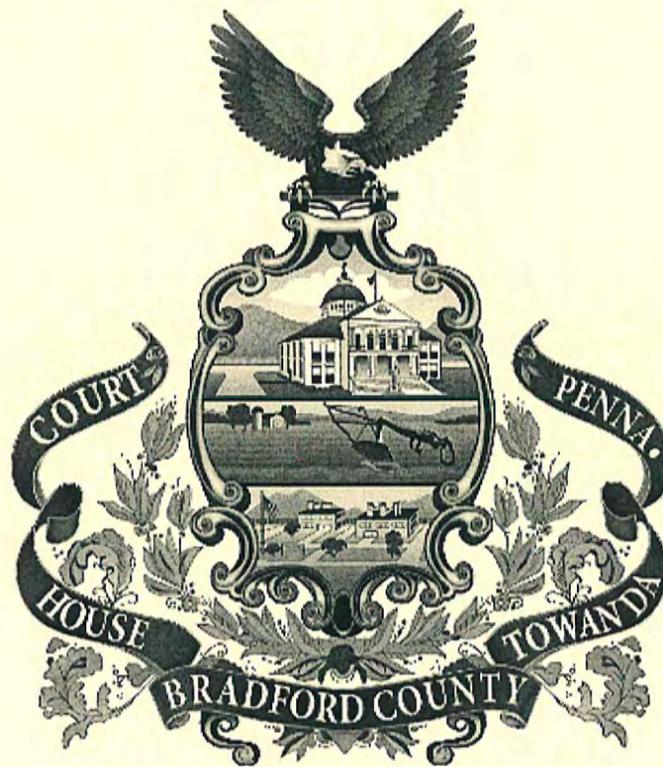


MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT
REESTABLISHMENT PLAN

2022



Forty-Second Judicial District

Bradford County

Pennsylvania

BRADFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

42ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

2021-2022 MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT REESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Following analysis of the data which includes case filings and weighted workloads from the years 2014-2019 and considering anticipated future needs, the Honorable Maureen T. Beirne, President Judge of the 42nd Judicial District, will submit the following proposed Magisterial District Reestablishment Plan to the Supreme Court for approval. This plan will be submitted on or before February 28, 2022. Public Comment may be made in writing to Mary Corbin, District Court Administrator, Bradford County Courthouse, 301 Main Street, Towanda, Pennsylvania; or by email at courtadmin@bradfordco.org. Comments must include sender's full name and mailing address. The deadline for comments is February 24, 2022. The plan is based upon the following considerations:

1. Four magisterial districts exist within Bradford County, Pennsylvania, the 42nd Judicial.
2. Bradford County consists of 1,150 square miles. According to the 2020 federal census, the population of Bradford County has decreased by approximately 2,500 over the past 10 years to 59,967.00. Bradford County experienced being the epicenter of the Marcellus Shale Gas Industry drilling activity for several years (2010-2016-2018). I believe there remain a small number of migrant workers in this natural gas industry which are not accounted for in the census. The ebb and flow of natural gas drilling is difficult to predict and could possibly increase again tremendously in the next 10 years. There remains a need for interpreters for Magisterial District Courts and the Court of Common Pleas. When needed, staff must spend additional time obtaining interpreters, updating them on any changes and arranging for presence at hearing.
3. The data used for purposes of this analysis encompasses six years: 2014 through 2019. This data then provided an average caseload and workload for each Magisterial District Court. A portion of said data is attached for public viewing. There is no noticeable trend of increasing or decreasing of caseloads or workloads in the magisterial district offices during these years. Caseload data is the number of cases filed. Workload data provides information as to the amount of time each type of case requires. The average workload data in the analysis takes into consideration the number of cases and the amount of time each type of case requires. Workload data provides a better measure of work being conducted and relied upon more in this plan than caseload/case filings.
4. The caseload data, as set forth on the Magisterial District Summary Worksheets – Reestablishment 2021-2022, attached hereto, indicates a variance in the case filings of the four Magisterial District Courts ranging from 536 filings above to 419 filings below the average case filings for Bradford County. The workload data indicates a variance in the workload of the

four Magisterial District Courts, ranging from 23 % above to 35% below the average district workload for Bradford County.

5. Bradford County's geography and population dispersion do not lend themselves to an easy realignment of municipalities for the creation of more equitable workloads. The heaviest workloads are with Magisterial District Courts 42-3-02 and 42-3-03. Magisterial District Court 42-3-02 cannot be realigned in that it consists of Athens Township which is a split municipality (I and II) and surrounds the remaining districts. It also has 3 police departments within the District. The Magisterial District Court Judge for 42-3-02 also presides over the County's Treatment Court Program at this time and is happy to do so even with his workload.

