



2020 OHIO FULTON COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT

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A Message from Commissioner Jon Rupp

Dear Fulton County Residents,

This past year was a year of challenges; however, we look forward to 2021 in hopes of getting back to some form of normalcy. Allow me to review a few of the challenges and growths that the County experienced throughout 2020.

2020 started with an upswing, then the pandemic hit. With the County facing uncertain times and shutdowns the Commissioners spent a lot of time learning how to make employees safe while continuing to provide the services you as residents expect. Not only was safety a challenge, revenue was also a concern. As Commissioners we decided to put capital projects on hold and asked elected officials to be prepared to cut budgets by 20%. There were also many discussions on how to keep employees safe and working. Thankfully we were able to work through the many challenges that came along with the pandemic, i.e. lack of child care, sickness, quarantine and safety protocols that effected office life as well as service to the public.

The County, Villages and Townships received \$5,230,366.13 through the Cares Act. These funds were used in many ways to help offset expenses incurred by the pandemic. Safety materials and supplies are just an example of what it was used for. The Commissioners were able to create a Small Business Grant program, and was able to grant 97 businesses a total of \$891,893.72. The grants were able to help alleviate some of the stress that small businesses were dealing with during the shutdown and on-going pandemic. The County was also able to expand our I.T. bandwidth throughout our county offices. This allowed us to offer remote work when needed and also brought us a new way to hold remote meetings, i.e. ZOOM. Although the pandemic has changed the way we work and do business, we continue to have discussions on how to improve and adapt. Throughout all these challenges the County ended the year strong.

The details are in the numbers. The County sales tax took a dip earlier in the pandemic but finished strong. The 2020 sales tax ended higher than 2019! The County unemployment at the beginning of the pandemic in March was about 1,300 with a jump in April to 4,700. Thankfully by December unemployment dropped close to 1,000. We are hopeful we will continue on a path of recovery.

At the end of 2020, we said goodbye to Commissioner Bill Rufenacht with great gratitude for his years of service and welcomed a new Commissioner, Joe Short, to the Fulton County Board of Commissioners.

In conclusion, Fulton County is in good shape and we look forward to serving you in 2021 and the years to come!



Commissioner Jon Rupp



Commissioner Joe Short



Commissioner Jeff Rupp

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Fulton County Employee Service Awards



40 Years of Service

Sandra Lemley, Senior Center



35 Years of Service

Christine Mossing, Eastern District Ct.

James Carr, SWCD

Mark Robinson, Sheriff

30 Years of Service

Debra Roth, Health Department

Stacey Reed, Juvenile Probation

25 Years of Service

Gary Haupricht, Housekeeping

Glynis Hester, Eastern District Ct.

