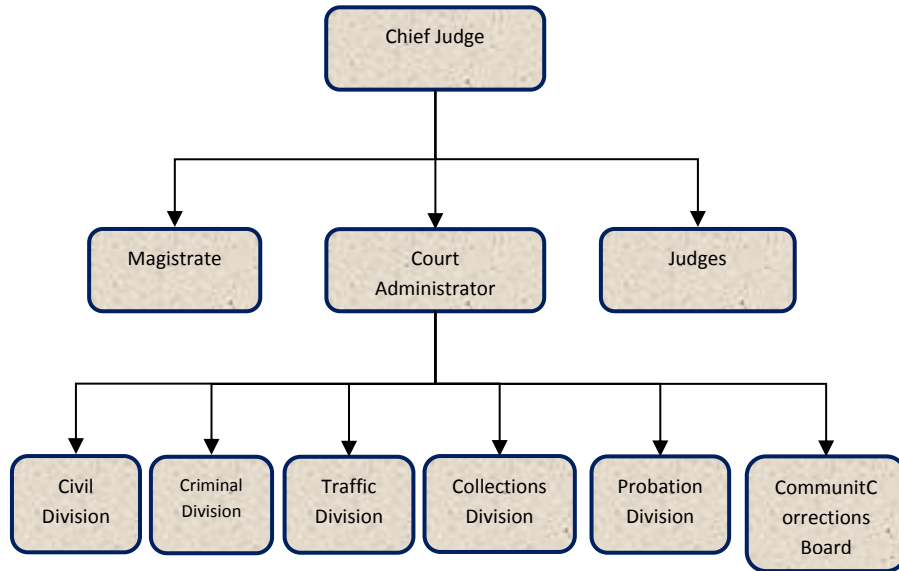




12th District Court



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

Mental Health Court

Aggression/Domestic Violence Court

Alternative Sentencing Program

12th District Court Program

Activities

There are six divisions of 12th District Court: Civil, Criminal, Collections, Alternative Sentencing/Community Service, 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 some parking violations. Lastly, we operate two specialty courts – Mental Health and Domestic Violence/Aggression.

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, Domestic Violence/ Aggression Court and Mental Health. 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. Our Community Corrections program provides jail alternatives to free up jail bed space for the more serious offenders. 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

- ✓ Specialty Courts are still a high priority for District Court. The Aggression Court (Domestic Violence) completed its thirteenth 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 63 defendants making 1,065 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 were referred to the probation department for a presentence investigation. 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. Once these offenders are referred to the probation department for a presentence investigation, 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's intervention programs are the court's foundation. Program length ranges from 26 to 52 weeks, depending on the offenders needs.

- ✓ The Jackson County Mental Health Court (MHC) held its first court session in July 2008. This specialty court is devoted to improving public safety, reducing recidivism, and enhancing the quality of life among mentally ill defendants. This is a grant program administered by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) to provide courts and community mental health services programs funding to plan and implement this specialty court. During 2017 the MHC discharged 23 participants. Of those discharged, 39% were successful, 43% non-compliant, 4% absconded and 4% voluntarily withdrew. The average participant age was 32 and males represented 59% of the participants.

The Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program (MMHCGP) is administered by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) to provide courts and community mental health services programs funding to plan and implement these specialty courts. If an offender meets the program requirements, and is willing to participate, a formal mental assessment is conducted. An assessment report is generated and reviewed by a "Treatment Team." The Treatment Team is comprised of the Judge, Prosecuting Attorney, Defense Attorney, Allegiance Hospital representative, two Lifeway's representatives, City Police representative, Social Worker, District and Circuit Court Probation Officers and the Program Coordinator. The Treatment Team meets bi-weekly to discuss new applications and current participants.

- ✓ In 2009, District Court took over the supervision of the Community Corrections program (State Grant Funded) providing jail alternatives for individuals convicted of both misdemeanors and felonies. This program has been a nice addition to the District Court and is 100% grant funded. The court was awarded \$205,333 from the Department of Corrections to implement diversion programs in Jackson County. The objectives of Community Corrections are to lower State prison commitment rates by diverting non-violent offenders from the State prison system and improve utilization of our county jails. Offenders

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are motivated to participate in P.A. 511 programs because they can avoid jail time or earn early release time through their successful completion. This enables the Sheriff's Department to make better use of jail bed space. For fiscal year 2018, the State requested Jackson County place more emphasis on prison diversion. Hence, the 2018 grant was written eliminating any benefit to jail diversion or misdemeanor offenders. This led to the District Court relinquishing administration of the grant in October 2017.

