

**Judicial District Summary Worksheet – Reestablishment 2021-2022**

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|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Judicial District Number:</b> 21 | ▼ | <b>County:</b> Schuylkill | ▼ | <b>Class of County:</b> 4 | ▼ |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|

1. List the existing magisterial districts in your judicial district (##-#-##):  
 21-2-01, 21-3-01, 21-3-03, 21-3-04, 21-3-05, 21-3-06, 21-3-07

**Caseload Analysis**

|   |                                  |  |
|---|----------------------------------|--|
| 2. Average total caseloads:   | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i>                                 |
|   | A. 4,270                         | B. 4,150   |
| 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> <span style="float: right;"><i>Total</i></span> |
|   | 120                              | 4th ▼ out of 9 ▼   |
| 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? | No ▼                             |  |

**Proposed Actions**

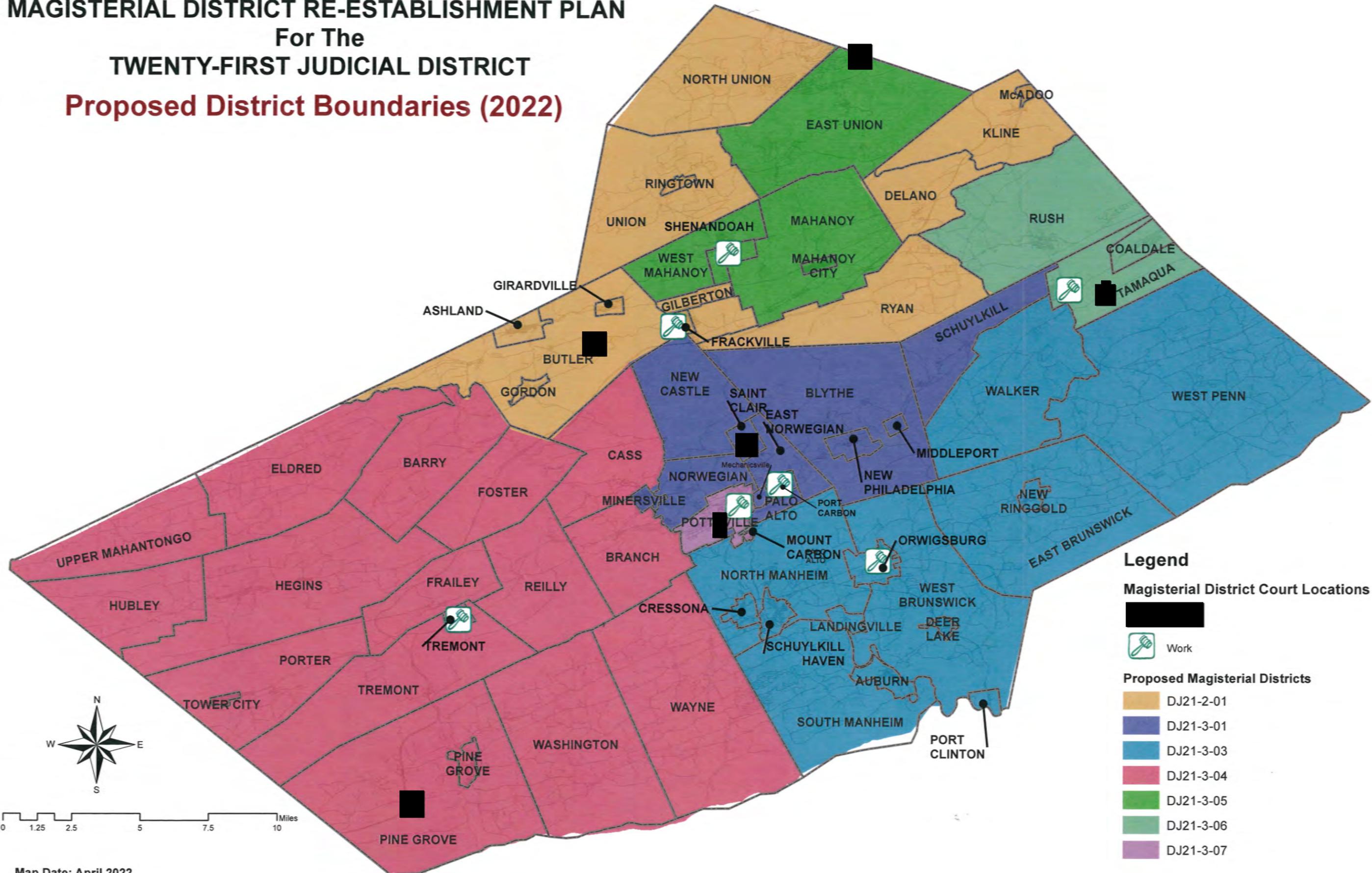
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| 5. Are any magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment?<br>If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment (no changes).<br>21-3-01, 21-3-07                | Yes ▼ |
| 6. Are any magisterial district proposed for realignment?<br>If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for realignment (changes).<br>21-2-01, 21-3-03, 21-3-04, 21-3-05, 21-3-06 | Yes ▼ |
| 7. Are any magisterial districts proposed for elimination?<br>If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for elimination.   | No ▼  |