Paul Kennedy, Prosecutor

20 Years of Service

Barb Brennan, Auditor

Laura Ankney, Senior Center

Rhonda Gingerich, Board of DD

Steven Waxler, Sheriff

15 Years of Service

Brett Kolb, Auditor

Chad Hayward, Sheriff

Deborah Weirauch, Health Department

Erica Miller, Health Department

James Lumbrezer, Engineer

Karen King, Health Department

Kyle Wilcoxon, Senior Center

Linda Burkholder, Health Department

Lindsey Neifer, Engineer

Marsha Horner, JFS

Martin Collum, Sheriff

Melissa LaFountain, JFS

Rachel Kinsman, Health Department

10 Years of Service

Carrie Dobaczewski, Sheriff

Crystalina Batdorf, JFS

Deanna Keefer, Clerk of Courts

Jennifer Johnson, Sheriff

John Weber, Board of Elections

Luke Miller, Board of DD

Marvin Zumfelde, Sheriff

Myndee Wyrstek, Workforce

Ryan Parsons, Engineer

Sherry Bittinger, Senior Center

5 Years of Service

Abigail Bieber, Board of Elections

Alan Schweinhagen, NWOJDC

Alexa Miller, Sheriff

April Vollmar, Prosecutor

Bradley Knierim, Sheriff

Brenda Hauck, Senior Center

Cara Leininger, Workforce

Catherine Stockburger, NWOJDC

Elizabeth Stuart, Board of Elections

Erica Burkholder, Common Pleas

Jacqueline Delacruz-Dixon, JFS

James Baldwin, Senior Center

James Mapes, Senior Center

Jami Burns, NWOJDC

Jay Dettmer, Sheriff

Jeffrey Rupp, BOC

Jessica Schuette, BOC

Judy Thourot, Senior Center

Kathryn Zumfelde, Sheriff

MaryAnn Griffin, Senior Center

Randal Vonier, Veterans

Robin Willson, Health Department

Roger Merillat, Veterans

Stephanie VanSickle, Health Department

Stephanie Wanless, Clerk of Courts

County Snapshot

OhioMeansJobs

Submitted by Cara Leininger

Provided **9,276** Services to
2,370 Clients!



801 Clients who Job Searched
251 Current Clients Unemployed
94 Clients Qualified for Veterans Services



224 Currently Employed Clients



116 Attended Aspire Classes
100 Young Adult Job Training Program



1,371 Clients who Used a Copy Machine
163 Clients who Used a Fax Machine
136 Clients who Used a Phone
1,857 Clients who Used a Computer



Full-Time Employees: 305

Part-Time Employees: 122

RECORDER

Submitted by Wendy Hardy



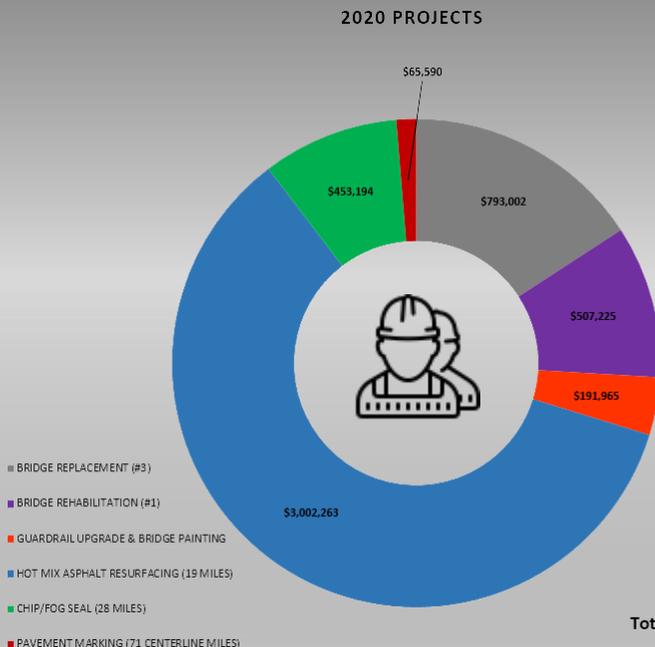
<i>Filings</i>	<i>Fees Collected</i>
2,292 Deeds	\$85,442.00
5,342 Mortgages	\$333,558.00
205 Liens	\$1,986.00
20 Leases	\$1,956.00
106 Power Of Attorney	\$6,310.00
57 Soldiers Discharges	\$0.00

The Recorder's Office had a **40%** increase in documents, and a **47%** increase in revenue from 2019 to 2020.

ENGINEER

Submitted by Frank Onweller

2020 PROJECTS



Total: \$5,013,239.00

Of Total Project Costs

\$2,045,719 Local County Funds
\$162,796 OPWC Issue 2 Loan (Includes Townships)
\$722,093 OPWC Issue 2 Grant (Includes Townships)
\$481,863 Federal LBR Grant
\$1,600,768 From Other Governmental Entities

Permits

41 Occupy Road Right-of-Way
43 Drive Permit
73 Oversize/Overweight Permit
1 Permit to Alter a Ditch or Watercourse

County Snapshot

CLERK OF COURTS

Submitted by Tracy Zuver



Legal Division

199 Domestic
152 Civil
140 Criminal
31 Miscellaneous
1,692 Judgement Liens
12 Appeals

Title Division

20,054 Titles Issued
1,312 New Cars
10,706 Used Cars
780 New Trucks
4,144 Used Trucks
160 Vans
574 Motorcycles
163 Manufactured Homes
312 Trailers
449 Travel Trailers
339 Motor Homes
3 Buses
665 Off-Road Vehicles
259 Watercraft
76 Outboard Motors
112 Other