42-3-03 can be realigned placing Ulster Township with the magisterial district 42-03-01 and Sheshequin Township with magisterial district 42-3-04. This obviously increases the workload for the 2 receiving districts, and reduces the workload for the 42-3-03 as set forth on the summary worksheets. This creates more equity between these three districts. 42-3-03 also handles an every other week Driving Under the Influence Appearance Day which increases its workload, but is not reflected in the data.

Maps of the Magisterial Districts, current and proposed, are attached.

6. The District Attorney is proposing a program for individuals charged for the first time with possession of a controlled substance or drug paraphernalia. This would be a pre-preliminary hearing program and thus agreement and arrangement for admission to the program will take place at the Magisterial District Court. The Magisterial District Judge workload will increase slightly when it is implemented. All Magisterial District Judges work with the schools and local Children and Youth Services in dealing with truancy cases. Each judge spends more time on each case than a typical truancy case.

7. I am unaware of new or potential developments for Bradford County that would affect the magisterial district's filings. The natural gas industry drilling has seemed to ebb in the last several years. However, this could explode at any time again in the future as Bradford County is the epicenter of the Marcellus Shale.

8. Closing one of the Magisterial District Courts was considered and the most obvious choice would have been 42-3-04 in that the Magisterial Court Judge's term is about to expire and his mandatory retirement age is within 2 years. However, attempting to then realign the municipalities so as not to disturb the location of offices and maintaining the magisterial district judges' residences within their districts, was unrealistic. Any such realignment would create more difficult access to the courts than currently exists given the geography of Bradford County. Access to courts is a prime consideration. In order to have contiguous districts, residents of south eastern municipalities would be required to travel to the western district magistrate office, if such a closure were made. This would be unacceptable.

9. Finally, future consideration will be given to (1) reassigning cases if any one Magisterial District Court Judge believes they are in need of assistance; (2) central court for certain types of cases; (3) moving DUI appearance day to a different magisterial district court; and/or (4) exploring Central Court for Bradford County.

PROPOSED REALIGNMENT

The Magisterial District Reestablishment Worksheets set forth the details of each Magisterial District Court as well as my request as President Judge of Bradford County to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania for realignment of the boundaries of Magisterial District Courts 42-3-01, 42-3-03 and 42-3-04. It is requested that Ulster Township be removed from the Magisterial District Court 42-3-03 and added to Magisterial District Court 42-3-01; and that Sheshequin Township be removed from the Magisterial District Court 42-3-03 and added to Magisterial District Court 42-3-04.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen T. Beirne
President Judge
42nd Judicial District

**AVERAGE CASE FILINGS PER YEAR BY TYPE FOR
EACH MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT
(2014-2019)**

District	Civil	Landlord/ Tenant	Criminal	Non- Traffic	Private Criminal	Private Summary	Traffic	Misc. Docket	TOTAL
42-3-01	241	38	201	250	1	107	843	33	1714
42-3-02	227	80	405	291	6	110	1019	42	2180
42-3-03	194	56	325	396	11	51	1585	51	2669
42-3-04	218	57	182	247	4	63	1163	36	1970
TOTAL									8533

AVERAGE FILINGS = 2133

**CURRENT AND PROPOSED
AVERAGE CASELOAD PER YEAR FOR
EACH MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT
(2014-2019)
AND
COMPARISON TO COUNTY AVERAGE**

District	Caseload	Variance from average	Add/Subtract municipal average case load	Proposed average caseload	Proposed variance from average
MDJ 42-3-01	1714	-20%	+ Ulster 137	1851	-13%
MDJ 42-3-02	2180	+2%	0	2180	+2%
MDJ 42-3-03	2669	+25%	- Ulster -137 -Sheshequin -186	2346	+10%
MDJ 42-3-04	1970	-8%	+Sheshequin +186	2156	+1%
TOTAL	8533				
AVERAGE CASELOAD	2133				

**CURRENT AND PROPOSED
AVERAGE WORKLOAD PER YEAR
EACH MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT
(2014-2019)
AND
COMPARISON TO COUNTY AVERAGE**

District	Workload	Variance from average	Add/Subtract average workload for municipality	Proposed new average workload	Proposed variance from average
MDJ 42-3-01	17,482	-19%	+ Ulster 1236	18,718	-13%
MDJ 42-3-02	26,647	+23%	0	26,647	+23%
MDJ 42-3-03	25,116	+16%	- Ulster and Sheshequin 1236 1200	22,680	+5%
MDJ 42-3-04	17,154	-35%	+ Sheshequin 1200	18,354	-15%
TOTAL	83,399				
AVERAGE WORKLOAD	21,600				

