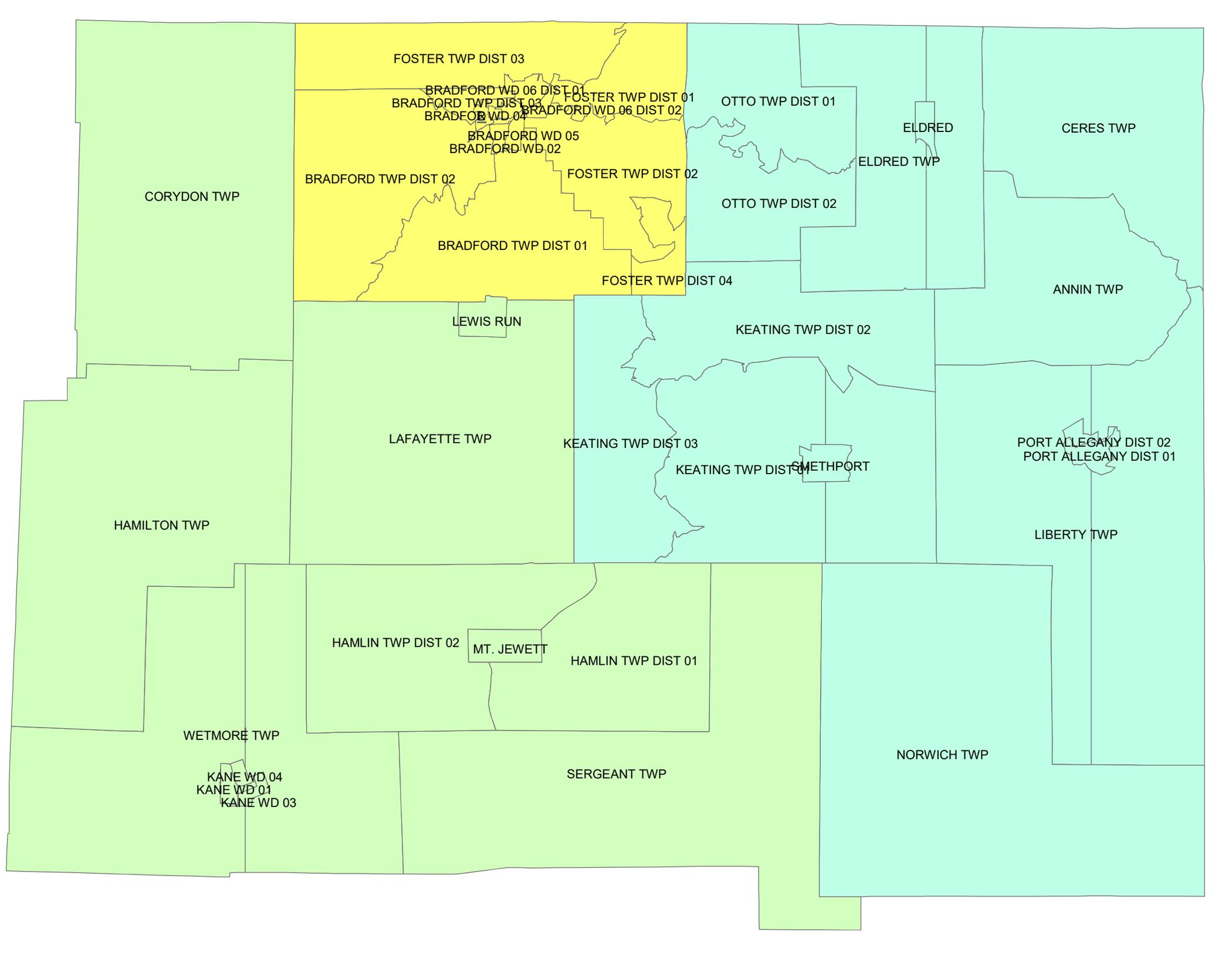


McKEAN COUNTY

48TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

2022 REESTABLISHMENT PLAN

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS



FOSTER TWP DIST 03

BRADFORD WD 06 DIST 01
BRADFORD TWP DIST 03
BRADFORD WD 04
FOSTER TWP DIST 01
BRADFORD WD 06 DIST 02

OTTO TWP DIST 01

ELDRED

CERES TWP

BRADFORD WD 05
BRADFORD WD 02

ELDRED TWP

BRADFORD TWP DIST 02

FOSTER TWP DIST 02

OTTO TWP DIST 02

BRADFORD TWP DIST 01

FOSTER TWP DIST 04

ANNIN TWP

LEWIS RUN

KEATING TWP DIST 02

LAFAYETTE TWP

KEATING TWP DIST 03

PORT ALLEGANY DIST 02
PORT ALLEGANY DIST 01

KEATING TWP DIST 04
SMETHPORT

LIBERTY TWP

HAMILTON TWP

HAMLIN TWP DIST 02

MT. JEWETT

HAMLIN TWP DIST 01

WETMORE TWP

SERGEANT TWP

NORWICH TWP

| CURRENT ALIGNMENT |
|-------------------------------|
| JUDICIAL DISTRICT 48 |
| MUNICIPALITY |
| 48-1-01 |
| Bradford City |
| Ward 1 - Bradford City |
| Ward 2 - Bradford City |
| Ward 3 Dist 1 - Bradford City |
| Ward 3 Dist 2 - Bradford City |
| Ward 4 - Bradford City |
| Ward 5 - Bradford City |
| Ward 6 Dist 2 - Bradford City |

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| 48-3-02 |
| Annin Twp |
| Ceres Twp |
| Eldred Boro |
| Eldred Twp |
| Keating Twp |
| Liberty Twp |
| Norwich Twp |
| Port Allegany Boro |
| Sergeant Twp |
| Smethport Boro |

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| 48-3-03 |
| Ward 6 Dist. 1 - Bradford City |
| Bradford Twp |
| Corydon Twp |
| Foster Twp |
| Otto Twp |
| Lewis Run Boro |

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| 48-3-04 |
| Hamilton Twp |
| Hamlin Twp |
| Kane Boro |
| Lafayette Twp |
| Mt. Jewett Boro |
| Wetmore Twp |

| REALIGNMENT EFFECTIVE 1/1/2024 |
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| JUDICIAL DISTRICT 48 |
| MUNICIPALITY |
| 48-1-01** |
| Bradford City (All Wards) |
| Bradford Twp |
| Foster Twp |

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|--------------------|
| 48-3-02 |
| Annin |
| Ceres |
| Eldred Boro |
| Eldred Twp |
| Keating Twp |
| Liberty |
| Norwich |
| Otto Twp |
| Port Allegany Boro |
| Smethport Boro |

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| 48-3-03 |
| Eliminated |

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|-------------------|
| 48-3-04 |
| Corydon |
| Hamilton Twp |
| Hamlin Twp |
| Kane Boro |
| Lafayette Twp |
| Lewis Run Boro |
| Mount Jewett Boro |
| Sergeant Twp |
| Wetmore Twp |

MEMO

DATE: JANUARY 28, 2022
RE: REALIGNMENT OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OFFICES
OF McKEAN COUNTY
BY: JOHN H. PAVLOCK, PRESIDENT JUDGE

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The McKean County Court of Common Pleas, 48th Judicial District, has completed a plan and recommendation on the Realignment of the Magisterial District Courts of McKean County this plan was prepared in accordance with the directive from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. The discussion includes an analysis of the caseload for the four district courts in McKean County as well as a comparison to the other 6th class counties in Pennsylvania. The Plan includes the recommended elimination of one of our current four Districts. Detailed reasoning and statistical analysis regarding the elimination of a District is set forth in the Plan.