Legal
Total Fees Collected
\$248,740.23

Title
Total Fees Collected
\$9,158,622.15

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Submitted by Brett Kolb



Top Inspections

1,158 Fuel Station Meters
58 Concrete, Feed, Fertilizer & Grain Facilities
233 Deli & Grocery Scales
90 Other Commercial Devices
190 Carwash/Laundry/Apartments Timing Devices
92 Vehicle Scales
48 Liquid Petroleum Gas/Bulk Fuel Trucks
1 Complaints **1** Resolved

Total Devices Tested: 1,899

72 Packages Checked **3** Rejected

853 Product Audit Tests
63 Number of Products Suspected Short

Establishment Inspections Performed! 245

1,621 *Total Number of Prices Verified for Price Verification*

WESTERN DISTRICT COURT

Submitted by Judge Eric Nagel



2,309 Traffic Cases Filed
362 Criminal Cases Filed
731 Civil Cases Filed
27 Marriages Performed

EASTERN DISTRICT COURT

Submitted by Judge Colin McQuade



2,282 Traffic Cases Filed
360 Criminal Cases Filed
452 Civil Cases Filed
1 Marriage Performed

County Snapshot

SENIOR CENTER Submitted by Sheri Rychener



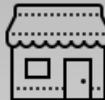
114,835

Total Meals Served



24,298

Total Drive-thru Meals



2,760

Das Essen Haus Restaurant Initiative



84,678

Home Delivered Meals



\$321,276.50

Food Expense



\$146,544.28

Meal Donations Received



\$2,239,312.37

Total Revenue



\$1,527,371.02

Total Expenses



\$391,352.82

Grant Awards

SHERIFF Submitted by Roy Miller



4,136

EMS/Medical



245

Juvenile/Unruly



391

Animal



1,196

Suspicious Nature



358

Domestic



203

Threats/Harassment



764

Property Damage



1,173

Vehicle/Traffic Offense



137

Burglary/Assault/Vandalism



11,774 Call Volume

78 % Wireless 911 Calls

Call Volume by Township/Village

Amboy	381	Gorham	395
Chesterfield	381	Lyons	124
Clinton	774	Metamora	83
Dover	553	Pike	460
Franklin	180	Royalton	439
Fulton	447	Swan Creek	1,087
German	450	York	662

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Submitted by Scott Haselman

Case Count

91 Juvenile

117 Misdemeanors

140 Felony

444 Traffic

34 Civil

352 Child Support (CSEA)



County Snapshot

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Kim Cupp



218 In-County Births

332 In-County Deaths

1,434 Food Service Inspections/
Consultations

1,343 Flu Shots Given

694 Individuals Served During
Nursing Hours



20.5% Staff Time Spent on
COVID Activities

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Submitted by Melanie Gilders



29,495

Registered Voters
November 3, 2020

22,982

Total Ballots Cast
November 3, 2020

This election marked the largest absentee voter turnout in Fulton County history. A total of 12,778 ballots were cast during the early voting/absentee period (7,830 voted in person and 4,948 voted by mail). The early voting and absentee voting equaled 55.6% of the total voter turnout.

Election Day Votes cast (42.6%) **9,783**

421 Provisional Ballots Counted (1.8%)

Help America Vote Act Grant Updated:

Cyber Security, Physical Security and
ADA Compliance

Now on:



www.boe.ohio.gov/fulton

JOB & FAMILY SERVICES

Submitted by Amy Metz-Simon



\$7,023,331

Total Child Support
Collected



69

Out of **152** Reports
to Adult Protective
Services Screened
for Investigations



303

Out of **747** Reports
to Children Services
Screened in for
Investigations



7%

County Residents
Enrolled in Food
Assistance



17.5%

County Residents
Enrolled in Medicaid

County Snapshot

FULTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Submitted by Matt Gilroy

Money Spent per Household



\$12,583

Shelter



\$11,081

Transportation



\$5,231

Health Care



\$8,906

Food and Beverage



\$4,561 Utilities

\$60,094 Median Household Expenses

23 min Average Commute Time

2020 Unemployed Residents

In January, unemployment numbers were steady at 1,300 and peaked in April to 4,700.

By June the County began to see recovery with 2,000 unemployed. In October unemployment numbers dropped to 900. At the New Year the County ended the year with the number unemployed at 1,000.