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Reestablishment Data 2021-22

	2014 CR Filings	2015 CR Filings	2016 CR Filings	2017 CR Filings	2018 CR Filings	2019 CR Filings	Total CR Filings	Average CR Filings
Bradford	1174	1185	1101	1101	1079	1050	6791	1132
42-3-01	209	216	188	231	203	159	1206	201
42-3-02	424	447	375	379	373	432	2430	405
42-3-03	374	320	308	301	341	303	1947	325
42-3-04	164	152	229	189	158	199	1091	182

	2014 TR Filings	2015 TR Filings	2016 TR Filings	2017 TR Filings	2018 TR Filings	2019 TR Filings	Total TR Filings	Average TR Filings
Bradford	5414	4148	3482	4453	5423	4757	27657	4610
42-3-01	727	795	579	853	1094	1012	5060	843
42-3-02	1645	1071	865	962	855	717	6115	1019
42-3-03	1619	1253	1312	1554	2081	1688	9507	1585
42-3-04	1423	1029	726	1064	1393	1340	6975	1163

	2014 NT Filings	2015 NT Filings	2016 NT Filings	2017 NT Filings	2018 NT Filings	2019 NT Filings	Total NT Filings	Average NT Filings
Bradford	1153	1296	1251	1763	1560	948	7101	1114
42-3-01	211	262	287	270	301	169	1500	250
42-3-02	362	333	349	286	214	202	1746	291
42-3-03	362	426	384	388	406	408	2374	396
42-3-04	218	275	231	319	269	169	1481	247

	2014 PS Filings	2015 PS Filings	2016 PS Filings	2017 PS Filings	2018 PS Filings	2019 PS Filings	Total PS Filings	Average PS Filings
Bradford	328	366	376	356	241	514	1981	330
42-3-01	67	85	158	157	72	103	642	107
42-3-02	101	112	93	116	101	136	659	110
42-3-03	72	99	55	24	29	26	305	51
42-3-04	88	70	70	59	39	49	375	63

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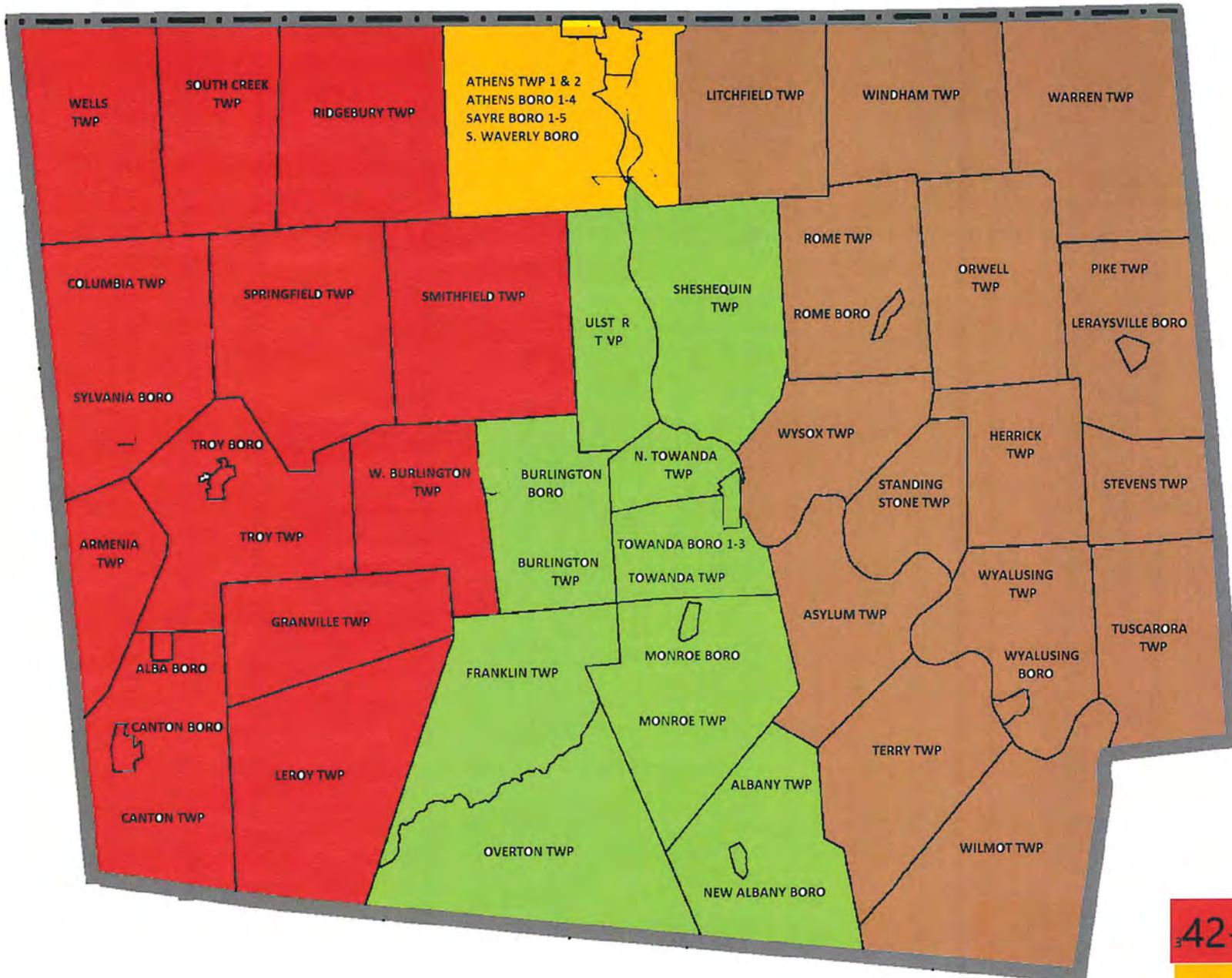
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
OF PENNSYLVANIA COURTS

