

CLEARFIELD COUNTY

46th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT

REESTABLISHMENT ANALYSIS

AND PLAN

Judicial District Summary Worksheet – Reestablishment 2021-2022

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| Judicial District Number: | County: | Class of County: |
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1. List the existing magisterial districts in your judicial district (##-#-##):

Caseload Analysis

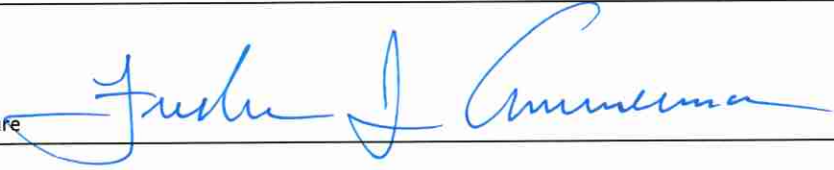
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| 2. Average total caseloads: | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
| | A. | B. |
| 3. Compare the difference between the caseload average of your judicial district to the class of county. | <i>Difference (2A - 2B)</i> | <i>Ranking</i> <i>Total</i> |
| | | <i>out of</i> |
| 4. Is your judicial district caseload average at the lower end of the caseload range when compared to the other judicial districts in your class of county? | | |

Proposed Actions

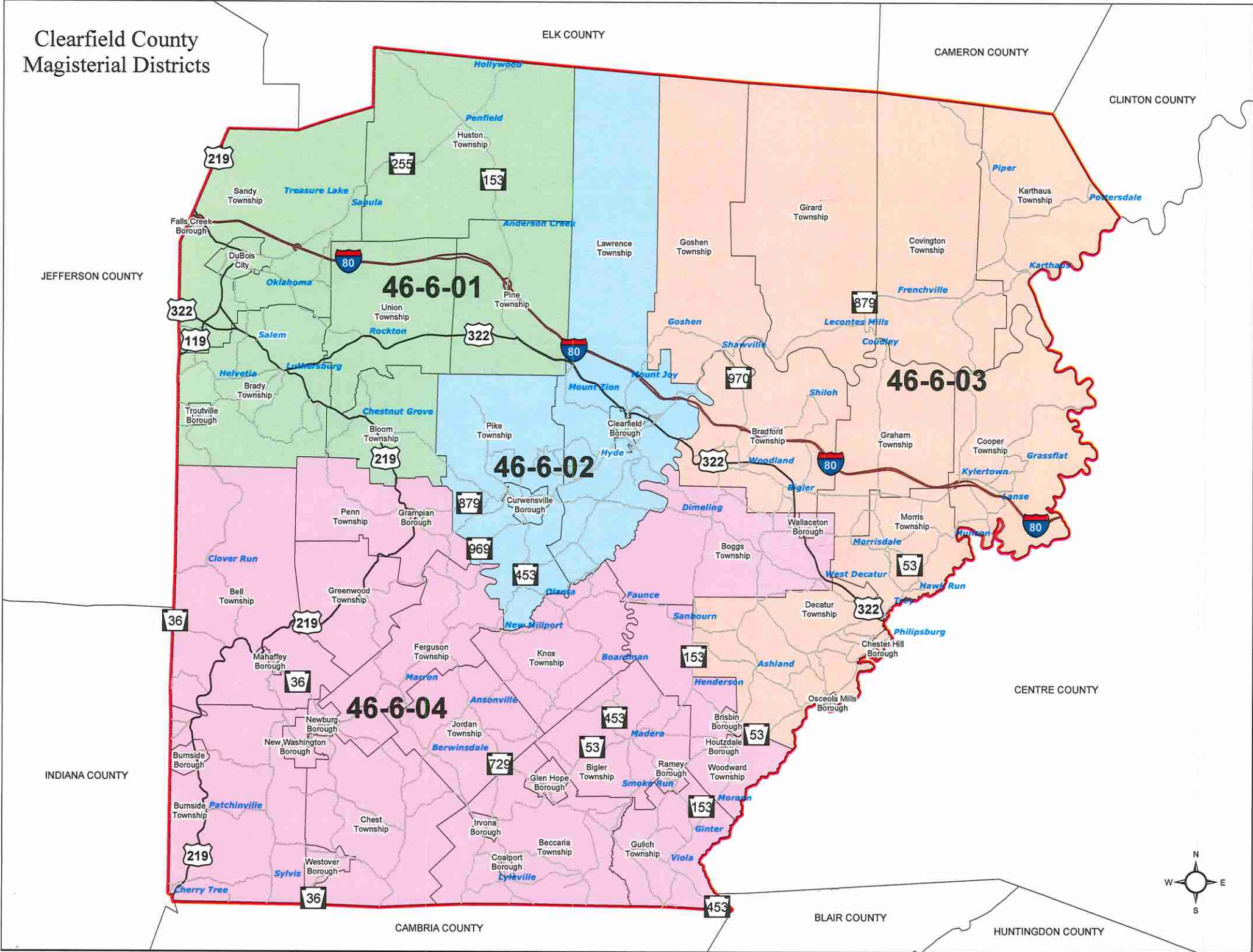
5. Are any magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment?
 If **YES**, list the magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment (no changes).