Top Industries



9,527

Manufacturing

91 Establishments



2,924

Health Care and Social Services

237 Establishments



1,767

Retail **190**

Establishments



1,496

Other Services

215 Establishments

DOG WARDEN

Submitted by Brian Banister



Intake

578 Strays

24 Owner Signed Off

3 D.O.A.

Breakout

17 Euthanized at Owner's Request

5 Euthanized Stray

516 Redeemed by Owner

1 Adopted

62 Rescued

3 D.O.A.

CORONER

Submitted by Dr. Rick Yoder



332 Total Number of Deaths

28 Deaths Referred to Coroner

8% Deaths Coroner's Cases

11 of the **28** Coroner Cases Involved

Alcohol Use and/or Drug Use: **39%**

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County Snapshot

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Submitted by Eric Richer



856 Youth Served Through **36** 4-H Clubs
170 Volunteers Working with Youth
50 Youth Participants in Virtual 4-H Camp



24 First-time Homebuyers Coached
11 Family Resource Management Classes
i.e. Money Management & Decluttering



264 Attended Annual Corn & Soybean Day
92 Completed Fertilizer/Pesticide
Recertification
723 Attended Farm Bill/Farm
Management Courses
62 Consultations for ARC-IC Program



11 Soil Health Analyses Completed
17 eFields On-Farm Research Projects
75 Water Quality Site Visits
*Just begun phases of a 3-year manure
composting grant.*



19 ServSafe Level II exams
38 ServSafe Level I certificates



110 Attended Food Safety & Preservation
982 Reached Through Nutrition Education
Programs
2,847 Reached Indirectly Through
Nutrition Education

Fulton Soil & Water Conservation District

Submitted by Kim Bowles



20 Erosion Control Structures
17 Controlled Drainage Structure
4.7 Acres of Grassed Waterways
3,600' of District Windbreaks
76.3 Acres of Oak Savanna
124 Acres of Cover Crops