Reestablishment Data 2021-22

	2014 PC Filings	2015 PC Filings	2016 PC Filings	2017 PC Filings	2018 PC Filings	2019 PC Filings	Total PC Filings	Average PC Filings
Bradford	44	22	38	17	7	8	136	28
42-3-01		2		1	3	1	7	1
42-3-02	7	8	13	5	1	3	37	6
42-3-03	30	17	7	9	3	1	67	11
42-3-04	7	2	13	2		1	25	4

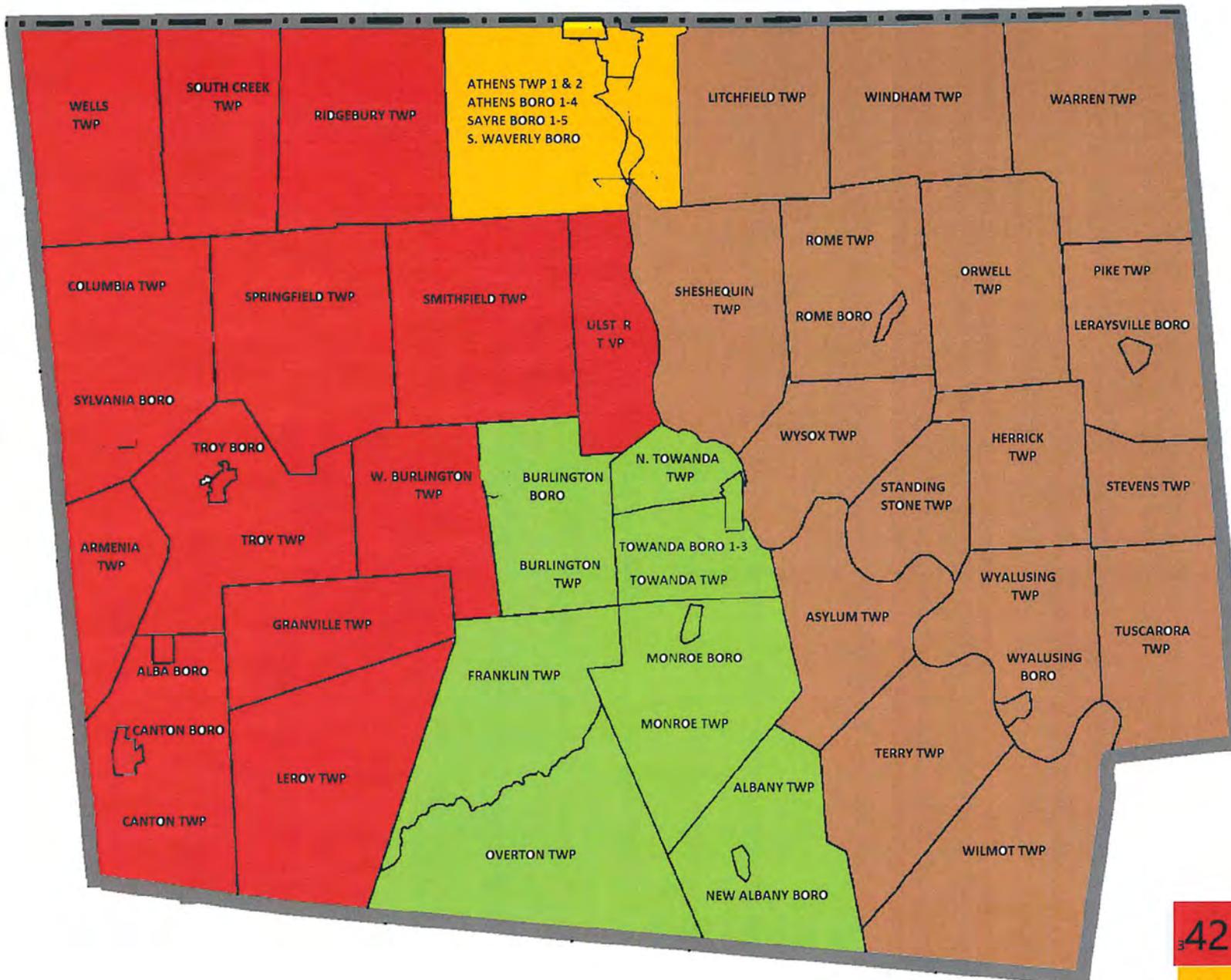
2014 LT Filings	2015 LT Filings	2016 LT Filings	2017 LT Filings	2018 LT Filings	2019 LT Filings	Total LT Filings	Average LT Filings
203	206	205	251	236	290	1391	232
32	28	36	55	33	46	230	38
57	68	77	90	83	106	481	80
58	48	38	48	70	76	338	56
56	62	54	58	50	62	342	57