- ✓ Our collection department has been working diligently to collect outstanding receivables. The department currently has three full-time collection officers and one warrant officer. Internal collections include funds collected by the warrant officer, and funds collected internally for fines and costs assessed by the District Court, Circuit Court attorney fees, and Juvenile Probation. In 2017 we collected \$2,164,426, down \$31,965 from 2016.

The court launched an Income Tax Garnishment Program in 2017 in an attempt to capture income tax returns from those owing fees to the court. November 2016 the court served 1,058 Income Tax Garnishments on the State of Michigan; the value of those garnishments was \$713,275. Actual garnishments received from the State of Michigan totaled \$95,647.

- ✓ Our Probation department 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 1,199 pre-sentence investigations in 2017. As of 12/31/17 there were 895 individuals placed on probation, 42% of that population was offenses for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, 26% for Domestic Violence, 13% for Controlled Substance, 10% Property/Theft offenses, 5% Assault and 4% Disorderly Conduct/Other.

- ✓ Our Clerks Office has done a fabulous job of cross training and looking forward to an upcoming remodel in which they will all be housed in one location, thus making the cross training much easier.

The criminal team processed 7,556 criminal cases in 2017, 998 drunk driving cases 4,352 misdemeanors and 2,206 felonies. Magistrate Bishop handled approximately 1,000 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.

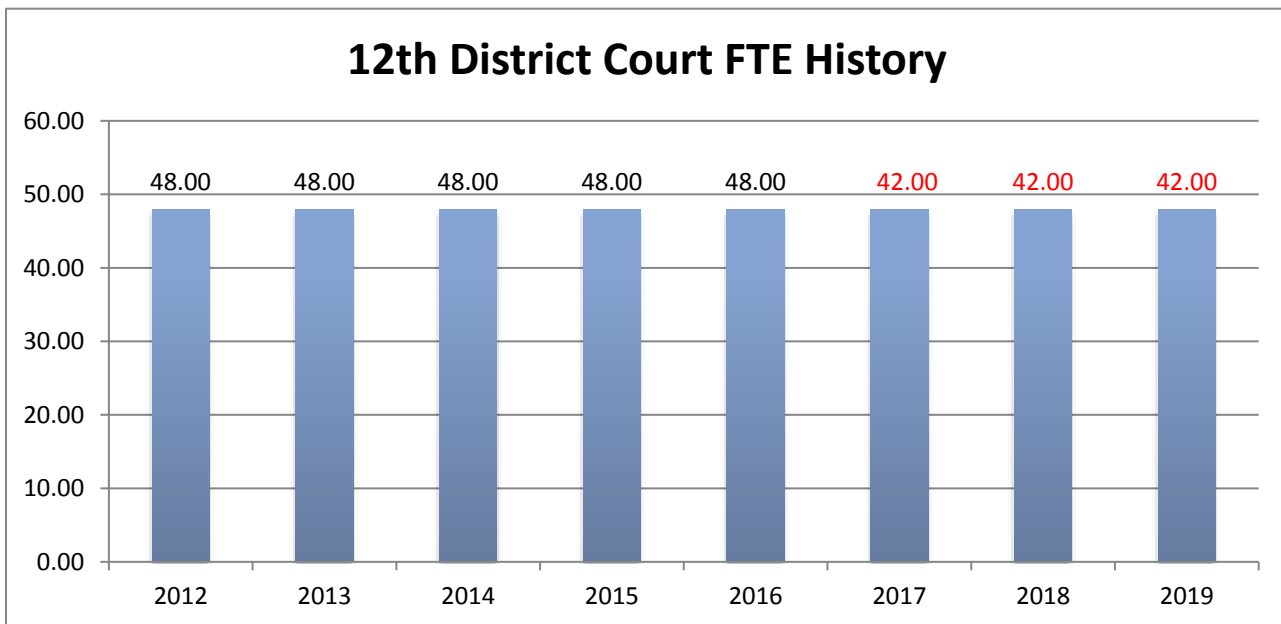
The traffic team experienced some staffing influx, however, never missed a beat. We processed approximately 20,409 electronic traffic citations. Of those, 99% were submitted