6. Are any magisterial district proposed for realignment?
 If **YES**, list the magisterial districts proposed for realignment (changes).

7. Are any magisterial districts proposed for elimination?
 If **YES**, list the magisterial districts proposed for elimination.

| Additional Workload Factors | |
|---|---|
| 8. Do you have a night court operating within the judicial district? | No <input type="button" value="v"/> |
| 9. Do you have a central court within your judicial district? | Yes <input type="button" value="v"/> |
| 10. Do you have any special programs that will entail effort by the MDJs such as truancy programs or drug, DUI, veteran, or mental health diversion programs? If YES , briefly explain the types of programs. | No <input type="button" value="v"/> |
| Final Checklist | |
| 11. Was a request for public comment posted? | Yes <input type="button" value="v"/> |
| 12. Method of posting - electronic, physical copy, or both? | Electronic <input type="button" value="v"/> |
| 13. Were media outlets notified? | Yes <input type="button" value="v"/> |
| 14. Were public comments received? | No <input type="button" value="v"/> |
| 15. Did you include a copy of the posting and public comments in your submission? | Yes <input type="button" value="v"/> |
| 16. Did you complete summary worksheets for all magisterial districts? | Yes <input type="button" value="v"/> |
| 17. Did you include your petition and all supporting documentation, if applicable? | Yes <input type="button" value="v"/> |
| 18. Did you confer with the MDJs in your county? | Yes <input type="button" value="v"/> |
| 19. Additional Remarks | |
| <p>The Court is proposing that all four (4) of the Magisterial Districts be reestablished. Caseload wise the 46th Judicial District (Clearfield County) ranks in Number Five (5) position of the Twenty-Four (24) 6th Class Counties. Because of the geography of the District, no further realignment can be done, nor could any District be eliminated. (See the analysis attached following the individual Magisterial District Summary Worksheets)</p> | |
| Verification of Submission | |
| 20. Date submitted to AOPC: 2/28/2022 | |
| 21. President Judge Name: Fredric J. Ammerman | |
| <p>Signature </p> | |

Clearfield County Magisterial Districts



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| Magisterial District Court Number: | 46-3-01 | County: | Clearfield |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish | | 2. Effective date: 1/1/2028 | |
| Caseload Analysis | | | |
| 3. Average total caseloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
| | A. 4,769 | B. 4,087 | C. 3,230 |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i> | <i>Ranking Total</i> |
| | | 682 | 2nd out of 4 |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | 1539 | 48 % |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. | | | |
| Not Applicable | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | |
| | A. 34,329 | B. 29,101 | |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district. | | <i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | 5,228 | 18 % |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. | | | |
| Please see attached analysis. | | | |

