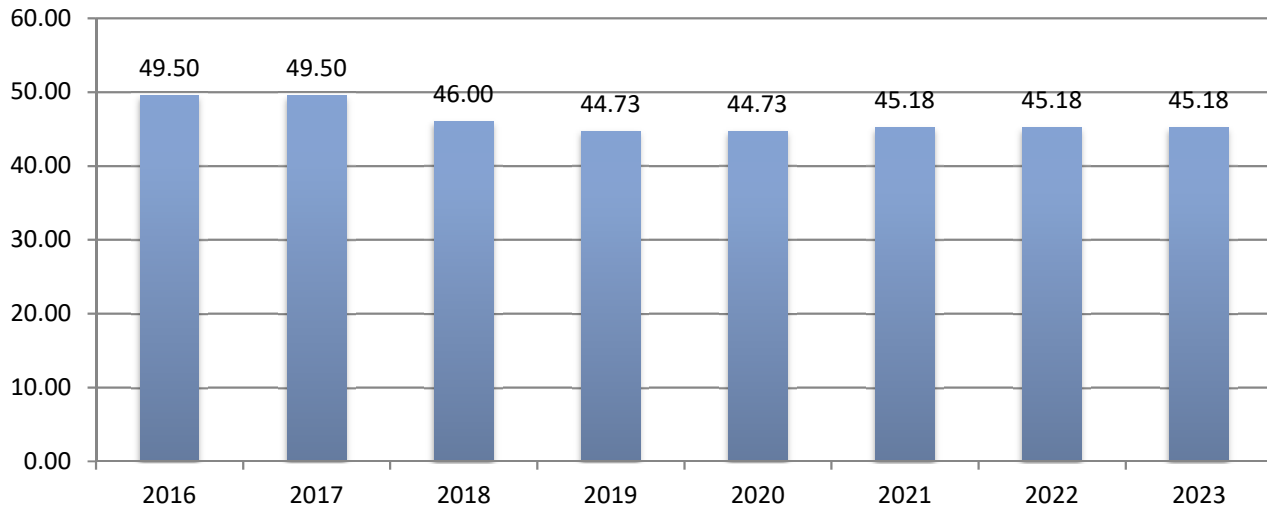
- ✓ The MHC accepted misdemeanor and felony offenses. Judge Klaeren served as both a District and Circuit Court Judge. This meant Judge Klaeren was able to preside over felony cases that were accepted into the Mental Health Court. During 2021 the MHC discharged 21 participants. Of those discharged, 52% were successful, 48% non-compliant. The average participant age was 32 and males represented 67% of the participants. In 2021, 36 cases were referred to MHC and the D12 probation department referred 33% of those new cases.
- ✓ Due to limited non-profits accepting community service people, 2021 witnessed a decrease in defendants able to use this alternative sentencing option. 116 defendants were sentenced to the community service program resulting in \$58,860 jail bed savings. A total of 115 referrals were made for SCRAM and 4 referrals to GPS tether, which led to a jail bed savings of \$593,844.
- ✓ 2021 was the first year that the collection department was dissolved. Collection efforts were transferred to court officers to oversee a caseload and an additional warrant officer was added. The four Court Officers had a combined total of just over \$1,000,000 in collected fines and costs. The two Warrant Officers added an additional \$200,000 in collected fines and costs, arrested 558 individuals, and cleared 2158 warrants.

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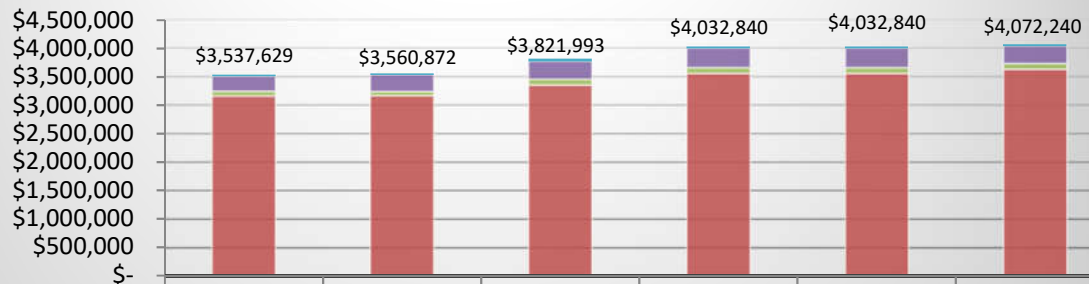
- ✓ Our Probation team works very hard to assist offenders in trying to get their lives back on track after being charged with an offense. Probation is a sentence that allows offenders to live in the community under the supervision of a probation officer. The sentencing judge makes this decision after careful study of the defendant's background, behavior, and potential for success is evaluated. Our probation department conducted 825 pre-sentence investigations in 2021. As of 12/31/21, there were 578 individuals placed on probation; 30% of that population was offenses for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, 32% for Domestic Violence, 16% Property/Theft offenses, 3% for Controlled Substance, 15% Assault, and 4% Disorderly Conduct/Other.
- ✓ The Criminal team processed 3631 criminal cases in 2020; 401 drunk driving cases, 1887 misdemeanors, and 1343 felonies. Magistrate Bishop handled approximately 1060 Video Arraignments, which has significantly decreased the number of inmates requiring transportation to and from the courthouse by law enforcement, thereby increasing security at both the courthouse and the Jackson County Jail.
- ✓ In 2021 we processed 13,867 electronic traffic citations. Magistrate Bishop also conducted 770 informal hearings.
- ✓ The Civil team continued to experience the most difficult changes due to COVID-19. SCAO outlined civil proceedings as low priority and both federally and state mandates suspended action on evictions. The Civil team is still working through a backlog of almost 827 landlord/tenant cases due to these restrictions. In total, the Civil team processed 5,613 filings; 2964 General Civil cases, 570 Small Claims, 1,995 Landlord Tenant, and 59 Summary Proceedings.