| <b>Additional Workload Factors</b>  |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 8. Do you have a night court operating within the judicial district?  | No <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 9. Do you have a central court within your judicial district?   | No <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 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?<br>If YES, briefly explain the types of programs. | No <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| <b>Final Checklist</b>  |                               |
| 11. Was a request for public comment posted?  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| 12. Method of posting - electronic, physical copy, or both?   | Both <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Were media outlets notified?  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| 14. Were public comments received?  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| 15. Did you include a copy of the posting and public comments in your submission?   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| 16. Did you complete summary worksheets for all magisterial districts?  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| 17. Did you include your petition and all supporting documentation, if applicable?  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| 18. Did you confer with the MDJs in your county?  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| <b>19. Additional Remarks</b>   |                               |
|   |                               |
| <b>Verification of Submission</b>   |                               |
| 20. Date submitted to AOPC: 12/30/2021  |                               |
| 21. President Judge Name: William E. Baldwin  |                               |
| Signature <u>William E. Baldwin</u>   |                               |

# MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT RE-ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

## For The TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

### Proposed District Boundaries (2022)



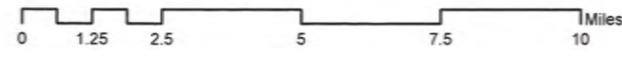
**Legend**

**Magisterial District Court Locations**

- Black square
- Wrench icon

**Proposed Magisterial Districts**

- DJ21-2-01
- DJ21-3-01
- DJ21-3-03
- DJ21-3-04
- DJ21-3-05
- DJ21-3-06
- DJ21-3-07



Map Date: April 2022

As currently existing 21-3-06 has a workload that is more than 20% above the district average. There are only 5 municipalities in that magisterial district – Tamaqua, which surrounds Coaldale at the southeast part of the district, Rush Township in the middle, and Kline Township which surrounds McAdoo Borough at the northwest end. Tamaqua is where the district office and the MDJ's residence is located. Therefore, only Kline and McAdoo could be moved.

District 21-2-01 has the lowest workload of any of the districts, 32% below average. It has a shape that resembles a lobster with district 21-3-05 between its claws. Unfortunately, nothing from 21-3-05 can be moved into 21-2-01 because the MDJ's residence is also between the claws. By moving Kline Township and McAdoo Borough out of 21-3-06 and into 21-2-01, we can address the heavy workload in 21-3-06 and the exceedingly light workload in 21-2-01. However, Delano Township must also be moved from 21-3-05 into 21-2-01 in order to keep 21-2-01 contiguous.

The movement of 3 municipalities into 21-2-01 has the effect of bringing the workload almost exactly in line with the county average.

District 21-3-05 currently has a workload that is 17% above the county average. Removing Delano Township from that district as described above would reduce the workload for 21-3-05 to 13% above the county average.