This Plan and recommendation is being issued to notify the residents of McKean County of the proposed realignment of the four Magisterial Districts. A copy of this recommendation will be available at each District Court in McKean County as well as the Court Administrator's Office in the Courthouse in Smethport.

Anyone who wishes to submit public comment regarding the proposed Plan/Realignment should submit such comment in writing addressed to the Court Administrator, 500 W. Main St., Smethport, PA 16749. Comments received shall be included with the final report submitted to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court regarding the proposed realignment. Comments will be accepted through February 27, 2022.

Plan for Re-Alignment of Magisterial Judicial Districts in McKean County

Every 10 years, coinciding with the completion of the United States Census, each Court of Common Pleas Judicial District is required by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) to complete and present a “Magisterial District Reestablishment Plan” (hereinafter “Plan”). The factors that must be considered when drafting the Plan include: 1) the population of the judicial district including trends; 2) the workload statistics for each of our four magisterial districts; 3) continued access to magisterial district offices and services; and, 4) costs and expenses of operations.

1) POPULATION:

There appears to have been no changes in the number of magisterial district in McKean County since at least 1990. The trend in population in McKean County, Pennsylvania since 1990 is downward: A) 1990 – 47,131; B) 2000 – 45,963; C) 2010 – 43,450; and, D) 2020 – 40,432. United States Census Bureau Statistics. There has been a 14.21% decrease in population in McKean County since 1990. Further, based on the consistent loss of population over the last 3 decades, it appears that the trend in the loss of population will continued for the next 10-year period.

2) WORKLOAD

The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) has provided “Reestablishment Data 2021-2022” to the Court Administrator and the President Judge for each county. This statistical information is provided to each county by the AOPC to assist each county with the formation of their individual reestablishment plan. Each county is required to issue a reestablishment plan the year following each nationwide census (every ten years). The Court Administrator and President Judge must consider the workload statistics for their county when developing their county’s reestablishment plan. The workload statistics are compiled from statistics that capture the number of cases that each county processes annually. The cases are divided and weighted according to the following classifications: Criminal, Non-Traffic, Private Criminal, Private Summary, Traffic, Civil, Landlord/Tenant and Miscellaneous Docket.

The Annual Average Workload filings per McKean County’s Magisterial Districts (average for all 4 of our districts) is 2017. This is the lowest Average Workload for all of the 24 6th Class Counties in Pennsylvania. A sample of some of the other 6th class counties, including several local counties, reveals the following (AWA = abbreviation for Average Workload Assignment per each Magisterial District / Judge): Bedford AWA of 4709 which is 57% greater than McKean County; Carbon AWA 5497 which is 63% greater than McKean County; Clearfield AWA of 4087 which is 51% greater than McKean County; Elk AWA of 2926 which is 31% greater than McKean County; Warren AWA of 2380 which is 15% greater than McKean County.

An analysis of population in neighboring and other 6th class counties- and - total number of magisterial district judges reveals the following: Bedford 2020 population 47,577 and #MDJ = 4; Carbon 2020 population 64,749 and #MDJ = 4; Clearfield 2020 population 80,562 and #MDJ = 4; Elk 2020 population 30,990 and #MDJ = 2; Warren 2020 population 38,587 and #MDJ = 3; Tioga 2020 population 41,045 and #MDJ = 3.

3) CONTINUED ACCESS TO MDJ OFFICE / JUDGE

McKean County is a relatively large county with a total land mass of 984 square miles. Therefore, one factor is the distance that citizens must travel to a magisterial district office. Currently there are 4 magisterial district judges / offices in McKean County located as follows: Bradford City, Foster Township, Smethport and Kane. The offices in Bradford and Foster Township are within miles of one another. The other two offices are roughly geographically spread out in the two other thirds of the county, that is, the two thirds from the Bradford and Foster offices.

The geographical size of McKean County, and the fact that 41 % of the population is in 11% of the County¹, present difficulties regarding the potential travel time and distance to an MDJ office. If the current 4 offices are reduced to 3, the distance some citizens will have to travel to an office will not change at all, for some there will be a limited increase in travel and for some the distance will substantially increase. For example, to equalize workload and population between 3 Districts, one considered draft plan changed the current MDJ office for residents in Foster Township Districts 03 and 04 to Kane, Foster Township Districts 01 and 02 to Smethport, and, Bradford Township District 01 to Kane. If this plan were implemented citizens and law enforcement in Foster and Bradford Township, who currently are 5 to 10 miles from their district judge office, would have to travel 20 to 30 miles to their new office. This additional travel time would also result in increased expense for municipalities. For example, if the Foster Township Districts were divided between the Kane and Smethport Districts to balance workload, it would result in the Foster Township Police having to attend two separate preliminary hearing scheduled dates, one in Smethport and one in Kane the following week. The substantial increase in travel time and the cost of gas and wear on vehicles would result in an increase in yearly costs. It would also be more difficult to encourage witnesses, etc. to make the 25-mile trip to a hearing as opposed to the 4 or 5 miles – with public transportation available to the Bradford Office from areas in Foster Township but limited to Smethport and Kane. Travel can also be very difficult in the winter months due to substantial snowfall and ice.

A comparison of counties with similar land mass to McKean County reveals the following: Tioga, 523 square miles, 3 MDJ districts; Warren, 884.14 square miles, 3 MDJ districts; Elk, 832 square miles, 2 MDJ districts.

4) COSTS AND EXPENSE TO MCKEAN COUNTY AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA:

The current average monthly rent for each MDJ office is \$1,752, and \$21,024 annually (Bradford monthly rent of \$1,826.50; Kane monthly rent of \$2,000; Foster Township monthly rent of \$1,480.85;²

¹ Bradford City, Bradford Township and Foster Township all border one another. The total population of all 3 is 16,525 (Bradford 8,440, Bradford Township 4,618, and Foster Township 3,467). This is 41% of McKean County's 2020 population of 40,432. The land mass of Bradford, Bradford Township, and Foster Township is 108.98 square miles (Bradford 3.42, Bradford Township 55.6 and Foster Township at 49.96). This is 11% of the total land mass of McKean County's 984 total square miles.