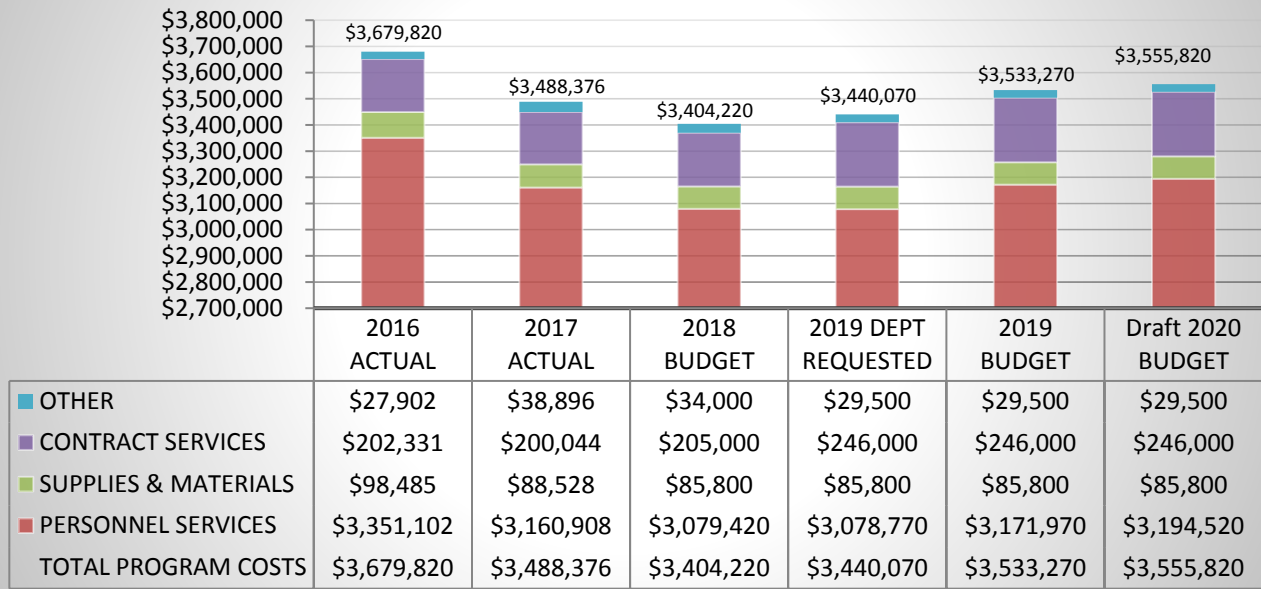
within the established timed guidelines. Magistrate Bishop also conducted 1,462 informal hearings.

The civil team processed 8,091 filings; 4,033 General Civil cases, 1,032 Small Claims, 2,969 Landlord Tenant and 57 Summary Proceedings.