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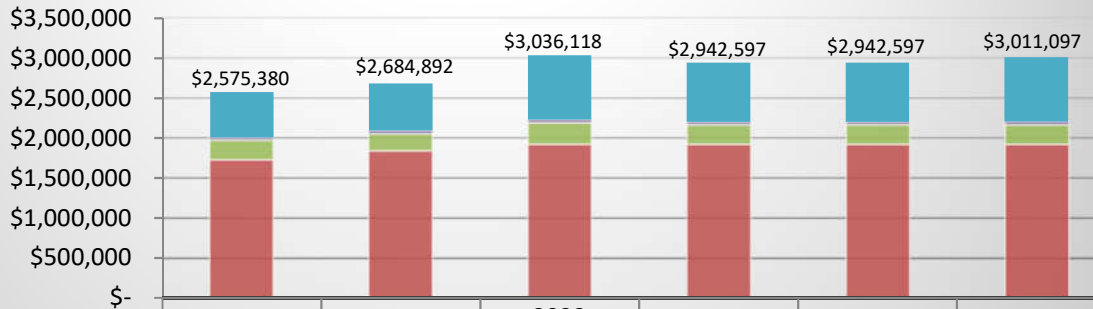
12th District Court Expenditures



	2020 ACTUAL	2021 ACTUAL	2022 AMENDED BUDGET	2023 Dept Requested	2023 BUDGET	Draft 2024 BUDGET
OTHER	\$26,132	\$30,306	\$56,021	\$34,500	\$34,500	\$31,000
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$265,261	\$290,869	\$310,500	\$343,750	\$343,750	\$310,500
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	\$85,482	\$72,541	\$105,800	\$102,800	\$102,800	\$105,800
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$3,160,754	\$3,167,156	\$3,349,672	\$3,551,790	\$3,551,790	\$3,624,940
TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS	\$3,537,629	\$3,560,872	\$3,821,993	\$4,032,840	\$4,032,840	\$4,072,240

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12th District Court Revenues



	2020 ACTUAL	2021 ACTUAL	2022 AMENDED BUDGET	2023 Dept Requested	2023 BUDGET	Draft 2024 BUDGET
FINES & FORFEITURES	\$570,777	\$592,269	\$804,000	\$739,000	\$739,000	\$804,000
OTHER	\$32,854	\$37,936	\$41,000	\$38,500	\$38,500	\$41,000
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$241,592	\$212,246	\$268,118	\$243,097	\$243,097	\$243,097
CHARGES/FEES	\$1,730,157	\$1,842,441	\$1,923,000	\$1,922,000	\$1,922,000	\$1,923,000
TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUE	\$2,575,380	\$2,684,892	\$3,036,118	\$2,942,597	\$2,942,597	\$3,011,097

Strategic Outcomes

Indicator	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Actual
Presentence Investigations	1139	1293	1197	1051	940	744	825
Fees collected by Internal Collection Program	\$2,219,318	\$2,196,391	\$2,164,426	\$2,065,550	\$2,229,606	No data	1,221,646.41
Total Number of Cases Processed	42,704	41,994	39,220	36,158	37,232	28036	31,176

* Four judges are budgeted for the District Court.

Other Key Indicators

Indicator	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2020 Actual
Number of Probation Agents processing PSI's	6	6	6	6	4	4	4
Number of Judges Processing cases	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Number of PSI's per agent	190	216	200	175	234	186	206
Number of cases per Judge	10,676	10,499	9,805	9,040	9,308	7,009	7,794



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