| Magisterial District Information | | | |
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| 10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information: | | | |
| David S. Meholick <i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i> | [REDACTED] <i>Birthdate</i> | 12/31/27 <i>Term Expiration Date</i> | 12/7/42 <i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i> |
| 11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location: 309 Maple Avenue, P.O. Box 452, DuBois, Pennsylvania 15801 | | | |
| 12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district? | | | Yes |
| 13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district? | | | Yes |
| 14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous? | | | Yes |
| 15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES , please summarize your response below. | | | No/Not Sure |
| 16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district. Pennsylvania State Police (DuBois); DuBois City Police Department; Sandy Township Police Department | | | |
| 17. List any major highways within this magisterial district. Interstate 80; US Route 322; US Route 219 | | | |
| 18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past. City of DuBois; Falls Creek Borough; Troutville Borough; Bloom Township; Brady Township; Huston Township; Pine Township; Sandy Township; Union Township | | | |
| 19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above? If NO , please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically). | | | Yes |
| 20. Additional Comments: | | | |
| Please see attached analysis. | | | |

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| Magisterial District Court Number: | 46-3-02 | County: | Clearfield |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish | | 2. Effective date: 1/1/2024 | |
| Caseload Analysis | | | |
| 3. Average total caseloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
| | A. 6,492 | B. 4,087 | C. 3,230 |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i> | <i>Ranking Total</i> |
| | | 2405 | 1st out of 4 |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | 3262 | 101 % |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. | | | |
| Not Applicable | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | |
| | A. 45,534 | B. 29,101 | |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district. | | <i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | 16,433 | 56 % |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. | | | |
| Please see attached analysis. | | | |

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Joseph M. Morris

Magisterial District Judge Name

██████████
Birthdate

12/31/23

Term Expiration Date

2/20/30

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

900 Leonard Street, Clearfield, Pennsylvania 16830

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?

Yes

15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If **YES**, please summarize your response below.

No/Not Sure

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

Clearfield Borough Police Department; Curwensville Borough Police Department; Lawrence Township Police Department

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

Interstate 80; US Route 322; State Route 879

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

Clearfield Borough; Curwensville Borough; Lawrence Township; Pike Township

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above?
If **NO**, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

Yes

20. Additional Comments:

Please see attached analysis

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| Magisterial District Court Number: | 46-3-03 | County: | Clearfield |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish | | 2. Effective date: 1/1/2024 | |
| Caseload Analysis | | | |
| 3. Average total caseloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
| | A. 3,682 | B. 4,087 | C. 3,230 |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i> | <i>Ranking Total</i> |
| | | -405 | 3rd out of 4 |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | 452 | 14 % |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. | | | |
| Not Applicable | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> |
| | | A. 23,174 | B. 29,101 |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district. | | <i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | -5,927 | -20 % |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. | | | |
| Please see attached analysis. | | | |

| Magisterial District Information | | | |
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| 10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information: | | | |
| Jerome M. Nevling <i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i> | [REDACTED] <i>Birthdate</i> | 12/31/23 <i>Term Expiration Date</i> | 8/1/37 <i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i> |
| 11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location: 131 Rolling Stone Road, P.O. Box 210, Kylertown, Pennsylvania 16847 | | | |
| 12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district? | | | Yes |
| 13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district? | | | Yes |
| 14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous? | | | Yes |
| 15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES , please summarize your response below. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have just opened a Immigration and Detention Facility in this District at the former GEO Private Prison which is the largest Detention Facility on the East Coast. | | | Yes |
| 16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district. Pennsylvania State Police (Clearfield) | | | |
| 17. List any major highways within this magisterial district. Interstate 80; US Route 322; State Route 53 | | | |
| 18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past. Chester Hill Borough; Osceola Mills Borough; Bradford Township; Cooper Township; Covington Township; Decatur Township; Girard Township; Goshen Township; Graham Township; Karthaus Township; Morris Township | | | |
| 19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above? If NO , please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically). | | | Yes |
| 20. Additional Comments: | | | |
| Please see attached analysis | | | |