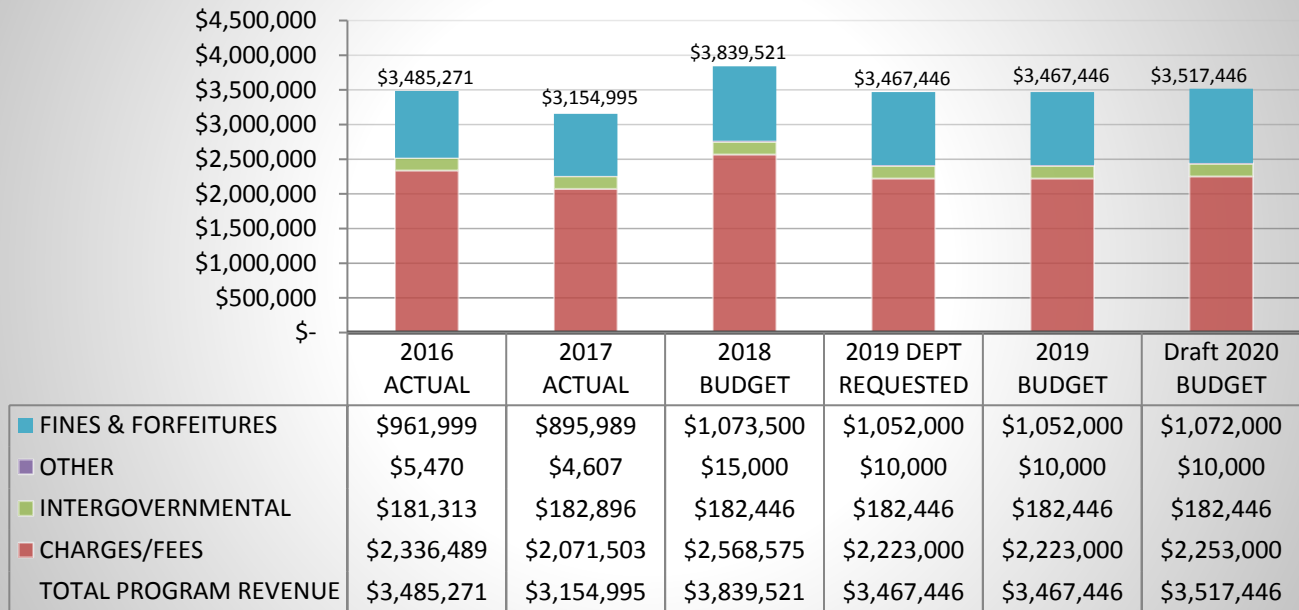
Budget Adjustments



12th District Court Expenditures



12th District Court Revenues



Strategic Outcomes



| <u>Indicator</u> | <u>2011 Actual</u> | <u>2012 Actual</u> | <u>2013 Actual</u> | <u>2014 Actual</u> | <u>2015 Actual</u> | <u>2016 Actual</u> | <u>2017 Target</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Presentence Investigations | 1,574 | 1,492 | 1,416 | 1,192 | 1139 | 1293 | 1197 |
| Fees collected by Internal Collection Program | \$1,796,814 | \$1,887,415 | \$1,930,037 | \$2,125,605 | 2,219,318 | 2,196,391 | 2,164,426 |
| Total Number of Cases Processed | 55,764* | 55,168 | 53,307 | 43,926 | 42,704 | 41,994 | 39,220 |

* Four judges are budgeted for the District Court.

| Other Key Indicators | | | | | | | |
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| Number of Probation Agents processing PSI's | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Number of Collection Officers | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Number of Judges Processing cases | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Number of PSI's per agent | 298 | 300 | 236 | 199 | 190 | 216 | 200 |
| Amount collected per collection agent | 598,938 | 629,135 | 643,346 | 708,535 | 739,773 | 732,130 | 721,475 |
| Number of cases per Judge | 18,588* | 13,792 | 13,327 | 10,981 | 10,676 | 10,499 | 9,805 |



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Community Corrections Board

Activities

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Strategic Plan Impact

✓ **Safe Community**

The Community Correction Board assists the Board of Commissioners in many of their strategic priorities. First, the program assists the Court in providing valuable opportunities for offenders to perform services in the form of restitution for offenses. Secondly, the program supports many of the community activities with labor to accomplish projects that would otherwise not be completed due to financial restraints. These projects support the Board of Commissioners other strategic priorities. Our Community Corrections program provides jail alternatives to free up jail bed space for more serious offenders.

Accomplishments

- ✓ The court was awarded \$205,333 from the Department of Corrections to implement diversion programs in Jackson County. 2016 programs consisted of; Community Service, Day Report, ISP, Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT), Staying Quit, Job Readiness and Anger Management. These programs are all jail alternative programs that assist the offenders with needed tools to help them succeed when released back into the community and hopefully assist in staying offense free following successful completion of one of these valuable programs.