District 21-3-04 currently has a workload that is 25% below the county average. However, in land mass it occupies approximately 1/3 of the county. The workload is low because the district is primary rural and has large areas of farm country. Most of the municipalities have either no local police departments or only part time police departments. Therefore its load of criminal cases is very low. Transferring Wayne Township from 21-3-03 into 21-3-04 will increase the workload from 25% below the county average to almost 20% below the county average. While this workload is still low, there is nothing else that can be transferred in to that district without unduly burdening the litigants who would have to go to court there.

The only negative comments to the public notice came from officials from McAdoo Borough and Kline Township. Their objections were the same. Having to travel to the district court office in 21-2-01, located in Frackville, rather than to its current district court in Tamaqua will involve an additional 9 miles each way. They objected to the additional wear and tear on their police vehicles and the cost of gas. There also was an objection to their officers being out of their municipalities for a greater period of time in order to go to hearings in Frackville rather than Tamaqua. Interstate 81 runs between McAdoo and Kline Township and Frackville. Although the distance is 9 miles further than to Tamaqua, the travel time is only a couple minutes longer. Additionally, neither Kline nor McAdoo have fulltime police departments, and the State Police make many of the arrests within those municipalities.

I considered the objections of these 2 municipalities, but I deemed the inconvenience to be minor, especially when considering the need to reduce the workload in district 21-3-06 and to increase the workload in 21-2-01.

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|   |                                     |                                  |   |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Magisterial District Court Number:</b>   | 21-2-01                             | <b>County:</b>                   | Schuylkill <input style="float: right;" type="text"/>   |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: <b>Realign</b> <input style="float: right;" type="text"/>   |                                     | 2. Effective date: 4/4/2022      |   |
| <b>Caseload Analysis</b>  |                                     |                                  |   |
| 3. Average total caseloads:   | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i>                          |
|   | A. 4,218                            | B. 4,270                         | C. 4,150  |
| 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>                                    |
|   |                                     | -52                              | 4th <input style="float: right;" type="text"/> out of 7 |
| 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>                                    |
|   |                                     | 68                               | 2%  |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.   |                                     |                                  |   |
| <b>Workload Analysis</b>  |                                     |                                  |   |
| 7. Average total workloads:   | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> |   |
|   | A. 23,026                           | B. 33,877                        |   |
| 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>                                    |
|   |                                     | -10,851                          | -32%  |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> 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:

Edward J. Tarantelli

*Magisterial District Judge Name*

██████████

*Birthdate*

1/2/28

*Term Expiration Date*

12/31/50

*Mandatory Retirement Date*

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

619 Oak Street Frackville

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.

Ashland Boro, Frackville Boro, Girardville Boro, Kline Twp, McAdoo Boro, North Union Twp, Ringtown Boro, Union Twp

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

I81, PA54, PA61, PA309, PA339, PA924

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

Ashland Boro, Butler Twp, Frackville Boro, Gilberton Boro, Girardville Boro, Gordon Boro,  
North Union Twp, Ringtown Boro, Ryan Twp, Union Twp, West Mahanoy Twp  
(Altamont precinct)

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

No



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

Ashland Boro, Butler Twp, Delano Twp, Frackville Boro, Gilberton Boro, Girardville Boro, Gordon Boro, Kline Twp, McAdoo Boro, North Union Twp, Ringtown Boro, Ryan Twp, Union Twp, West Mahanoy Twp (Altamont precinct)

**20. Additional Comments:**

Adding three municipalities keeps the magisterial district contiguous and changes the workload from 32% below the district average to 0.4% below the average and reduces the workload in two other magisterial districts that are more than 15% above average.