	2014 CV Filings	2015 CV Filings	2016 CV Filings	2017 CV Filings	2018 CV Filings	2019 CV Filings	Total CV Filings	Average CV Filings
Bradford	820	799	698	878	1152	929	5276	879
42-3-01	203	214	202	220	328	276	1443	241
42-3-02	186	203	159	201	320	294	1363	227
42-3-03	255	196	166	203	209	132	1161	194
42-3-04	176	186	171	254	295	227	1309	218



Bradford County Magisterial Districts as of 2012-2022

- 42-3-01
- 42-3-02
- 42-3-03
- 42-3-04



Bradford County Magisterial Districts Proposed 2022

- 42-3-01
- 42-3-02
- 42-3-03
- 42-3-04

Judicial District Summary Worksheet – Reestablishment 2021-2022

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Judicial District Number: 42	▼	County: Bradford	▼	Class of County: 6	▼
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1. List the existing magisterial districts in your judicial district (##-#-##):

42-3-01	42-3-03
42-3-02	42-3-04

Caseload Analysis

2. Average total caseloads:

	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
A.	2,133	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>
	-1097	22	<i>out of 24</i>

4. Is your judicial district caseload average at the lower end of the caseload range when compared to the other judicial districts in your class of county?

Yes

Proposed Actions

5. Are any magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment?

Yes

If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment (no changes).

42-3-02

6. Are any magisterial district proposed for realignment?

Yes

If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for realignment (changes).

42-3-01
42-3-03
42-3-04

7. Are any magisterial districts proposed for elimination?

No

If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for elimination.

Additional Workload Factors	
8. Do you have a night court operating within the judicial district?	No
9. Do you have a central court within your judicial district?	No
10. Do you have any special programs that will entail effort by the MDJs such as truancy programs or drug, DUI, veteran, or mental health diversion programs? If YES , briefly explain the types of programs. <small>MDJ in 42-3-02 currently presides over treatment court. MDJ in 42-3-03 currently hold DUI appearance day in his court. The D.A. is instituting a pre-preliminary hearing diversion program for first time possession of paraphernalia or controlled substances. All MDJs work closely with Schools and CYS in regards to truancy. They have attended meetings within the county with myself as PJ and CYS to improve ways of handling truancy.</small>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Final Checklist	
11. Was a request for public comment posted?	Yes
12. Method of posting - electronic, physical copy, or both?	Both
13. Were media outlets notified?	Yes
14. Were public comments received?	No <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
17. Did you include your petition and all supporting documentation, if applicable?	Yes
18. Did you confer with the MDJs in your county?	Yes
19. Additional Remarks	
1-1-23 was inserted for the effective date. I believe immediately is more appropriate.	
Verification of Submission	
20. Date submitted to AOPC: 2/28/2022	
21. President Judge Name: Maureen T. Beirne	
Signature <u>Maureen T Beirne, P.J.</u>	

Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022

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Magisterial District Court Number: 42-3-01	County: Bradford	<input type="button" value="▼"/>	
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign <input type="button" value="▼"/>	2. Effective date: 1/1/2023		
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. 1,714	B. 2,133	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>
	-419	4th <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>	
	-1516	-47 %	
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. 17,482	B. 21,600	
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>	
	-4,118	-19 %	
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:

Jonathan M. Wilcox

Magisterial District Judge Name

██████████

Birthdate

12/31/23

Term Expiration Date

2/12/44

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

123 Canton Street, Troy, PA 16947

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.