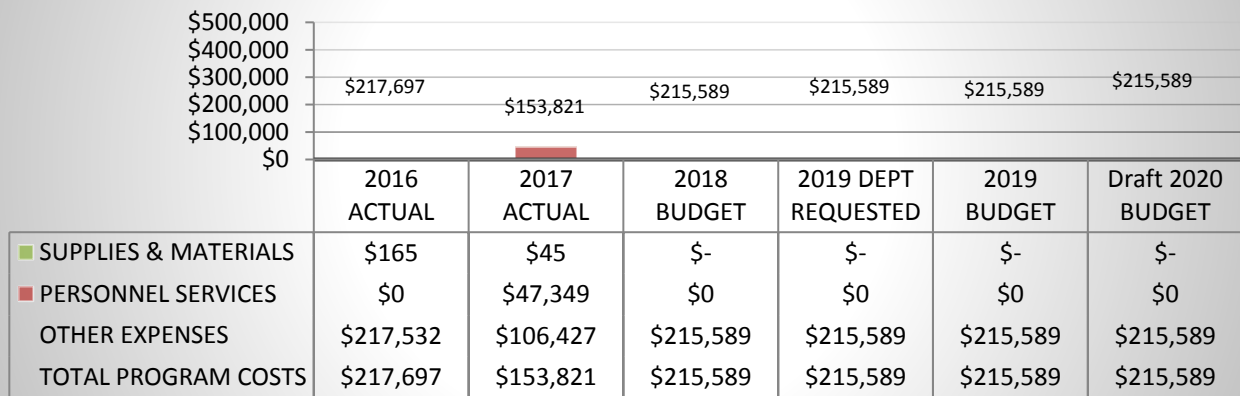


- ✓ Community Corrections programs provide a variety of volunteer work throughout the county helping with the Jackson County Fair, Animal Shelter and Jackson County Facilities Department, just to mention a few.

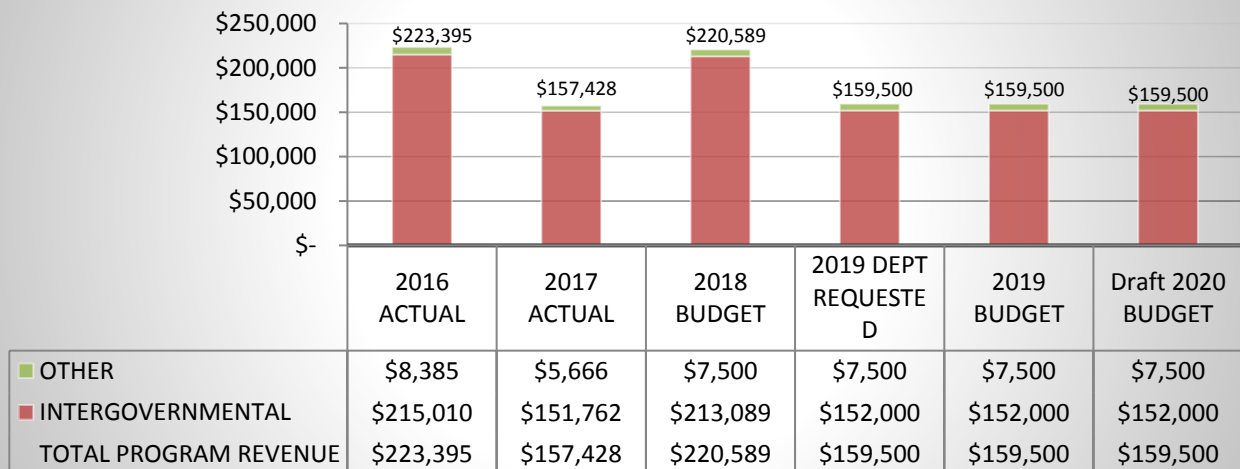
Budget Adjustments

No significant budget adjustments to this program.

Community Corrections Board Expenditures



Community Corrections Board Revenues



District Court Intensive Probation

Activities

The Intensive Supervision Program has been in operation since the late 1980's. The program plays an indirect role in creating a self-sustaining people where residents peacefully coexist.

Strategic Plan Impact

✓ Safe Community

The program is a house arrest program designed for individuals with serious drug & alcohol problems. Participants must remain at home and a probation officer visits them daily for drug & alcohol testing. Without this program, these probationers would go to jail. The program concentrates on a rehabilitative approach to probation as opposed to a punitive one, while keeping the community safe and offering jail alternatives that in turn free up jail beds for more serious offenders.