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| Magisterial District Court Number: | 46-3-04 | County: | Clearfield |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish | | 2. Effective date: 1/1/2024 | |
| Caseload Analysis | | | |
| 3. Average total caseloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
| | A. 1,407 | B. 4,087 | C. 3,230 |
| 4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i> | <i>Ranking Total</i> |
| | | -2680 | 4th out of 4 |
| 5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average. | | <i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | -1823 | -56 % |
| <p>6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Please see attached analysis.</p> | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | |
| | A. 13,362 | B. 29,101 | |
| 8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district. | | <i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i> | <i>% Above/Below</i> |
| | | -15,739 | -54 % |
| <p>9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Please see attached analysis.</p> | | | |

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

James B. Glass

Magisterial District Judge Name

██████████
Birthdate

12/31/23

Term Expiration Date

6/14/48

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

251 Spring Street, P.O. Box 362, Houtzdale, Pennsylvania 16651

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?

Yes

15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If **YES**, please summarize your response below.

No/Not Sure

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

Bigler Township Regional Police Department

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

US 219, US 322; State Route 36; State Route 53

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

Brisbin Borough; Burnside Borough; Coalport Borough; Glen Hope Borough; Grampian Borough; Houtzdale Borough; Irvona Borough; Lumber City Borough; Mahaffey Borough; New Washington Borough; Newburg Borough; Ramey Borough; Wallaceton Borough; Westover Borough; Beccaria Township; Bell Township; Bigler Township; Boggs Township; Burnside Township; Chest Township; Ferguson Township; Greenwood Township; Gulich Township; Jordan Township; Knox Township; Penn Township; Woodward Township.

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above? If **NO**, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

Yes

20. Additional Comments:

Please see attached analysis

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT / REALIGNMENT / ELIMINATION ANALYSIS

The 46th Judicial District which encompasses Clearfield County, a 6th Class County, contains four (4) Magisterial Judicial Districts. Those Districts are numbered and designated as follows: (46-3-01) DuBois; (46-3-02) Clearfield; (46-3-03) Kylertown and (46-3-04) Houtzdale. Election for the positions of Magisterial District Judge, in each of the districts is currently staggered as three of the Magisterial Districts Judges (46-3-02) (46-3-03) and (46-3-04) have term expiration dates of 12/31/2023 and Magisterial District Judge (46-3-01) has a term expiration date of 12/31/2027.

Clearfield County and the 46th Judicial District is basically a very rural area located just west of the centerpoint of the Commonwealth. The County contains a total of 1154 square miles with a 2020 population of 78,938. The major development in the County and, hence the Judicial District, has occurred along the Interstate 80 corridor which stretches across the northern portion of the County in a generally East/West direction. That corridor goes directly through three of the Magisterial Districts (46-3-01) (46-3-02) and (46-3-03). The major population areas of the County can also be found within or along that same corridor. Magisterial District 46-3-04 sits along the complete Southern border of the County and currently serves and acts as the Magisterial District Court of jurisdiction for the majority of the municipalities within the County and the 46th Judicial District. Population in that area is spread out geographically throughout the area and only one US Route travels through the western portion of the District (US Route 219).

Each of the four Districts have their own individual characteristics which must be considered in any determination as whether any district should be reestablished, realigned or eliminated. The analysis as to each of the individual Districts is as follows:

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 46-3-01

This District carries an average caseload 4,769 and an average workload of 43,329. Both of those figures are well above both the average caseload and average workload for the 46th Judicial District (4,087 and 29,101 respectively) and for the caseload of other 6th Class Counties (3,230). In fact, the average caseload figures of this District are above the average caseload figures for classes of Counties well above a 6th Class County.

This District has within its boundary the only Third Class City (City of DuBois) within the County and the 46th Judicial District. This District is the home of the Penn State – DuBois Campus and Interstate 80 which travels completely across the Magisterial District and there are three exits on Interstate 80, which fall within the Magisterial District. US Route 322 travels completely across the Magisterial District as does US Route 219.