Troy Borough, Canton Borough, PSP

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

SR 6; SR 14

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

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|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Alba Borough | Leroy Township |
| Canton Borough | Ridgebury Township |
| Sylvania Borough | Smithfield Township |
| Troy Borough | South creek Township |
| Armenia Township | Springfield Township |
| Canton Township | Troy Township |
| Columbia Township | Wells Township |
| Granville Township | West Burlington Township |

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

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

No



- | | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Alba Borough | Leroy Township | Wells Township |
| Canton Borough | Ridgebury Township | West Burlington Township |
| Sylvania Borough | Smithfield Township | |
| Troy Borough | South Creek Township | |
| Armenia Township | Springfield Township | |
| Canton Township | Troy Township | |
| Columbia Township | Ulster Township | |
| Granville Township | | |

20. Additional Comments:

Adding Ulster Township to this district will increase average case load to 1,851 and 13% under average caseload for Magisterial Districts in county. The workload will increase to 18,718 and 13% under average workload for all magisterial Districts in county. See Plan accompanying the worksheets.

Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022

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Magisterial District Court Number: 42-3-02	County: Bradford	<input type="button" value="▼"/>	
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish <input type="button" value="▼"/>		2. Effective date: 1/1/2023	
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. 2,180	B. 2,133	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>
		47	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>
		-1050	-33%
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. 26,647	B. 21,600	
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>
		5,047	23%
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.			
<p>This is the busiest magisterial district and smallest geographically. It is not possible to realign this district because Athens Township surrounds the other municipalities. This office has 1 staff more than the other offices to compensate for the additional workload. We could look into reassigning cases to other magistrates, but the current magistrate does not mind the work.</p>			

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Larry Hurley

Magisterial District Judge Name

██████████
Birthdate

12/31/23

Term Expiration Date

10/4/33

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

75 Herrick Avenue, Sayre, PA 18840

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



No. However, as explained in plan, natural gas drilling could return in large form in the future.

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

Athens Borough, Athens Township, Sayre Borough, PSP

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

Rte 220; I-86 = NYS 17

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

Athens Borough, Athens Township, Sayre Borough, South Waverly Borough

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

Yes



20. Additional Comments:

Further explanation accompanies the worksheets.

Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022

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Magisterial District Court Number: 42-3-03	County: Bradford	<input type="button" value="v"/>	
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign <input type="button" value="v"/>		2. Effective date: 1/1/2023	
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. 2,669	B. 2,133	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>
		536	1st <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>
		-561	-17 %
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. 25,116	B. 21,600	
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>
		3,516	16 %
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:

Todd Carr	██████████	12/31/23	3/1/44
<i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>	<i>Term Expiration Date</i>	<i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i>

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

200 Main Street, Towanda, PA 18848

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.

Towanda Borough; PSP

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

SR 6, Rte 414, RT 220, Rte 5, Rt. 514

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

Albany Township	Monroe Township	Towanda Borough
Burlington Township	New Albany Borough	Towanda Township
Burlington Borough	North Towanda Township	Ulster Township
Franklin Township	Overton Township	
Monroe Borough	Sheshequin Township	

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

Albany Township	Monroe Township	Towanda Borough
Burlington Township	New Albany Borough	Towanda Township
Burlington Borough	North Towanda Township	
Franklin Township	Overton Township	
Monroe Borough		

20. Additional Comments:

Subtracting Sheshequin and Ulster Townships from this district will decrease average case load to 2,346 and 10% above average caseload for Magisterial Districts in county. The workload will decrease to 22,680 and 5% above average workload for Magisterial Districts in county. See Plan accompanying the Worksheets.

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: 42-3-04	County: Bradford	<input type="button" value="v"/>	
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign <input type="button" value="v"/>	2. Effective date: 1/1/2023		
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. 1,970	B. 2,133	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>
	-163		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>
	-1260		-40%
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. 17,154		B. 21,600
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>
	-4,446		-21%
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:

Fred M. Wheaton

Magisterial District Judge Name

██████████

Birthdate

12/31/23

Term Expiration Date

2/19/24

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

1959 Golden Mile Road, Wysox PA 18854

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.