157 School & Adult Presentations
2 Educational Videos
6 School Districts Soil Judging



78 H2Ohip Program producers
1 Ag Easement Application



9
Animal Waste
Storage Facilities



4,354
Seedlings Sold at
Tree Sale



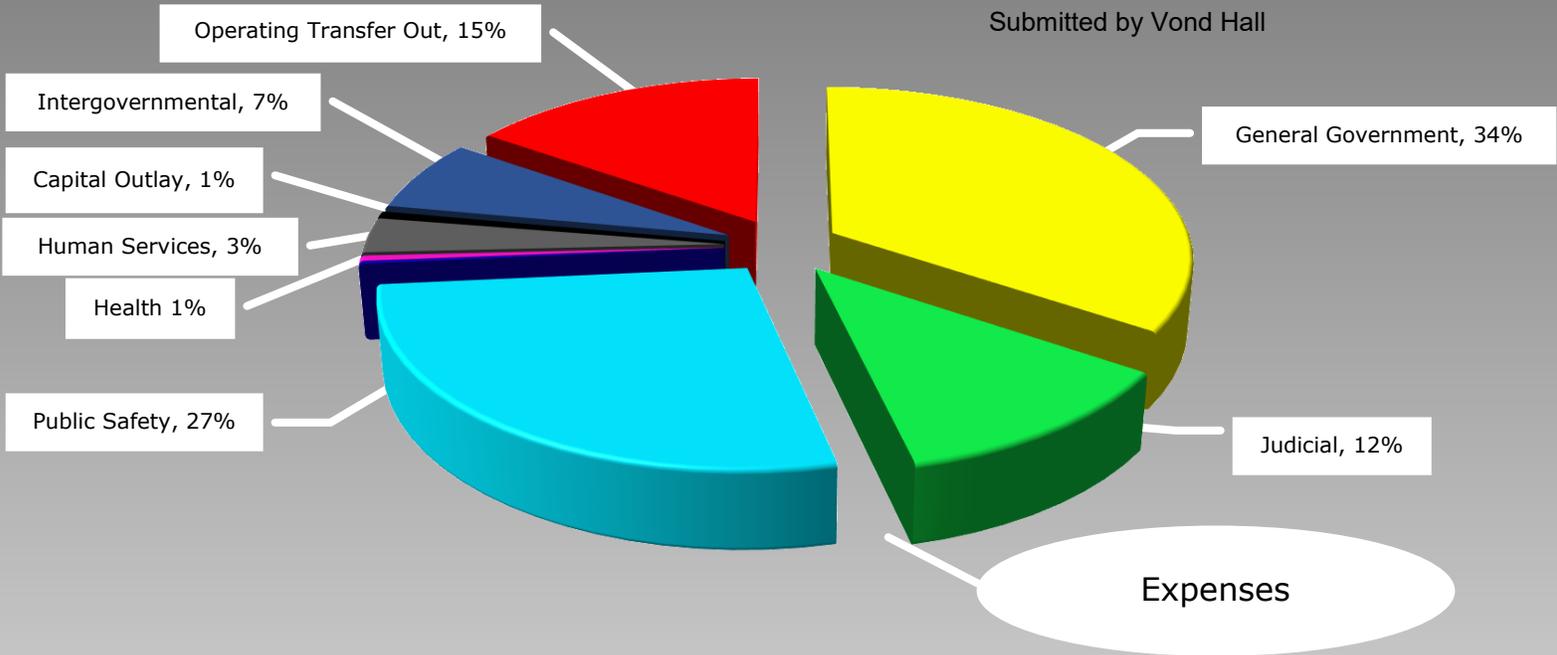
6,365
Fish Sold at Annual
Fish Sale



1
Tillage Transect

General Fund

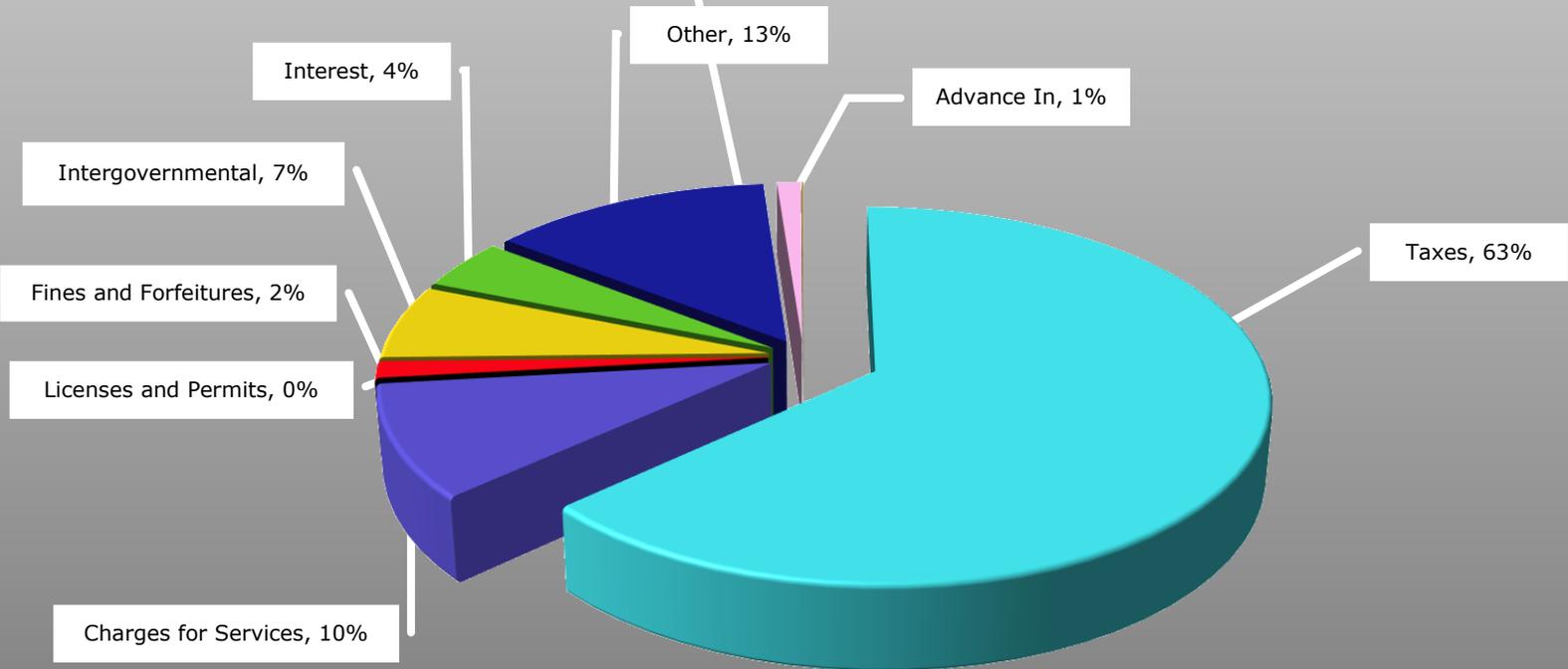
Submitted by Vond Hall



Revenue

Taxes	\$10,071,269.64
Charges for Services	\$1,571,945.66
Licenses and Permits	\$2,675.08
Fines and Forfeitures	\$360,452.26
Intergovernmental	\$1,026,002.43
Interest	\$1,105,035.95
Other Revenue	\$1,040,991.73
Advance In	\$190,000.00
Total General Fund	\$15,368,372.75

General Government	\$5,279,263.81
Judicial	\$1,827,556.96
Public Safety	\$4,172,182.07
Public Works	\$4,283.15
Health	\$96,460.40
Human Services	\$802,107.24
Capital Outlay	\$228,682.28
Intergovernmental	\$1,171,808.24
Operating Transfer Out	\$136,999.95
Advances Out	\$45,776.34
Other	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$13,765,120.44



Property Taxes

Total Property Tax Collected: \$51,030,013.34

Submitted by Brett Kolb

County Gov., 28%

General	\$1,966,538.18
Board of Developmental Disabilities	\$3,831,466.77
Board of Health	\$948,930.38