² The Foster Township Office is in the Foster Township Municipal Building and is currently rented month to month. The court is in the process of negotiating a new long-term lease that would either result in relocating and a potential significant increase in rent, or, modifications to the existing office space and an increase in the rent for the current location

Smethport monthly rent of \$1,700). Although there are currently two staff positions at each MDJ office, since the workload of the closed office will still have to be processed, both positions will not be eliminated. However, after a transition period, one MDJ assistant position will be eliminated resulting in a budget reduction to the County of McKean in the estimated amount of \$48,540 annually (\$ 21,177 annual starting salary for a clerk in 2021 plus \$ 27,363 annually for benefits package (family plan)).³ There are also incidental cost for an office such as added copier and computer expense – estimated at approximately \$300 a month, 3,600 annually. Therefore, the total reduction in the budget for McKean County is estimated to be \$73,164 annually. Because there will be annual increases in salary, rent and costs, the savings over the next 10 years will be greater than \$731,640 for the County of McKean.

The annual salary for a Magisterial District Judge in 2022 is \$98,565. The benefits package, including medical, retirement and dental, is approximately \$50,000. Therefore, the total annual savings to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania if a District Office / Judge is reduced is \$146,565.

CONCLUSION:

There has been a 14.21% decrease in the population of McKean County since 1990. The average work load assignment for our Magisterial District's here in McKean County is the lowest among the 24 6th class counties. The difference in work load to other counties, both 6th class and other counties, is not trivial. It is 70% to 30% lower. The cost of continuing to operate a magisterial district is significant both for the Commonwealth, to cover the cost of the Magisterial District Judge's salary and benefit package, and, to the County of McKean to cover the cost of office rental, additional staff and support services. With added increases in salary, rent and costs factored in, the estimated savings to McKean County would be close to 1 million dollars over the next 10 years, and, with annual increases, to the Commonwealth of 1.6 million over the next 10 years. Therefore, the total estimated reduction in cost over the next 10 years from the elimination of one MDJ District is estimated to be of: 2.6 million.

Although cost it is not the only factor, since the County is facing a loss in tax revenue due to loss in population, this factor must be given weight. If one of the MDJ Districts is comprised of the municipalities in the Bradford area (Bradford City, Bradford Township and Foster Township), the reduction in districts will not result in significant increased travel for the vast majority of McKean County citizens. Further, although the Bradford District would have a greater workload than the other two districts, some workload can be shifted to adjust this discrepancy. For example, the District Judges in Smethport and Kane can be assigned to handle our Central Court System, which would result in the reduction of the overall workload for the District Judge in Bradford. Therefore, again based on the loss of population and the substantially decreased workload compared to the average in other 6th class counties and in Pennsylvania, a reduction in one district when one of our current Magisterial District Judge's term expires is required.

It is important to note that this plan was prepared with full consultation and input of the current four Magisterial District Judges. Although they, like President Judge Pavlock, were concerned about limiting the available resources in McKean County, after a review of the statistics and information herein all

³ The position will be eliminated in the future when there is an opening due to current staff retiring or leaving employment to accept another position. The change from 4 districts to 3 will occur in January of 2024 (election for MDJs for the new 3 Districts will be held in 2023).

understood and accepted that a reduction is warranted. Initially President Judge Pavlock presented two alternate Plans, Plan A and Plan B. Plan A, in order to more evenly divide workload, divided Bradford Township between the Kane and Bradford Districts, and, divided Foster Township between the Kane and Smethport Districts. After consultation with the District Judges, and after the District Judges all strongly indicated that Bradford City, Bradford Township and Foster Township should be part of one unit, even if that meant a greater workload for the MDJ elected to the Bradford District, Plan B, which is the Plan herein, was approved.

PROPOSED MDG DISTRICTS - Foster and Bradford Townships with City

Magisterial District - Bradford: 48-1-01

| | <u>Pop.</u> | <u>Wrklld -NT</u> | <u>TR</u> | <u>PC</u> | <u>PS</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Brad 01 | 1270 | | | | |
| Brad Dist 02 | 2800 | 761 (01, 02, 03) | 1400 | 0 | 18 |
| Brad Dist 03 | 723 | | | | |
| Brad Ward 01 | 542 | 3750 (entire City) | 1825 ⁴ | 61 | 1162 |
| Brad Ward 02 | 1320 | | | | |
| Brad Ward 03 Dist 01 | 948 | | | | |
| Brad Ward 03 Dist 02 | 1126 | | | | |
| Brad Ward 04 | 1061 | | | | |
| Brad Ward 05 | 693 | | | | |
| Brad Ward 06 Dist 01 | 1094 | | | | |
| Brad Ward 06 Dist 02 | 1065 | | | | |
| Foster 01 | 876 | 1681(01 -04) | 1285 | 11 | 5 |
| Foster 02 | 718 | | | | |
| Foster 03 | 2263 | | | | |
| Foster 04 | 181 | | | | |
| TOTAL: | 16,680 | 6,192 | 4,510 | 72 | 1,185 |

⁴ Previously a portion of the city was assigned to 48-3-03 (Luther). Therefore, the numbers for Bradford City at 48-3-03 for all categories are added back into these totals.

| | <u>Pop.</u> | <u>Criminal WL</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Brad 01 | 1270 | |
| Brad Dist 02 | 2800 | 1885 (01,02, 03) |
| Brad Dist 03 | 723 | |
| Brad Ward 01 | 542 | 10582 |
| Brad Ward 02 | 1320 | |
| Brad Ward 03 Dist 01 | 948 | |
| Brad Ward 03 Dist 02 | 1126 | |
| Brad Ward 04 | 1061 | |
| Brad Ward 05 | 693 | |
| Brad Ward 06 Dist 01 | 1094 | |
| Brad Ward 06 Dist 02 | 1065 | |
| Foster 01 | 876 | 2467 |
| Foster 02 | 718 | |
| Foster 03 | 2263 | |
| Foster 04 | 181 | |
| TOTAL: | 16,680 | 14,927 |

Total Work Load Bradford: 26,886⁵

52% Higher Work Load than Kane

48% Higher than Smethport

⁵ There are several categories, such as Landlord and Tennant workload, that are not included in these charts for two reasons: 1) the categories that are in these charts constitute a substantial portion of MDJ workload and, therefore, provide sound statistical information and a good estimate of future workload; and, 2) some of the additional categories are not divided according to municipality (only totals for current Districts).