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17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

SR 6; SR 187

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

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|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Asylum Township | Pike Township | Tuscarora Township |
| Herrick Township | Rome Borough | Warren Township |
| LeRaysville Borough | Rome Township | Wilmot Township |
| Litchfield Township | Standing Stone Township | Windham Township |
| Orwell Township | Stevens Township | Wyalusing Borough |
| | Terry Township | Wyalusing Township |
| | | Wysox Township |

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

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

No



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|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Asylum Township | Pike Township | Terry Township | Wysox Township |
| Herrick Township | Rome Borough | Tuscarora Township | Wyalusing Borough |
| LeRaysville Borough | Rome Township | Warren Township | Wyalusing Township |
| Litchfield Township | Sheshequin Township | Wilmot Township | |
| Orwell Township | standing Stone Township | Windham Township | |
| | Stevens Township | | |

20. Additional Comments:

Adding Sheshequin Township to this district will increase average case load to 2,156 and 1.0% above average caseload for Magisterial Districts in county. The workload will increase to 18,354 and 15% under average workload for all Magisterial Districts in county. See Plan accompanying the worksheets.

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Magisterial District Court coverage changes may be coming

BY PHILIP O'DELL Staff Writer

Jan 25, 2022



Magisterial Judge Fred Wheaton's district could have Sheshequin Township added to it under a redistricting plan that is currently being proposed.

Review File Photo

A redistricting plan that could bring changes to three of Bradford County's four magisterial districts has been proposed and is now ready for public input.

On Monday, President Judge Maureen Beirne said that the Magisterial District Reestablishment Plan for Bradford County is available for public inspection and written comment.

The proposal seeks to make caseloads more equal among the magisterial judges.

Sheshequin and Ulster townships are currently part of Magisterial Judge Todd Carr's district based in Towanda, but both could be reallocated into new districts.

The proposed plan would have Sheshequin Township added to Magisterial Judge Fred Wheaton's district based in Wysox, while Ulster would be added to Magisterial Judge Jonathan Wilcox's coverage area based in Troy.

Magisterial districts within each judicial district can be created by the courts of common pleas under the direction of the Supreme Court for better efficiency, according to Article V, Section 7(b) of the Pennsylvania Constitution. The court can re-establish the number, boundaries and classes of magisterial districts within each judicial district a year after the federal census, according to Pennsylvania statutes.

Residents can read copies of the proposed plan at each of the district justice offices, at the Bradford County Courthouse Law Library and online at bradfordcountypa.org. Written comments can be directed to Mary Corbin, district court administrator, Bradford County Courthouse, 301 Main St., Towanda, PA 18848 or emailed to courtadmin@bradfordco.org. Comments must contain the name and address of the author, and must be submitted by Feb. 24.

The redistricting plan has to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court before Feb. 28.

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Magisterial court judge districts proposed for realignment

Public comment period open until Feb. 24



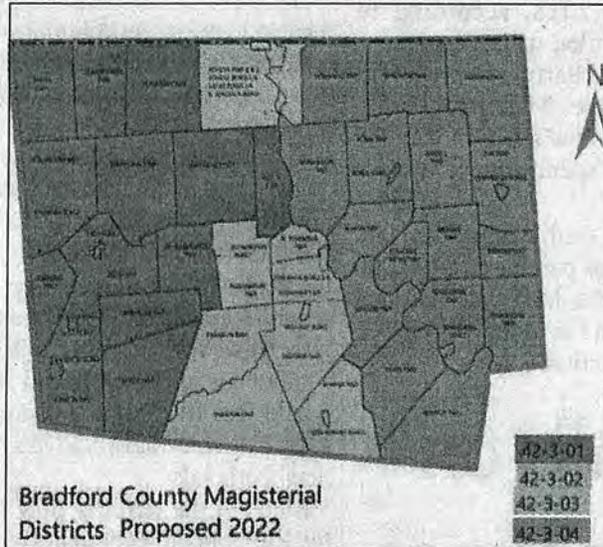
By JOHNNY WILLIAMS
News Editor

Those living in Ulster and Sheshequin townships who need to go to court may be reporting to a different judge's office next year.

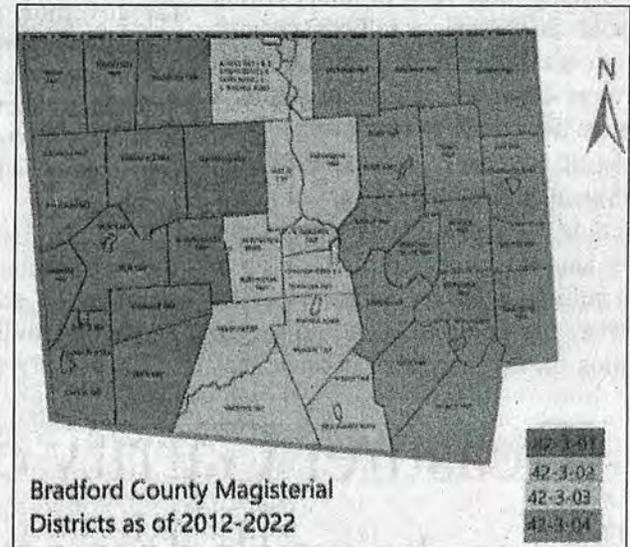
Following the latest nationwide federal census, Bradford County President Judge Maureen Beirne was tasked with analyzing the caseloads and workloads of each of the Magisterial District Court judges and explore realignment possibilities to try to equalize the work amongst the judges. The magisterial district court judges are Larry Hurley in Athens Township, Fred Wheaton in Wysox, Todd Carr in Towanda and Jonathan Wilcox in Troy.