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|   |                                     |                                  |   |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Magisterial District Court Number:</b>   | 21-3-01                             | <b>County:</b>                   | Schuylkill <span style="float: right;">▼</span> |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish   |                                     | 2. Effective date: 4/4/2022      |   |
| <b>Caseload Analysis</b>  |                                     |                                  |   |
| 3. Average total caseloads:   | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i>                  |
|   | A. 3,017                            | B. 4,270                         | C. 4,150  |
| 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>                     |
|   |                                     | -1253                            | 7th      out of 7                               |
| 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>                            |
|   |                                     | -1133                            | -27 %   |
| <p>6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">There is no contiguous municipality that could be moved into this magisterial district without reducing the caseload in the neighboring magisterial district to an unacceptable level, and the workload for this magisterial district is much closer to the average than the filings.</p>                              |                                     |                                  |   |
| <b>Workload Analysis</b>  |                                     |                                  |   |
| 7. Average total workloads:   | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> |   |
|   | A. 28,345                           | B. 33,877                        |   |
| 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>                            |
|   |                                     | -5,532                           | 16 %  |
| <p>9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> 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;">There is no contiguous magisterial district from which a municipality could be moved into this magisterial district without creating an unacceptable drop in that magisterial district's workload.</p> |                                     |                                  |   |

**Magisterial District Information**

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

David A. Plachko

*Magisterial District Judge Name*

██████████  
*Birthdate*

1/2/28

*Term Expiration Date*

12/31/39

*Mandatory Retirement Date*

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

Borough Building Second Street Port Carbon

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.

Blythe Twp, Minersville Boro, Port Carbon/Palo Alto/Mechanicsville Boro, Schuylkill Twp

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

PA61, PA209

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

Blythe Twp, East Norwegian Twp, Mechanicsville Boro, Middleport Boro, Minersville Boro, New Castle Twp, New Philadelphia Boro, Norwegian Twp, Palo Alto Boro, Port Carbon Boro, Saint Clair Boro, Schuylkill Twp

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

Yes

**20. Additional Comments:**

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|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Magisterial District Court Number:</b>   | 21-3-03                             | <b>County:</b>                     | Schuylkill                     |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: <b>Realign</b>  |                                     | 2. Effective date: <b>4/4/2022</b> |                                |
| <b>Caseload Analysis</b>  |                                     |                                    |                                |
| 3. Average total caseloads:   | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i>   | <i>Avg for Class of County</i> |
|   | A. 5,622                            | B. 4,270                           | C. 4,150                       |
| 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>           |
|   |                                     | 1352                               | 2nd out of 7                   |
| 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>           |
|   |                                     | 1472                               | 35 %                           |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.   |                                     |                                    |                                |
| <b>Workload Analysis</b>  |                                     |                                    |                                |
| 7. Average total workloads:   | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i>   |                                |
|   | A. 41,015                           | B. 33,877                          |                                |
| 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>           |
|   |                                     | 7,138                              | 21 %                           |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> 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. |                                     |                                    |                                |



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|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Magisterial District Court Number:</b>   | 21-3-04                             | <b>County:</b>                   | Schuylkill <span style="float: right;">▼</span> |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign <span style="float: right;">▼</span>  |                                     | 2. Effective date: 4/4/2022      |   |
| <b>Caseload Analysis</b>  |                                     |                                  |   |
| 3. Average total caseloads:   | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i>                  |
|   | A. 3,532                            | B. 4,270                         | C. 4,150  |
| 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>                            |
|   |                                     | -738                             | 5th out of 7                                    |
| 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>                            |
|   |                                     | -618                             | -15 %   |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.   |                                     |                                  |   |
| <b>Workload Analysis</b>  |                                     |                                  |   |
| 7. Average total workloads:   | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> |   |
|   | A. 25,473                           | B. 33,877                        |   |
| 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>                            |
|   |                                     | -8,404                           | -25 %   |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> 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 J. Rossi

*Magisterial District Judge Name*

██████████  
*Birthdate*

1/4/26

*Term Expiration Date*

12/31/36

*Mandatory Retirement Date*

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

19 N. Pine Street Tremont

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.