Magisterial District: Kane: 48-03-04

| | <u>Pop.</u> | <u>Wrkld-NT</u> | <u>TR</u> | <u>PC</u> | <u>PS</u> |
|----------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|-----------|------------|
| Kane Ward 01 | 1116 | 1584 (All Kane) | 862 | 2 | 315 |
| Kane Ward 02 | 612 | | | | |
| Kane Ward 03 | 1059 | | | | |
| Kane Ward 04 | 843 | | | | |
| Mount Jewett | 858 | 218 | 232 | 0 | 0 |
| Sergeant | 145 | 129 | 471 | 0 | 0 |
| Wetmore | 1621 | 206 | 342 | 0 | 274 |
| Hamilton | 549 | 172 | 80 | 0 | 0 |
| Hamlin Dist 01 | 376 | 199 (All Hamlin) | 1731 | 2 | 0 |
| Hamlin Dist 02 | 314 | | | | |
| Lewis Run | 583 | 70 | 146 | 2 | 2 |
| Lafayette | 1768 | 206 | 360 | 0 | 2 |
| Corydon | 283 | 107 | 111 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 10,127 | 2,891 | 4,335 | 6 | 593 |

| | <u>Pop.</u> | <u>Criminal WL</u> | | | |
|----------------|---------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
| Kane Ward 01 | 1116 | 2381 (All Kane) | | | |
| Kane Ward 02 | 612 | | | | |
| Kane Ward 03 | 1059 | | | | |
| Kane Ward 04 | 843 | | | | |
| Mount Jewett | 858 | 251 | | | |
| Sergeant | 145 | 122 | | | |
| Wetmore | 1621 | 685 | | | |
| Hamilton | 549 | 245 | | | |
| Hamlin Dist 01 | 376 | 600 (All Hamlin) | | | |
| Hamlin Dist 02 | 314 | | | | |
| Lewis Run | 583 | 178 | | | |
| Lafayette | 1768 | 502 | | | |
| Corydon | 283 | 135 | | | |
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| TOTAL | 10,127 | 5,099 | | | |

Total Work Load Kane: 12,924

Magisterial District: Smethport: 48-3-02

| | <u>Pop</u> | <u>Wrkld-NT</u> | <u>TR</u> | <u>PC</u> | <u>PS</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Smethport | 1436 | 319 | 449 | 77 | 614 |
| Port Allegany Dist 01 | 1276 | 698 (Dist 01 , 02) | 441 | 50 | 510 |
| Port Allegany Dist 02 | 859 | | | | |
| Keating Dist 01 | 1289 | 666 (01, 02, 03) | 658 | 22 | 27 |
| Keating Dist 02 | 719 | | | | |
| Keating Dist 03 | 717 | | | | |
| Eldred Voting Dist (1) | 765 | 172 | 225 | 16 | 107 |
| Eldred Voting Dist (2) | 1394 | 186 | 307 | 2 | 27 |
| Otto Dist 01 | 779 | 270 (Dist 01, 02) | 234 | 0 | 133 |
| Otto Dist 02 | 737 | | | | |
| Liberty | 1607 | 376 | 339 | 5 | 7 |
| Norwich | 501 | 106 | 45 | 0 | 13 |
| Ceres | 846 | 77 | 71 | 0 | 2 |
| Annin | 709 | 115 | 105 | 7 | 25 |
| | | | | | |
| TOTAL: | 13,634 | 2,985 | 2,874 | 179 | 1,465 |
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| | <u>Pop</u> | <u>Criminal WL</u> | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| Smethport | 1436 | 912 | | | |
| Port Allegany Dist 01 | 1276 | 1255 (Dist 01 , 02) | | | |
| Port Allegany Dist 02 | 859 | | | | |
| Keating Dist 01 | 1289 | 1426 (01, 02, 03) | | | |
| Keating Dist 02 | 719 | | | | |
| Keating Dist 03 | 717 | | | | |
| Eldred Voting Dist (1) | 765 | 392 | | | |
| Eldred Voting Dist (2) | 1394 | 673 | | | |
| Otto Dist 01 | 779 | 570 (Dist 01, 02) | | | |
| Otto Dist 02 | 737 | | | | |
| Liberty | 1607 | 985 | | | |
| Norwich | 501 | 178 | | | |
| Ceres | 846 | 153 | | | |
| Annin | 349 | | | | |
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| TOTAL: | 13,634 | 6,544 | | | |
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Total Work Load Smethport: 14,020

Judicial District Summary Worksheet – Reestablishment 2021-2022

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|--|----------------------------------|--|
| Judicial District Number: 48 | County: McKean | Class of County: 6 |
| <p>1. List the existing magisterial districts in your judicial district (##-#-##):</p> <p>48-1-01 48-3-02 48-3-03 48-3-04</p> | | |
| Caseload Analysis | | |
| 2. Average total caseloads: | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
| | A. 2,017 | B. 3,230 |
| 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> |
| | -1213 | 24th out of 24 |
| 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? | | Yes |
| Proposed Actions | | |
| 5. Are any magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment? If YES , list the magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment (no changes). | | No |
| 6. Are any magisterial district proposed for realignment? If YES , list the magisterial districts proposed for realignment (changes). 48-1-01 48-3-02 48-3-04 | | Yes |
| 7. Are any magisterial districts proposed for elimination? If YES , list the magisterial districts proposed for elimination. 48-3-03 | | Yes |

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|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Magisterial District Court Number: 48-1-01 | County: McKean | <input type="button" value="v"/> | |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign <input type="button" value="v"/> | | 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. 1,548 | B. 2,017 | 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> |
| | | -469 | 4th <input type="button" value="v"/> 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> |
| | | -1682 | -52 % |
| 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. | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> |
| | A. 19,128 | B. 16,759 | |
| 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> |
| | | 2,369 | 14 % |
| 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. | | | |

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Dominic A. Cercone, Jr.

Magisterial District Judge Name

██████████
Birthdate

12/31/23

Term Expiration Date

12/31/32

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

22 Davis Street, Bradford, PA 16701

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.

Bradford City

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

US Rte 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 Bradford (Voting Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6-2)

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above?

If **NO**, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

City of Bradford (Voting Districts 1, 2 3, 4, 5, 6-1 and 6-2), Bradford Twp, Foster Twp

No



20. Additional Comments:

Plan attached outlines the elimination of a district and realignment of the three remaining districts.

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| Magisterial District Court Number: 48-3-02 | County: McKean | <input type="button" value="▼"/> | |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign <input type="button" value="▼"/> | 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. 2,217 | B. 2,017 | 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</i> | <i>Total</i> |
| | 200 | 2nd <input type="button" value="▼"/> | 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> | |
| | -1013 | -31 % | |
| 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. | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | |
| | A. 18,865 | B. 16,759 | |
| 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> | |
| | 2,106 | 12 % | |
| 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. | | | |

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

William K. Todd

Magisterial District Judge Name

██████████
Birthdate

12/31/23

Term Expiration Date

12/31/35

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

625 East Water Street, Smethport, PA 16749

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.

Otto-Eldred Regional, Smethport Borough, Port Allegany Borough

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

US Rte 6

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

Annin Twp, Ceres Twp, Eldred Borough, Eldred Twp, Keating Twp, Liberty Twp, Norwich Twp, Port Allegany Borough, Sergeant Twp, Smethport Borough

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above?

If **NO**, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

Annin Twp, Ceres Twp, Eldred Borough, Eldred Twp, Keating Twp, Liberty Twp, Norwich Twp, Otto Twp, Port Allegany Borough, Smethport Borough

No



20. Additional Comments:

Plan attached outlines the elimination of a district and realignment of the three remaining districts.

Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022

Start by saving the fillable worksheet template locally on your system as a PDF form. Then, open and complete the worksheets in a PDF browser (not a web browser) to ensure all options and functionality are available. Answer the questions by typing or selecting responses. Press TAB or click on a field to advance. Hover the fields for tips and instructions. Save and upload the completed form to SharePoint.

| | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Magisterial District Court Number: 48-3-03 | County: McKean | <input type="button" value="v"/> | |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Eliminate <input type="button" value="v"/> | | 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. 2,175 | B. 2,017 | 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> |
| | | 158 | 2nd <input type="button" value="v"/> 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> |
| | | -1055 | -32% |
| 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. | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> |
| | A. 15,736 | B. 16,759 | |
| 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> |
| | | -1,023 | -6% |
| 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. | | | |

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Richard W. Luther, Jr.

Magisterial District Judge Name

██████████
Birthdate

12/31/23

Term Expiration Date

12/31/37

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

1185 East Main Street, Bradford, PA 16701

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.

Bradford Twp, Foster Twp, Otto Eldred Regional

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

US Rte 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 Bradford (Voting District 6-1), Bradford Twp, Corydon Twp, Foster Twp, Lewis Run Borough, Otto Twp

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above?

If **NO**, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

No



20. Additional Comments:

This Magisterial District is being eliminated and divided among the other three MDJ Courts. See the attached plan.

Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022

Start by saving the fillable worksheet template locally on your system as a PDF form. Then, open and complete the worksheets in a PDF browser (not a web browser) to ensure all options and functionality are available. Answer the questions by typing or selecting responses. Press TAB or click on a field to advance. Hover the fields for tips and instructions. Save and upload the completed form to SharePoint.

| | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Magisterial District Court Number: 48-3-04 | County: McKean | <input type="button" value="v"/> | |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign <input type="button" value="v"/> | | 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. 2,128 | B. 2,017 | 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> |
| | | 111 | 3rd <input type="button" value="v"/> 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> |
| | | -1102 | -34 % |
| 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. | | | |
| Workload Analysis | | | |
| 7. Average total workloads: | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | |
| | A. 13,298 | B. 16,759 | |
| 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> |
| | | -3,461 | -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. | | | |

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

David R. Engman

Magisterial District Judge Name

██████████

Birthdate

12/31/23

Term Expiration Date

12/31/45

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

165 N. Fraley Street, Kane PA 16734

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.

Kane Borough, PSP; Mt. Jewett Borough

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

US Rte 6 and US Rte 219

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

Hamilton Twp, Hamlin Twp, Kane Borough, Lafayette Twp, Mt. Jewett Borough, Wetmore Twp

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above?

No



If **NO**, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

Corydon Twp, Hamilton Twp, Hamlin Twp, Kane Borough, Lafayette Twp, Lewis Run Borough, Mt. Jewett Borough, Sergeant Twp, Wetmore Twp

20. Additional Comments:

Plan attached outlines the elimination of a district and realignment of the three remaining districts.

| County Name | Municipality | Population Density | 2020 Population |
|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| MCKEAN COUNTY | ANNIN Voting District | 0.04671 | 709 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | BRADFORD DISTRICT 01 | 0.01977 | 1270 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | BRADFORD DISTRICT 02 | 0.01033 | 2800 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | BRADFORD DISTRICT 03 | 0.00221 | 723 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | BRADFORD WARD 01 | 0.00016 | 542 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | BRADFORD WARD 02 | 0.00032 | 1320 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | BRADFORD WARD 03 DISTRICT 01 | 0.00013 | 948 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | BRADFORD WARD 03 DISTRICT 02 | 0.00025 | 1126 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | BRADFORD WARD 04 | 0.00027 | 1061 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | BRADFORD WARD 05 | 0.00079 | 693 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | BRADFORD WARD 06 DISTRICT 01 | 0.00102 | 1094 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | BRADFORD WARD 06 DISTRICT 02 | 0.00042 | 1065 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | CERES Voting District | 0.04770 | 846 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | CORYDON Voting District | 0.25825 | 283 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | ELDRED Voting District | 0.00114 | 765 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | ELDRED Voting District | 0.02766 | 1394 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | FOSTER DISTRICT 01 | 0.00992 | 876 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | FOSTER DISTRICT 02 | 0.02025 | 718 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | FOSTER DISTRICT 03 | 0.00869 | 2263 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | FOSTER DISTRICT 04 | 0.01811 | 181 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | HAMILTON Voting District | 0.13080 | 549 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | HAMLIN DISTRICT 01 | 0.07920 | 367 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | HAMLIN DISTRICT 02 | 0.11383 | 314 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | KANE WARD 01 | 0.00055 | 1116 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | KANE WARD 02 | 0.00018 | 612 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | KANE WARD 03 | 0.00045 | 1059 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | KANE WARD 04 | 0.00043 | 843 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | KEATING DISTRICT 01 | 0.03766 | 1289 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | KEATING DISTRICT 02 | 0.03830 | 719 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | KEATING DISTRICT 03 | 0.03091 | 717 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | LAFAYETTE Voting District | 0.04022 | 1768 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | LEWIS RUN Voting District | 0.00314 | 583 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | LIBERTY Voting District | 0.05261 | 1607 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | MOUNT JEWETT Voting District | 0.00280 | 858 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | NORWICH Voting District | 0.18906 | 501 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | OTTO DISTRICT 01 | 0.02328 | 779 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | OTTO DISTRICT 02 | 0.02268 | 737 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | PORT ALLEGANY DISTRICT 01 | 0.00099 | 1276 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | PORT ALLEGANY DISTRICT 02 | 0.00059 | 859 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | SERGEANT Voting District | 0.55261 | 145 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | SMETHPORT Voting District | 0.00117 | 1436 |
| MCKEAN COUNTY | WETMORE Voting District | 0.04881 | 1621 |