Emergency Medical Services	\$3,783,577.31
Emergency Medical Services Fund	\$263,631.71
Four County Mental Health Board	\$1,135,899.09
Senior Center	\$1,487,349.39
911 Emergency Phone	\$923,005.31
Total	\$14,340,398.14

Libraries, 2%

Archbold	\$226,298.15
Delta	\$301,766.12
Evergreen	\$81,208.12
Fayette	\$28,148.23
Liberty Center	\$37,165.01
Swanton	\$166,206.56
Wauseon	\$200,399.27
Total	\$1,041,191.46



Townships, 10%

Amboy	\$336,260.54
Chesterfield	\$222,714.59
Clinton	\$1,105,289.56
Dover	\$127,742.93
Franklin	\$141,688.62
Fulton	\$385,270.10
German	\$893,058.81
Gorham	\$227,057.06
Pike	\$179,903.10
Royalton	\$212,240.01
Swanecreek	\$852,906.92
York	\$386,241.51
Total	\$5,070,373.75

Villages, 4%

Archbold	\$743,367.37
Delta	\$426,879.39
Fayette	\$86,654.21
Lyons	\$63,037.01
Metamora	\$50,433.53
Swanton	\$257,444.67
Wauseon	\$551,505.96
Total	\$2,124,503.52

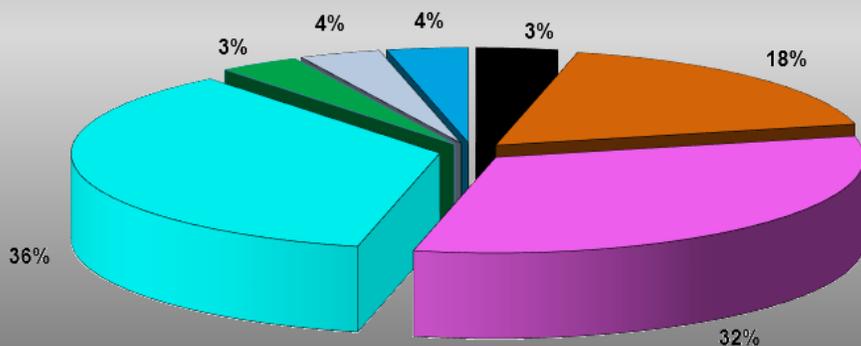
Schools, 56%

Archbold	\$4,733,442.24
Evergreen	\$4,105,400.31
Fayette	\$1,930,066.94
Liberty Center	\$886,866.70
Pettisville	\$1,554,107.38
Pike-Delta-York	\$4,417,317.43
Swanton	\$2,882,583.39
Wauseon	\$5,403,798.83
Anthony Wayne	\$3,353.24
Four County Career Center	\$2,241,353.69
Penta Career Center	\$240,437.70
Total	\$1,041,191.46