Accomplishments

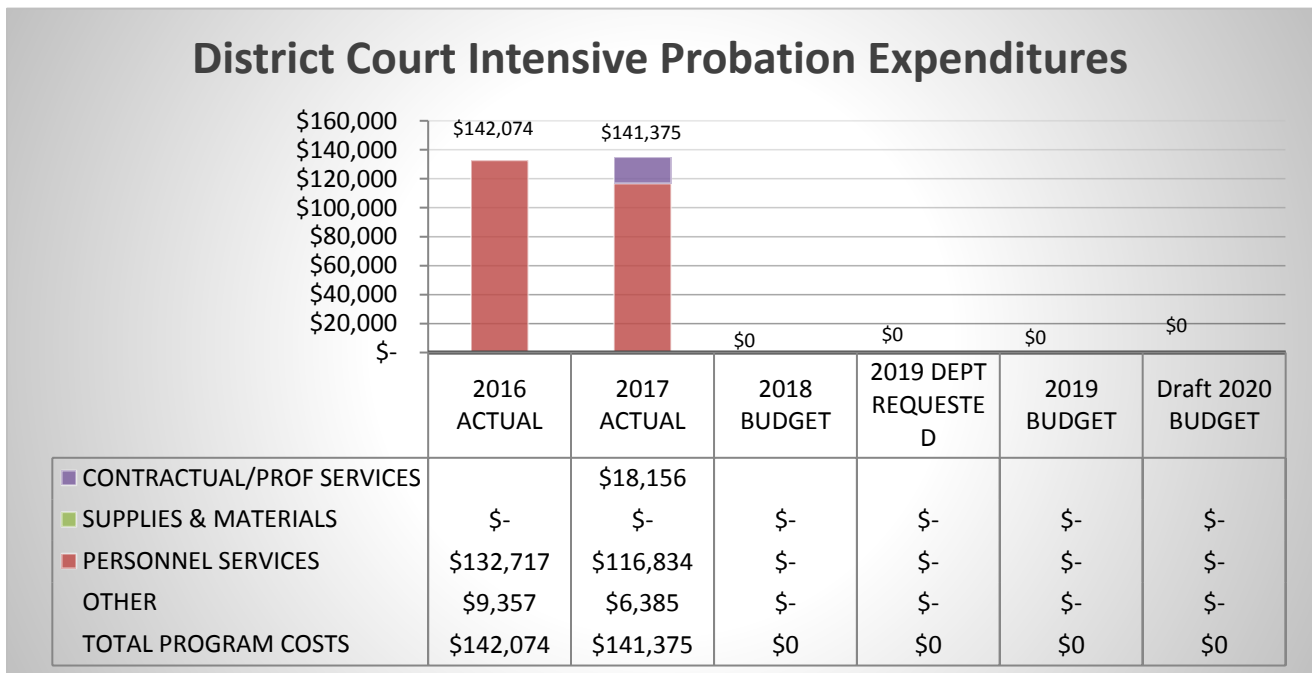
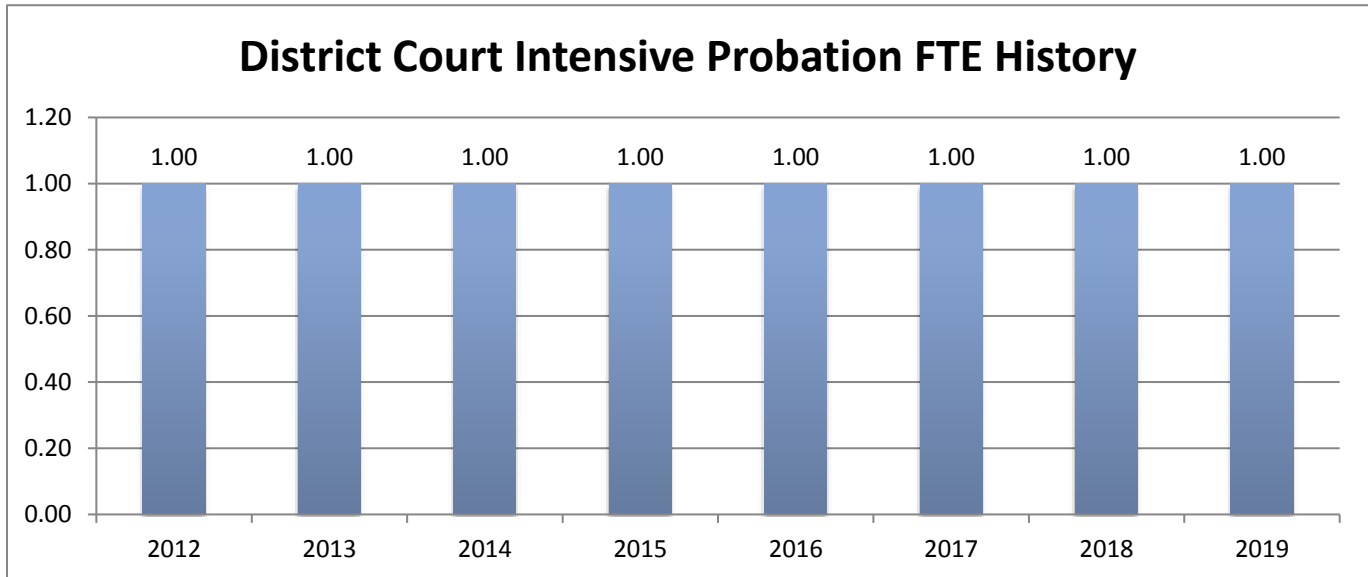
- ✓ The Intensive Supervision program has been successful in providing defendants with a program that focuses on intensive rehabilitation as opposed to punitive sanctions. The program was originally designed for defendants convicted of multiple drinking and driving related offenses. It has been expanded to include any defendant with a serious substance abuse problem or a history of substance abuse. The program is contracted by the Mental Health Court and Community Corrections Program to provide random supervision.
- ✓ This program assisted the Jackson County Jail by diverting defendants that would have received lengthy jail term. One hundred thirty-one (131) defendants were referred to the program resulting in 11,291 random tests and 70,376 miles traveled. There were 60 violations – 34 alcohol, 15 drugs, 4 curfew, 11 absconded and 7 were classified as “other”. Some defendants violated multiple times. The program successfully discharged 79 of 100 representing a 79% successful completion rate. It is estimated that by sentencing