| | 2014 CR Workload | 2015 CR Workload | 2016 CR Workload | 2017 CR Workload | 2018 CR Workload | 2019 CR Workload | Total CR Workload | Average CR Workload |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| McKean | 31654 | 26512 | 24388 | 26221 | 27432 | 28717 | 164924 | 27487 |
| 48-1-01 | 12668 | 9364 | 8703 | 8813 | 9621 | 8813 | 57982 | 9664 |
| Bradford City | 12668 | 9327 | 8703 | 8813 | 9621 | 8813 | 57945 | 9658 |
| Bradford Township | | | | | | | 37 | 6 |
| Eldred Township | | | | | | | | |
| Foster Township | | | | | | | | |
| Kane Borough | | | | | | | | |
| 48-3-02 | 6390 | 6390 | 6390 | 6280 | 6757 | 7897 | 40104 | 6684 |
| Annin Township | 220 | 220 | 73 | 367 | 551 | 661 | 2092 | 349 |
| Bradford City | 37 | | 37 | | | | 74 | 12 |
| Ceres Township | 184 | 37 | 257 | 147 | 257 | | 919 | 153 |
| Eldred Borough | 294 | 294 | 441 | 330 | 441 | 551 | 2351 | 392 |
| Eldred Township | 441 | 624 | 771 | 808 | 588 | 808 | 4040 | 673 |
| Foster Township | 37 | | 37 | | | | 74 | 12 |
| Hamilton Township | | | | | | | | |
| Hamlin Township | 37 | | | | | | 37 | 6 |
| Kane Borough | | 37 | 37 | 37 | 110 | | 221 | 37 |
| Keating Township | 881 | 1322 | 1946 | 1726 | 1065 | 1616 | 8556 | 1426 |
| Lafayette Township | | | | 37 | | 37 | 74 | 12 |
| Lewis Run Borough | | | | | | | | |
| Liberty Township | 551 | 881 | 808 | 551 | 1395 | 1726 | 5912 | 985 |
| McKean County | 367 | 441 | | | | | 845 | 141 |
| Mount Jewett Borough | | | | | | | | |
| Norwich Township | 110 | 184 | 110 | 257 | 110 | 294 | 1065 | 178 |
| Otto Township | 37 | | | | 37 | | 74 | 12 |
| Port Allegany Borough | 1726 | 1028 | 1028 | 1212 | 1175 | 1359 | 7528 | 1255 |
| Sergeant Township | 73 | 147 | 110 | 37 | 147 | 220 | 734 | 122 |
| Smethport Borough | 1395 | 1175 | 698 | 771 | 881 | 551 | 5471 | 912 |
| Wetmore Township | | | 37 | | | | 37 | 6 |
| 48-3-03 | 6867 | 6537 | 5914 | 6390 | 5106 | 6793 | 37607 | 6268 |
| Annin Township | | | | | | | | |
| Bradford City | 1065 | 1028 | 808 | 918 | 808 | 881 | 5508 | 918 |
| Bradford Township | 1652 | 1983 | 1763 | 2240 | 1836 | 1836 | 11310 | 1885 |
| Cor don Township | 184 | 73 | 184 | 110 | 37 | 220 | 808 | 135 |
| Eldred Borough | | | | | 37 | | 37 | 6 |
| Eldred Township | | | | | 37 | | 37 | 6 |
| Foster Township | 3195 | 2644 | 1983 | 2424 | 1579 | 2974 | 14799 | 2467 |
| Hamilton Township | | | | | 37 | | 37 | 6 |
| Kane Borough | 73 | | | | | 37 | 110 | 18 |
| Keating Township | | | 37 | | | | 37 | 6 |
| Lafayette Township | | | | | | | | |
| Lewis Run Borough | 257 | 37 | 147 | 110 | 294 | 220 | 1065 | 178 |
| McKean County | | 184 | 37 | | 37 | | 258 | 43 |
| Otto Township | 441 | 588 | 955 | 441 | 404 | 588 | 3417 | 570 |
| Port Allegany Borough | | | | 37 | | | 37 | 6 |

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|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|
| Sergeant Township | | | | | | | | |
| Smethport Borough | | | | | | | | |
| Wetmore Township | | | | 110 | | | 147 | 25 |
| 48-3-04 | 5729 | 4221 | 3381 | 4738 | 5948 | 5214 | 29231 | 4872 |
| Bradford City | 37 | | 37 | 37 | | 73 | 184 | 31 |
| Bradford Township | | 37 | | 37 | | | 74 | 12 |
| Eldred Borough | | | | | 37 | | 37 | 6 |

| | 2014 CR Workload | 2015 CR Workload | 2016 CR Workload | 2017 CR Workload | 2018 CR Workload | 2019 CR Workload | Total CR Workload | Average CR Workload |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Hamilton Township | 184 | 110 | 184 | 110 | 367 | 514 | 1469 | 245 |
| Hamlin Township | 991 | 367 | 404 | 404 | 734 | 698 | 3598 | 600 |
| Kane Borough | 2607 | 2166 | 1506 | 2130 | 3525 | 2350 | 14284 | 2381 |
| Keating Township | 37 | | 147 | | | | 184 | 31 |
| Lafayette Township | 441 | 477 | 294 | 771 | 477 | 551 | 3011 | 502 |
| Liberty Township | | | | | | | | |
| McKean County | 294 | 330 | 37 | 37 | | | 698 | 116 |
| Mount Jewett Borough | 404 | 110 | 184 | 441 | 110 | 257 | 1506 | 251 |
| Norwich Township | | | | | | 37 | 37 | 6 |
| Port Allegany Borough | | | | | | | | |
| Sergeant Township | | | | | | | | |
| Smethport Borough | | | | 37 | | | 37 | 6 |
| Wetmore Township | 734 | 624 | 588 | 734 | 698 | 734 | 4112 | 685 |

| | 2014 NT Workload | 2015 NT Workload | 2016 NT Workload | 2017 NT Workload | 2018 NT Workload | 2019 NT Workload | Total NT Workload | Average NT Workload |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| McKean | 12843 | 15112 | 12071 | 12563 | 10311 | 9893 | 72793 | 12132 |
| 48-1-01 | 3942 | 3641 | 3490 | 3802 | 2964 | 2921 | 20760 | 3460 |
| Bradford City | 3942 | 3630 | 3490 | 3791 | 2964 | 2921 | 20738 | 3456 |
| Bradford Township | | | | | | | | |
| Eldred Township | | | | | | | | |
| Foster Township | | 11 | | | | | 11 | 2 |
| Kane Borough | | | | 11 | | | 11 | 2 |
| 48-3-02 | 2019 | 4027 | | 3531 | 2385 | 2837 | 17516 | 2919 |
| Annin Township | 118 | 107 | 118 | 150 | 140 | 54 | 687 | 115 |
| Bradford City | | 21 | | | | 11 | 32 | 5 |
| Ceres Township | 43 | 140 | 43 | 32 | 118 | 86 | 462 | 77 |
| Eldred Borough | 75 | 140 | 161 | 311 | 172 | 172 | 1031 | 172 |
| Eldred Township | 64 | 215 | 183 | 193 | 301 | 161 | 1117 | 186 |
| Foster Township | | | | 21 | | | 21 | 4 |
| Hamilton Township | | 11 | | | | | 11 | 2 |
| Hamlin Township | | | | | | | | |
| Kane Borough | | | 11 | 32 | 11 | | 54 | 9 |
| Keating Township | 473 | 601 | 988 | 1128 | 376 | 430 | 3996 | 666 |
| Lafayette Township | 11 | | | 21 | | | 32 | 5 |
| Lewis Run Borough | | | | | | | | |
| Liberty Township | 226 | 644 | 537 | 322 | 236 | 290 | | 376 |
| McKean County | | 54 | | 11 | 21 | 161 | 247 | 41 |
| Mount Jewett Borough | | | | | | 11 | 11 | 2 |
| Norwich Township | 107 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 161 | 140 | 633 | 106 |
| Otto Township | 11 | | | | | 43 | 54 | 9 |
| Port Allegany Borough | 494 | 1310 | 322 | 698 | 505 | 859 | 4188 | 698 |
| Sergeant Township | 64 | 172 | 129 | 97 | 118 | 193 | 773 | 129 |
| Smethport Borough | 333 | 537 | 150 | 440 | 226 | 226 | 1912 | 319 |
| Wetmore Township | | | | | | | | |
| 48-3-03 | 4349 | 4232 | 3629 | 2610 | 2180 | 1838 | 18838 | 3140 |
| Annin Township | | | | | | | | |
| Bradford City | 268 | 258 | 311 | 183 | 226 | 183 | 1429 | 238 |
| Bradford Township | 999 | 730 | 967 | 591 | 773 | 505 | 4565 | 761 |
| Corydon Township | 86 | 140 | 86 | 107 | 150 | 75 | 644 | 107 |
| Eldred Borough | | | | | | | | |
| Eldred Township | | | | | | | | |
| Foster Township | 2749 | 2782 | 1933 | 1418 | 730 | 473 | 10085 | 1681 |
| Hamilton Township | | | | | | | | |
| Kane Borough | | | | | | | | |
| Keating Township | | | | | | | | |
| Lafayette Township | 11 | | | | | | 11 | 2 |
| Lewis Run Borough | | 64 | 64 | 32 | 32 | 161 | 417 | 70 |
| McKean County | | 11 | | | | | 11 | 2 |
| Otto Township | 172 | 247 | 268 | 268 | 236 | 430 | 1621 | 270 |