According to Beirne, the district courts with the highest workloads are Hurley's and Carr's offices.

"(Judge Hurley's) court cannot be realigned in that it consists of Athens Township, which is a split



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Districts as of 2012-2022



Photo by James Loewenstein

Bob Wagner, who lives in this home at 8791 LeRaysville Road in Windham Township, was uninjured in the fire.

Fire Destroys Windham Twp. Home

—BY JAMES LOEWENSTEIN—

A fire on Saturday, Jan. 22 destroyed a home at 8791 LeRaysville Road in Windham Township. The building was the residence of Bob Wagner, Emergency Management Coordinator Jeffrey Rosenheck confirmed.

Wagner was home with three dogs when the fire broke out.

He was uninjured, and the dogs escaped the fire.

Firefighters were dispatched to the scene at about 10:35 a.m.

At this point, the cause of the fire is undeter-

mined, but might be related to a wood stove that was used to heat the home, said Windham Fire Chief Tad Soden.

Wagner told fire investigators that the fire started by the wood stove, which was in use at the time, Soden said.

It is possible that there was a fire in the wood stove chimney, which spread to the rest of the house, Soden said.

When firefighters arrived on scene, the residence was engulfed in flames and was already collapsing, he said.

Rosenheck said the Red Cross is assisting Wagner.

Changes Proposed for Magistrates' Jurisdictions

—BY JAMES LOEWENSTEIN—

Under a redistricting plan proposed by the Bradford County Court of Common Pleas, the boundaries of the geographic areas served by three of the county's magisterial district judges would change.

Under state law, after each 10-year Census, the Court of Common Pleas, under the direction of the PA Supreme Court, must reestablish the number of and boundaries of the magisterial districts in the county.

The Court of Common Pleas' redistricting plan, which must

be submitted to the PA Supreme Court by Feb. 28, proposes that there be changes in three magisterial districts, in order to spread the workload among the magisterial district judges' offices more evenly, according to a press release that was issued on Monday, Jan. 24 by Bradford County President Judge Maureen Beirne.

Specifically, Judge Fred Wheaton's magisterial district,



Maureen Beirne

42-3-04, with its office in Wysox, would be enlarged to include Sheshequin Township;

Judge Jonathan Wilcox's magisterial district, 42-3-01, with its office in Troy, would be enlarged to include Ulster Township, the press release said.

Sheshequin and Ulster Townships are currently part of Judge Todd Carr's magisterial district, 42-3-03, with its

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There are numerous bureaucratic hurdles (and) hoops to go through, but I am working on it."

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office in Towanda.

In developing the redistricting plan, the Court of Common Pleas examined the annual workload of the offices of the county's four magisterial district judges from 2014 through 2019.

The workload of an office for a particular year was determined by number of cases filed with the office that year, taking into account the amount of time each type of case required, the release said.

The workload in Judge Carr's office was 16 percent above the average workload for magisterial district offices in the county. By contrast, the workload in Judge Wheaton's office was 35 percent below the county average, and the workload in Judge Wilcox's office was 19 percent below the county

average.

The highest workload in the county was in Magisterial District Judge Larry Hurley's office in Athens Township, which was 23 percent above the county average. However, Judge Hurley's district cannot be realigned because Athens Township is geographically split into two sections, and the two sections of the township surround the other municipalities in the district, the plan states.

The proposed redistricting plan, which is referred to as the Magisterial District Reestablishment Plan for Bradford County, is available for public inspection and written comment.

Copies of the proposed plan can be reviewed by the public at each of the district justice offices, at the Bradford County Courthouse Law Library and on the county website at bradford-countypa.org.

Any written comments regarding the proposed plan should be directed to Mary Corbin, District Court Administrator, Bradford County Courthouse, 301 Main Street, Towanda, PA 18848 or emailed to court-admin@bradfordco.org.

All comments must contain the name and address of the author.

The deadline for the submission of comments is Feb. 24.



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