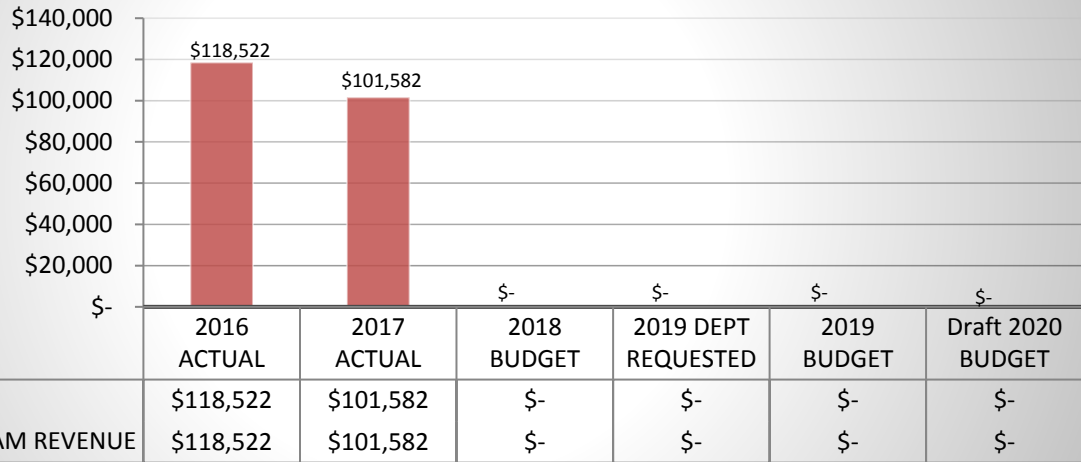
defendants to the Intensive Supervision Program, the court freed 9,766 jail beds and saved \$312,518 in jail bed dollars.

Budget Adjustments

There were no significant budget adjustments to this program. This program has been reorganized and is now included in the 12th District Court main activity.



District Court Intensive Probation Revenues



Strategic Outcomes

| Indicator | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Target</u> | <u>Target</u> | <u>Target</u> |
| Number of Jail bed days saved | 20,409 | 19,373 | 17,429 | 11,135 | 11,135 | 9,766 | 6,130 |

Other Key Indicators

| Indicator | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Target</u> | <u>Target</u> | <u>Target</u> |
| Number of ISP Officers | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Dollar amount saved to county for jail bed days | 653,088 | 619,936 | 509,632 | 356,308 | 356,308 | 312,518 | 275,850 |



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