Clearly, this Magisterial District cannot be eliminated based upon the analysis however consistent with the analysis as to the other Magisterial Districts, this District should be reestablished in its current form. In order to address disparity between Magisterial Districts during the last Reestablishment process in 2012, the municipal jurisdictions of Penn Township and Grampian Borough were removed from this District and transferred to Magisterial District 46-3-04. The reason for the selection of those particular municipalities for transfer was due to their closeness to Magisterial District 46-3-04 as well as due to the geography of the area. Historically, what has commonly become known, as the DuBois Area does not include Penn Township and Grampian Borough and included generally those areas surrounding the City of DuBois and those areas to the north and east of the City. All of those areas fall within the DuBois Area School District while Penn Township and Grampian Borough were not within that school district. The transfer of those two municipalities appeared to be the natural point to realign the District based upon the geography of the area, the perception of the citizens within the communities in the area and the voting districts involved. The current district, in its present form cannot be further realigned without severing the current municipal boundaries, interfering with voting districts, severing the current school districts and impacting the Police Departments that currently cover and serve the area. It is therefore proposed that this District be reestablished as it currently exists.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 46-3-02

This District carries an average caseload of 6,492 and an average workload of 45,534. Both of those figures are well above both the average caseload and average workload for the 46th Judicial District (4,087 and 29,101 respectively) and for the caseload of other 6th Class Counties (3,230). In fact, the average caseload figures of this District are above the average caseload figures for classes of Counties well above a 6th Class County.

This District has within its boundary the County seat and the majority of the larger Boroughs within the County and the 46th Judicial District. Interstate 80 travels completely across the Magisterial District and there is one exit on Interstate 80 which falls within the Magisterial District. US Route 322 travels completely across the Magisterial District.

Clearly, due to the average caseload and average workload figures, this Magisterial District cannot be eliminated however consistent with the analysis as to the other Magisterial Districts, this District should be reestablished in its current form. This Magisterial District currently serves four municipalities. Each of those municipalities lie within the river basin of the Susquehanna River which flows through each of those communities. Geographically, the municipalities are tied together by that closeness to the river and the valley that it creates and the area is commonly referred to as the Clearfield Area / Curwensville Area. To remove any areas from this Magisterial District would not serve to address the disparities in other Districts and would disrupt the current flow of cases within the District which currently serves only four populous municipalities. In order to address the current number of filings and cases within this District it does participate in the Criminal Centralized Court system which should allow for the further

spread of some of the caseload and workload in order to help address any Magisterial District disparity. It is therefore proposed that this District be reestablished as it currently exists.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 46-3-03

This District carries an average caseload 3,682 and an average workload of 23,174. Both of those figures are below both the average caseload and average workload for the 46th Judicial District (4,087 and 29,101 respectively) and but above the average caseload for other 6th Class Counties (3,230).

Interstate 80 travels completely across the Magisterial District and there are two exits on Interstate 80 which fall within the Magisterial District. US Route 322 travels completely across the Magisterial District. This Magisterial District sits directly west and adjacent to the more populous Centre County. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has in 2021 opened an Immigration and Detention Facility in this District which is the largest such facility on the East Coast. The institution has already started requesting various services from the Magisterial District Court and the Court of Common Pleas.

Clearly, this Magisterial District cannot be eliminated however consistent with the analysis as to the other Magisterial Districts, this District should be reestablished in its current form. This Magisterial District does participate in the Criminal Centralized Court system which should allow for the further spread of some of the workload in order to help address any Magisterial District disparity. In the Reestablishment process in 2012, it was proposed that the municipal jurisdictions of Boggs Township and Wallaceton Borough be removed from this District and transferred to Magisterial District 46-3-04 in order to aid in addressing the disparity with that District.

This District is somewhat more rural than the Magisterial District of (46-3-01) and (46-3-02) and does not have a generally concentrated Borough within its borders. Because of its location, it would not be possible to realign any other Magisterial Districts such that the slight disparity in caseload and workload could be addressed. It is therefore proposed that this District be reestablished as it currently exists.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 46-3-04

This District carries an average caseload 1,407 and an average workload of 13,362. Both of those figures are below both the average caseload and average workload for the 46th Judicial District (4,087 and 29,101 respectively) and for other 6th Class Counties (3,230 and 24,894 respectively).

