

Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Budget Highlights and Goals

Court Administration

FY2011 Highlights

- Judge Gordon E. Graham was sworn in as a circuit court judge.
- Judge Mark R. Gerhardt was appointed as an associate judge filling the vacancy created when Judge Graham was elected as a circuit judge.
- Mr. Phillip Dailing was appointed as the new director of the McHenry County of Court and Probation Services after long-time Director Phil Ulmer retired.
- Court administration successfully negotiated a contract with Mathers Clinic to provide psychological services in the form of mandated drug and alcohol assessments, DUI assessments, fitness evaluations, etc. This contract reduced overall costs associated with psychological services by more than \$70,000.
- The 22nd Judicial Circuit of McHenry County completed a mandatory continuity of operations plan which will guide operations of the court in the event that there is an emergency or the Courthouse becomes unusable.
- The 22nd Judicial Circuit of McHenry County in collaboration with; McHenry County State's Attorney Office, McHenry County Public Defender's Office, McHenry County Department of Probation and Court Services, McHenry County Sheriff's Office and various treatment providers met throughout the year in order to design the drug court program which is scheduled to begin early fiscal year 2012.

FY2012 Goals

- Successfully implement the McHenry County drug court program.
- Provide comprehensive training to all of the judges of the 22nd Judicial Circuit relating to case management in order to reduce the time that it takes for cases to reach disposition.
- Update the technology in the jury commission so prospective jurors would be able to access information online via the Internet and update their information relating to juror questionnaires.
- Strengthen relationships between the other branches of government and departments within McHenry County.
- Establish new and innovative budget practices in order to reduce costs while increasing efficiencies in the court.