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|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|
| Port Allegany Borough | | | | | | | | |
| Sergeant Township | | | | | 11 | | 11 | 2 |
| Smethport Borough | | | | | 11 | | 11 | 2 |
| Wetmore Township | | | | 11 | 11 | 11 | 33 | 6 |
| 48-3-04 | 2533 | 3212 | 2235 | 2620 | 2782 | 2297 | 15679 | 2613 |
| Bradford Citv | | 11 | 11 | | | 11 | 33 | 6 |
| Bradford Township | | | | | | | | |
| Eldred Borough | | | | | | | | |

| | 2014 NT Workload | 2015 NT Workload | 2016 NT Workload | 2017 NT Workload | 2018 NT Workload | 2019 NT Workload | Total NT Workload | Average NT Workload |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Hamilton Township | 86 | 172 | 183 | 204 | 247 | 140 | 1032 | 172 |
| Hamlin Township | 193 | 150 | 118 | 247 | 247 | 236 | 1191 | 199 |
| Kane Borough | 1181 | 2202 | 1375 | 1525 | 1794 | 1428 | 9505 | 1584 |
| Keating Township | | 11 | | | | | 11 | 2 |
| Lafayette Township | 365 | 86 | 247 | 268 | 161 | 107 | 1234 | 206 |
| Liberty Township | | | | | | | | |
| McKean County | 75 | 32 | 11 | | | | 118 | 20 |
| Mount Jewett Borough | 440 | 172 | 107 | 150 | 129 | 311 | 1309 | 218 |
| Norwich Township | | | | | | | | |
| Port Allegany Borough | | | | 11 | | | 11 | 2 |
| Sergeant Township | | | | | | | | |
| Smethport Borough | | | | | | | | |
| Wetmore Township | 193 | 376 | 183 | 215 | 204 | 64 | 1235 | 206 |

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|-------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
| Wetmore Township | | | | | | | | |
| 48-3-04 | 1386 | 559 | 516 | 440 | 290 | 377 | 3568 | 595 |
| Bradford City | | | | | | | | |
| Bradford Township | | | | | | | | |
| Eldred Borough | | | | | | | | |

| | 2014 PS Workload | 2015 PS Workload | 2016 PS Workload | 2017 PS Workload | 2018 PS Workload | 2019 PS Workload | Total PS Workload | Average PS Workload |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Hamilton Township | | | | | | | | |
| Hamlin Township | | | | | | | | |
| Kane Borough | 720 | 344 | 290 | 204 | 107 | 226 | 1891 | 315 |
| Keating Township | | | | | | | | |
| Lafayette Township | | | | | | 11 | 11 | 2 |
| Liberty Township | | | | | | | | |
| McKean County | | | | | | 11 | 11 | 2 |
| Mount Jewett Borough | | | | | | | | |
| Norwich Township | | | | | | | | |
| Port Allegany Borough | | | | | | | | |
| Sergeant Township | | | | | | | | |
| Smethport Borough | | | 11 | | | | 11 | 2 |
| Wetmore Township | 666 | 215 | 215 | 236 | 183 | 129 | 1644 | 274 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|------|--|------|------|------|------|-------|------|
| 48-3-04 | 3203 | | 2999 | 4692 | 4742 | 3522 | 21673 | 3612 |
| Bradford City | | | | | | | | |
| Bradford Township | | | | | | | | |
| Eldred Borough | | | | | | | | |

| | 2014 TR Workload | 2015 TR Workload | 2016 TR Workload | 2017 TR Workload | 2018 TR Workload | 2019 TR Workload | Total TR Workload | Average Workload |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Hamilton Township | 59 | 73 | 73 | 107 | 93 | 75 | 480 | 80 |
| Hamlin Township | 1578 | 1069 | 1414 | 2665 | 2111 | 1550 | 10387 | |
| Kane Borough | 636 | 691 | 762 | 825 | 1414 | 841 | 5169 | 862 |
| Keating Township | 2 | | | 5 | | | 7 | 1 |
| Lafayette Township | 219 | 333 | 310 | 401 | 388 | 511 | 2162 | 360 |
| Liberty Township | | | | 5 | | | 5 | 0.83 |
| McKean County | | | | | | | | |
| Mount Jewett Borough | 429 | 114 | 123 | 187 | 406 | 132 | 1391 | 232 |
| Norwich Township | | | | | | | | |
| Port Allegany Borough | | 2 | | | | | 2 | 0.33 |
| Sergeant Township | | | | 16 | 2 | | 18 | 3 |
| Smethport Borough | | | | | | | | |
| Wetmore Township | 280 | 233 | 317 | 481 | 328 | 413 | 2052 | 342 |

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|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------|--|---------------|
| DJ Clerk Position | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | <u>Rate</u> | <u>Hours</u> | | | <u>Fringe</u> |
| Clerk New Hire | 10.86 | 37.5 | \$ 21,177 | | \$ 1,620.04 |
| | | | | | |
| | <u>EE</u> | <u>County Cost</u> | | | |
| Single | \$ 399 | \$ 10,815 | | | |
| Dental | \$ 15 | \$ 288 | | | |
| Vision | \$ 2 | \$ 48 | | | |
| HSA | | \$ 900 | \$ 12,051 | | |
| | | | | | |
| Family | \$ 2,963 | \$ 24,606 | | | |
| Dental | \$ 114 | \$ 840 | | | |
| Vision | \$ 16 | \$ 117 | | | |
| HSA | | \$ 1,800 | \$ 27,363 | | |