The disparity in average caseload and average workload rates for Magisterial District 46-3-04 can readily be explained. The District encompasses 385.03 square miles of area and has relatively few major highways which traverse the District. Only a portion of US Route 219 travels along the western boundary of the District. Although State Routes 36 and 53 travel through the District they do not generally carry more than local traffic. The largest concentrated population area based upon 2020 population is Houtzdale Borough with a figure 764 persons. The district is very large geographically and,

at present, has jurisdiction over 27 different municipalities, which is the largest number of any of the Magisterial Districts within the Judicial District. Because of its size this District is currently served by three different Pennsylvania State Police Barracks (Clearfield, DuBois and Punxsutawney) as well as one local Police Department.

Normally, such figures would suggest that this Magisterial District should be considered for elimination or some form of realignment. Assuming that elimination would occur, that would mean that the geographic area and the municipalities that are served by Magisterial District 46-3-04 would have to be absorbed into the remaining three Magisterial Districts. To do such would place more burden on those three Magisterial Districts, two of which are already working with average caseloads and average workloads that are far above those that would be applicable to a 6th Class County. Their figures, in most instances, are above the average caseload and average workload rates for a 4th Class County. Those remaining Districts are not in a position to accept any further caseload or workload nor do any of the other Districts have the staff to handle such an increase.

Should this District be eliminated and the other Districts absorb the loss, the travel time for citizens to appear at the remaining three District Justice Office would be too burdensome. For example, for a citizen who resides in Westover Borough or Coalport Borough, within this District, to travel to District 46-3-01 in DuBois, they would have to travel an hour and 5 minutes. For that same citizen to travel to District 46-3-02 in Clearfield, they would have to travel an hour. For that same citizen to travel to District 46-3-03 in Kylertown, they would have to travel, once again, just over an hour. There is simply no good travel route within the District in order to reach the other three Districts in even the best of conditions, let alone in wintertime conditions.

This District is also the site of the State Correctional Institution at Houtzdale. Currently the Magisterial District Judge within this District conducts in person Preliminary Hearings at either the SCI – Houtzdale Institution or in the Magisterial District Office thereby eliminating the need to transport the inmates for over an hour to some other Magisterial District Office.

Realignment of Magisterial Districts in order to increase the size of this District likewise could not be achieved. To do so would sever various municipalities, sever voting districts and split coverage areas of the State and Local Police Departments which cover the area.

It should be noted that in order to assist with the caseload and the functioning of Magisterial District 46-3-02, which is our highest caseload and workload office, MDJ Glass from 46-3-04 has been assisting that office to further address the disparity in the offices. By doing so, Court Administration does not need to ask for the assignment of a Senior MDJ, which would impose a further cost upon the State. This Magisterial District does participate in the Criminal Centralized Court system which also further spreads some of the workload in order to help address any Magisterial District disparity. Previously as a result of the Reestablishment process in 2012, there was a transfer of Penn Township and Grampian Borough from Magisterial District 46-3-01 and Boggs Township and Wallaceton Borough from Magisterial District 46-3-03 in order to aid in equalizing the disparity among Districts. That move would transferred 61.35 additional square miles to the District with an additional population base of 3,684 persons. Such

realignment also transferred more of State Route 219 into the District's jurisdiction as well as, for the first time, transferred a portion of US Route 322 into the District.

Based upon consideration of all of the above and in light of the Courts intimate knowledge of the areas and jurisdictions involved it would therefore be proposed that this District be reestablished as it currently exists.

CONCLUSION OF ANALYSIS

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 46-3-01: IS PROPOSED TO REMAIN UNCHANGED AND WOULD BE REESTABLISHED.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 46-3-02: IS PROPOSED TO REMAIN UNCHANGED AND WOULD BE REESTABLISHED.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 46-3-03: IS PROPOSED TO REMAIN UNCHANGED AND WOULD BE REESTABLISHED.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 46-3-04: IS PROPOSED TO REMAIN UNCHANGED AND WOULD BE REESTABLISHED.