Branch/Reilly Twps, Cass Twp, Foster Twp, Hegins Twp, Pine Grove Boro, Tower City Boro

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

I81, US209, PA25, PA125, PA183, PA442, PA501, PA645, PA901

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

Barry Twp, Branch Twp, Cass Twp, Eldred Twp, Foster Twp, Frailey Twp, Hegins Twp, Hubley Twp, Pine Grove Boro, Pine Grove Twp, Porter Twp, Reilly Twp, Tower City Boro, Tremont Boro, Tremont Twp, Upper Mahantongo Twp, Washington Twp

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

No



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

Barry Twp, Branch Twp, Cass Twp, Eldred Twp, Foster Twp, Frailey Twp, Hegins Twp, Hubley Twp, Pine Grove Boro, Pine Grove Twp, Porter Twp, Reilly Twp, Tower City Boro, Tremont Boro, Tremont Twp, Upper Mahantongo Twp, Washington Twp, Wayne Twp

**20. Additional Comments:**

This magisterial district includes a large area of the county but has a workload that is 25% less than the average because it is rural and has few full time police forces. With the change, the caseload will still be 21% below average, but it is already very large.

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|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Magisterial District Court Number:</b>   | 21-3-05                             | <b>County:</b>                   | Schuylkill <input type="button" value="v"/>   |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: <b>Realign</b> <input type="button" value="v"/>   |                                     | 2. Effective date: 4/4/2022      |   |
| <b>Caseload Analysis</b>  |                                     |                                  |   |
| 3. Average total caseloads:   | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i>                |
|   | A. 4,296                            | B. 4,270                         | C. 4,150                                      |
| 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>                          |
|   |                                     | 26                               | 3rd <input type="button" value="v"/> out of 7 |
| 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>                          |
|   |                                     | 146                              | 0.4%  |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.   |                                     |                                  |   |
| <b>Workload Analysis</b>  |                                     |                                  |   |
| 7. Average total workloads:   | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> |   |
|   | A. 39,484                           | B. 33,877                        |   |
| 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>                          |
|   |                                     | 5,607                            | 17%   |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> 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:

Anthony J. Kilker

*Magisterial District Judge Name*

██████████

*Birthdate*

1/2/28

*Term Expiration Date*

12/31/42

*Mandatory Retirement Date*

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

33 S. Main Street Shenandoah

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.

East Union Twp, Mahanoy City Boro, Mahanoy Twp, Shenandoah Boro, West Mahanoy Twp

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

I81, PA54, PA61, PA339, PA924

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

Delano Twp, East Union Twp, Mahanoy City Boro, Mahanoy Twp, Shenandoah Boro, West Mahanoy Twp

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

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

East Union Twp, Mahanoy City Boro, Mahanoy Twp, Shenandoah Boro, West Mahanoy twp

No



**20. Additional Comments:**

Moving Delano Twp from this magisterial district reduces its workload to 13% above average.

## 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.

|   |                                     |                                  |   |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Magisterial District Court Number:</b>   | 21-3-06                             | <b>County:</b>                   | Schuylkill <span style="float: right;">▼</span> |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign <span style="float: right;">▼</span>  |                                     | 2. Effective date: 4/4/2022      |   |
| <b>Caseload Analysis</b>  |                                     |                                  |   |
| 3. Average total caseloads:   | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i>                  |
|   | A. 5,724                            | B. 4,270                         | C. 4,150  |
| 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>                            |
|   |                                     | 1454                             | 1st out of 7                                    |
| 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>                            |
|   |                                     | 1574                             | 38 %  |
| 6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.   |                                     |                                  |   |
| <b>Workload Analysis</b>  |                                     |                                  |   |
| 7. Average total workloads:   | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> |   |
|   | A. 41,035                           | B. 33,877                        |   |
| 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>                            |
|   |                                     | 7,158                            | 21 %  |
| 9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> 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:

Stephen J Bayer

*Magisterial District Judge Name*

██████████

*Birthdate*

12/31/23

*Term Expiration Date*

12/31/42

*Mandatory Retirement Date*

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

Rear, 320 E. Broad Street Tamaqua

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.

Coaldale Boro, Rush Twp, Tamaqua Boro

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

US209, PA54, Tamaqua Boro

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

Coaldale Boro, Kline Twp, McAdoo Boro, Rush Twp, Tamaqua Boro

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

No



Coaldale Boro, Rush Twp, Tamaqua Borough

**20. Additional Comments:**

The workload in this magisterial district is 21% above average. Kline Twp surrounds McAdoo Boro. They must be together, and moving them into 21-2-01 will address a workload that is too low in that magisterial district while reducing the variance from average in this magisterial district to 7% below average.

## Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022

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|   |                                     |                                  |   |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Magisterial District Court Number:</b>   | 21-3-07                             | <b>County:</b>                   | Schuylkill <span style="float: right;">▼</span> |
| 1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish   |                                     | 2. Effective date: 4/4/2022      |   |
| <b>Caseload Analysis</b>  |                                     |                                  |   |
| 3. Average total caseloads:   | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> | <i>Avg for Class of County</i>                  |
|   | A. 3,071                            | B. 4,270                         | C. 4,150  |
| 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>                            |
|   |                                     | -1199                            | 6th out of 7                                    |
| 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>                            |
|   |                                     | -1079                            | -26 %   |
| <p>6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">This magisterial district includes all of Pottsville City. Although the filings look low, the workload, because of the nature of the cases, is 14% above the district average.</p> |                                     |                                  |   |
| <b>Workload Analysis</b>  |                                     |                                  |   |
| 7. Average total workloads:   | <i>Avg for Magisterial District</i> | <i>Avg for Judicial District</i> |   |
|   | A. 38,758                           | B. 33,877                        |   |
| 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>                            |
|   |                                     | 4,881                            | 14 %  |
| <p>9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload <b>and</b> you are proposing to <b>reestablish</b> 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>  |                                     |                                  |   |

**Magisterial District Information**

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

James K. Reilly

*Magisterial District Judge Name*

██████████  
*Birthdate*

12/31/23

*Term Expiration Date*

12/31/37

*Mandatory Retirement Date*

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

Suite 1, 410 N. Centre Street Pottsville

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.

Pottsville City

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

PA61, PA209

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

Mount Carbon Boro, Pottsville City

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

Yes

**20. Additional Comments:**



Thursday, December 30, 2021  
9:35:44 AM

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1. visit [nepa-alliance.org/chirp](http://nepa-alliance.org/chirp) for program guidance and application.
2. Call Steve Ursich of the NEPA Alliance at 570-891-4649 or email to [sursich@nepa-alliance.org](mailto:sursich@nepa-alliance.org) for further assistance.

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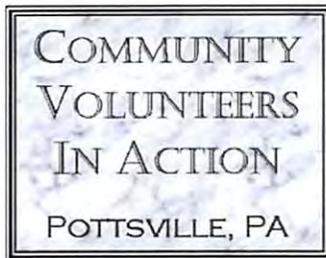
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Revised: December 6, 2021

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

After each census, the Court must determine whether the number and boundaries of the magisterial district courts within our county continue to be appropriate for the efficient functioning of those courts. Many factors are considered including population changes, the number and nature of the cases being filed in each court, and in the county as a whole, and how these numbers compare with those from other Fourth Class Counties and between magisterial courts within Schuylkill County.

Based on the evaluation of these factors, it has been determined that Schuylkill County has the correct number of magisterial district courts. However, the workloads within those magisterial district courts is not appropriately balance. In order to address that imbalance, the Court is proposing altering the boundaries of five of the seven magisterial district courts.

The changes are as follows:

- (1) Cases arising in McAdoo Borough and Kline Township will be heard at the District Court Office in Frackville instead of Tamaqua.
- (2) Cases arising in Delano Township will be heard at the District Court Office in Frackville instead of Shenandoah.
- (3) Cases arising in Wayne Township will be heard at the District Court Office in Tremont instead of Orwigsburg.

Public comment to the proposed changes may be submitted not later than December 8, 2021 at the address below:

Schuylkill County Court Administrator  
401 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Pottsville, PA 17901

William E. Baldwin,  
President Judge



**Borough of McAdoo**  
23 North Hancock Street  
McAdoo, Pa. 18237  
Phone (570) 929-1182 Fax (570) 929-2479

December 7, 2021

Gary Bender  
County Administrator  
Schuylkill County Courthouse  
401 North 2nd Street  
Pottsville, Pennsylvania 17901-1756  
Telephone: (570) 628-1222  
Facsimile: (570) 628-1210  
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gbender@co.schuylkill.pa.us

RE: McAdoo Police and District Magistrate

Dear Gary Bender,

Council members of the Borough of McAdoo are opposed to and ask Schuylkill County to reconsider the move of our District Magistrate services from the Tamaqua District to the Frackville District.