MDJ Office Rent

Cercone - \$1826.50 per month through the end of the lease which is the end of 2024

Luther - \$1480.85 per month; the lease has expired and has not be renegotiated yet

Todd- \$1700 per month will be this amount through 2023 then increases to \$1750.00 in 2024 through 2026 which is the end if the lease agreement

Engman - \$2000 per month lease ends October 2024

ADDENDUM TO RE-ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

The Plan for re-establishment has been posted for public comment. It was forwarded to local media outlets, placed on the McKean County website for public view and forwarded to the McKean County Commissioners. Public comment was submitted by two individuals. On February 11, 2022 Judge Hauser sent the following email to Court Administrator Patricia Brown and Judge John H. Pavlock:

I write to lodge my objection and that of my neighbors to the west regarding the assignment of Corydon Township to the Magisterial District of Judge Engman seated in Kane. I live on the border of Bradford Township and Corydon Township. A resident of Corydon Township must travel 37+/- miles to access the Kane MDJ office. Much of Corydon Township is in the National Forest. A majority of its citizens work, shop, etc. in Bradford, 10 +/- miles from the Office of Judge Cercone and 15+/- miles from the office of Judge Luther. When I was District Judge (Judge Cercone succeeded me) Corydon Township was part of my district. It is now part of Judge Luther's district. I heard complaints when this change was made. No citizen should be required to drive an hour or more to access the court system. There is more to redistricting than just the case numbers. Case type and accessibility should also be considered.

Judge Hauser

Hon. Christopher G. Hauser
Courthouse
500 West Main Street
Smethport, Pennsylvania 16749
814-887-3323

On February 25, 2022 Court Administrator Patricia Brown obtained a letter from Raymond T. Douglass, a Supervisor for Corydon Township. Supervisor Douglass' comments were similar to those expressed by Judge Hauser.

When drafting the current plan consideration was given to the additional travel time and distance for some Corydon Township residents. Specifically, the following was considered: Corydon Township is relatively large and, therefore, the travel distance change under the new plan varies greatly depending on where you reside in Corydon Township. If a citizen resides near the eastern border and closer to Bradford, for example 2060 West Washington St., Bradford, the distance from that location to the current District Offices is 12.5 miles; and, to the Kane office 35.3 miles. If a resident lives along the southern border, for example near 29 Forest Service Rd, Bradford, Pa., the distance to the current office is 18.3 miles and to the Kane office is 19.7 miles. Therefore, for some residents of Corydon Township there will be substantial additional travel with the change, and, for others, it will be minimal.

Consideration was also given to the fact that, since a substantial portion of Corydon Township is in the National Forest, many of the cases arising from there involve non-Corydon Township residents. For example, an individual may be visiting the National Forest from New York, Ohio, southern Pennsylvania, etc. and receive a traffic citation or be charge with a criminal offense by the State Police in Corydon

Township. In these cases, which appear to be a significant number of the total Corydon workload, there is not increased travel for the residents or employees of Corydon Township.

Finally, workload statistics, which are calculations based on the type of case and number of cases, are provided by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) and are mandated to be considered during the development of our Re-Alignment Plan. We are required to equalize the workload between the districts to the greatest extent possible. As the statistics in the Plan demonstrate, the Bradford District already has a much higher workload than the others. Adding Corydon Township would further expand this gap in equity. Therefore, although we regret that the new Plan will require increased travel for some, considering all factors the current plan is appropriate.

PRESS RELEASE

President Judge John H. Pavlock is informing residents of McKean County that the Magisterial District Reestablishment Plan for McKean County is available for public inspection and written comment.

As required by 42 Pa.C.S.A §1503, in each year following that in which the Federal decennial census is officially reported as required by Federal Law the court shall reestablish the number, boundaries and classes of magisterial districts within each judicial district. As required by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, each judicial district will advertise the proposed reestablishment plan for 30 days to provide an opportunity for public comments.

This plan and recommendation are being issued to notify the residents of McKean County of the proposed realignment and the elimination of one of our current four Districts. A detailed Plan and analysis, which sets forth the reasons for this change, is available for full review. A copy of this recommendation is available at each District Court in McKean County as well as the Court Administrator's Office in the Courthouse in Smethport. You can also review the plan and recommendation by visiting the McKean County Website at www.mckeancountypa.org under Court/Court of Common Pleas.

Anyone who wishes to submit public comment regarding the proposed realignment should submit such comment in writing addressed to the Court Administrator, 500 W. Main St., Smethport, PA 16749. Comments received shall be included with the final report submitted to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court regarding the proposed realignment. Comments will be accepted through February 27, 2022.

John H. Pavlock
President Judge McKean County

Patricia Brown
McKean County Court Administrator

Brown, Patricia

From: Marcie <marcie@bradfordera.com>
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2022 1:53 PM
To: Brown, Patricia
Subject: Re: Press Release - McKean County MDJ Reestablishment

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Received. Thank you

Marcie Schellhammer
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The Bradford Era
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On Jan 28, 2022, at 1:51 PM, Brown, Patricia <PABrown@mckeancountypa.org> wrote:

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Brown, Patricia

From: Kane Republican News <krnews1@zitomedia.net>
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2022 1:57 PM
To: Brown, Patricia
Subject: Re: Press Release - McKean County MDJ Reestablishment Plan

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Press release will be in Saturday's paper.

Thank you

On Jan 28, 2022, at 1:55 PM, Brown, Patricia wrote:

Kane Republican,

Please find attached a Press Release regarding McKean County's MDJ Reestablishment Plan. Please confirm receipt.

Thank you

Patricia Brown
Court Administrator
McKean County
500 W. Main Street
Smethport, PA 16749
(814) 887-5571 ext. 4306

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February 18, 2022

COURT ADMINISTRATOR

500 WEST MAIN STREET, SMETHPORT, PA 16749

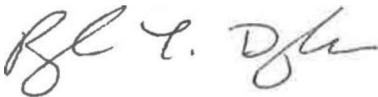
To Whom it may Concern:

I am writing in regards to the realignment of the Magisterial District Judge offices. As a resident of Corydon Township and also a township supervisor I am concerned with the effects that the proposed change to fall under the jurisdiction of the magisterial district judge's office in Kane will have on the residents and also township business. Geographically township residents and officials will now have to travel nearly 40 miles to Kane for court appearances and business.

Traveling the shortest route to Kane essentially causes you to drive past the magisterial district judges office in Bradford. I see this as a significant deterrent or hardship for parties to cooperate and participate in court proceedings which can hinder criminal and civil issues our residents may be involved with.

The population of the Corydon Township being less than 300 residents I would argue that significance of relocating the township to the Magisterial District Judge in Kane would be minimal as opposed to our residents continuing to do business locally in the Bradford office and ask that you consider this as an option before finalizing the redistributing plan. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. T. Douglass". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "D".

RAYMOND T. DOUGLASS

10 Yohe Road, Bradford, Pa 16701