The Borough understands this is an important decision the county is making and the reasons are deemed to be necessary. However, we ask you to also take into consideration any burdens our municipality may experience.

The mileage from McAdoo to the Tamaqua court is 8 miles compared to the Frackville court of 17.2 miles. The additional mileage not only adds expense to the extra time needed for our officers, gas and maintenance for our police vehicles but also for the residents of the Borough.

It is convenient driving to Tamaqua straight on State Route 309. Yes, it would also be convenient taking interstate 81 to Frackville too. Consideration needs to be taken in the amount of traffic and the weather conditions. Interstate 81 experiences many some time fatal accidents due to fog, snow, ice and transients that do not know the area compared to the more local way of State Route 309. These incidents can at times mandate hours that a motorist sits on 81.

Most importantly when the officers need more time to appear at court etc. it takes from the safety of our residents in response time.

Thank you for any or all considerations that may be taken for McAdoo in this matter.

Sincerely,

Borough of McAdoo Council  
William J. Slovik, Council President  
Mary Labert, Council Vice President



## KLINE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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KELAYRES, PA 18231

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Fax  
(570) 929-1362

Emergency  
911

Schuylkill County Court Administrator

401 North Second Street

11/12/21

Pottsville, Penna. 17901

**REF: Redistricting of District Justice Offices**

Dear Mr. John Richmond,

This letter is concerning the 11/11/21 newspaper article regarding redistricting magisterial district justice offices, particularly the moving of Kline Township from the DJ's Office in Tamaqua to Frackville.

Kline Township PD has only one full-time officer and a handful of part-time officers making coverage and manpower a constant issue. Frackville is twice the distance as Tamaqua and for us to have to drive to Frackville to file or pick up paperwork or attend hearings would be an added burden to the department. Most obviously, the fact that the on-duty officer would be out of the municipality all the more, limiting time to work on cases and provide services for our residents. Rising fuel prices and added wear and tear on our vehicle are also issues of concern, especially when dealing with an already limited budget.

I humbly request that this proposal be reconsidered and stopped.

Thank You For Your Consideration,

  
Chief John Petrilla

Kline Township Police

December 3, 2021

Schuylkill County  
Court Administrator  
401 N. Second Street  
Pottsville, PA 17901

Attention: Your Honors

This letter is in regards to the proposed changes of venues for Kline Township and McAdoo, Lower Court cases that were referenced in the Standard-Speaker Newspaper, on the dates of (11/11/2021) and (11/14/2021).

The Kline Township Supervisors and the Mayor and Council of McAdoo, work hard along with their police departments, to protect their communities, enforce peace and quality of life, and respect their residents rights in their specific areas!

Both police departments are limited to one full time officer (the chief) and the other officers are part-time, which at times presents the necessity to use the State Police for coverage.

Kline Township and McAdoo, are populated by a significant number of Senior citizens! They are the backbone of their communities, and do all they can to aid their police in making them aware of criminal, destructive, or neglectful behavior, which is harmful

to their well-being and safety.

Kline Township and McAdoo, since (2016-2020) have dealt with significant criminal cases, which were filed in close proximity to where they occurred.

- ① Jane P. Scheiner (2016-2017) murder charges
- ② Eric Mumaw (2016-2020) murder charges
- ③ Shawn Christie (2012 + 2017-2020) threat against public + Presidential officials, burglaries, vehicle theft, and multiple states flight.

Chief Petrilla and his officers have great interaction with the township residents which I believe is also true in McAdoo! Each police department works hard to aid the other.

Changing their District Court filing location from McAdoo and Kline Township police going to Frackville instead of Tamaqua is wrong. It will burden the police, as well as residents, especially deniors, and keep them from getting involved in problems. The traveling distance also would hardship as well, especially in winter, interstate jams, or breakdowns, and Senior reluctance to travel.

Please reconsider for the betterment of all!  
Thank you for your time and attention.

Sandra M. O'neill