County Snapshot

CORONER CONTINUED

Submitted by Dr. Rick Yoder



- Accident-fall 1
- Suicide-Gunshot 1
- Accident-Vehicular 5
- Suicide-Drug Overdose 1
- Accident-Drug Overdose 9
- Pending Investigation 1
- Natural Causes 10

Highlights

FULTON COUNTY CARES ACT BREAKOUT

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 provided Fulton County with direct economic assistance that helped cover costs and unexpected expenses due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. These monies preserved jobs and businesses within the County.

The Fulton County Commissioners, along with the Municipalities and Townships, received \$5,230,366.13 in CARES Act money. This was distributed by local government calculation and by population.

The Fulton County Commissioners utilized their funds in multiple ways:



\$891,893.72

Approved and Distributed to
97 Businesses

Within County

- Sheriff's & E911 Payroll
- Other Allowable Payroll
- IT Upgrade to Help with Remote Working
- Senior Center Expenses for Increased Meal Deliveries

Each Village and Township in Fulton County received CARES Act money as well. The breakout by entity was:

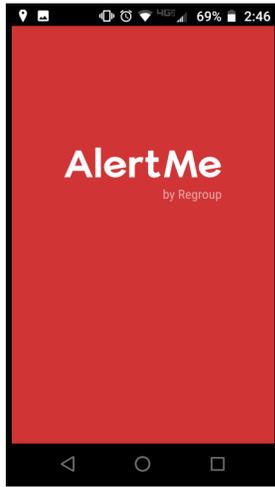
Municipality		Townships	
Archbold	\$286,198.20	Chesterfield	\$63,289.59
Delta	\$242,270.63	Clinton	\$115,632.00
Fayette	\$106,160.27	Dover	\$75,044.24
Lyons	\$58,147.53	Franklin	\$53,061.07
Metamora	\$60,309.67	German	\$123,693.91
Swanton	\$256,464.32	Gorham	\$71,278.18
Wauseon	\$512,784.53	Pike	\$88,357.50
		Royalton	\$56,393.80
		Swan Creek	\$246,549.86

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Subscribe to CivicReady at fultoncountyoh.com or via the AlertMe app on your smartphone. Receive notifications of mass/emergency alerts from Fulton County and customize for your hometown.



Get alerted to sudden cardiac arrests in your immediate vicinity, so that you can start CPR in the critical lifesaving minutes before EMS teams arrive.

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- Pay Traffic Tickets to Both Eastern and Western District Courts
 - Purchase Dog Licenses Through the Auditor's Office
 - Pay your Northeast Water System Water Bill
 - Search Real Estate Through the Auditor's Office
 - Register to Vote on the Board of Elections Website
- Follow Fulton County, OH on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter
 - Pay Tax Bills on the Treasurer's Website
- Sign up to Receive Recall Notifications from the Health Department through Notify Me
 - Sign up for Weather Alerts and Sheriff Notifications Through Notify Me
- Sign up for Weekly Fulton County "Job Leads of the Week" from OhioMeansJobs|Fulton County Through Notify Me



County Information

Your Elected Officials

Auditor	Brett Kolb	Commissioner	Jon Rupp
Clerk of Courts	Tracy Zuver	Commissioner	Joe Short
Common Pleas	Jeff Robinson	Treasurer	Char Lee
Engineer	Frank Onweller	Coroner	Rick Yoder, D.
Recorder	Wendy Hardy	Eastern District Court	Colin McQuade
Probate/Juvenile Court	Michael Bumb	Prosecutor	Scott Haselman
Commissioner	Jeff Rupp	Sheriff	Roy Miller
		Western District Court	Eric Nagel

Directory

Adult Probation	419-337-9236	GIS	419-337-9605
Airport	419-335-3993	Health Department	419-337-0915
Auditor	419- 337-9200	Highway Department	419-335-7052
Board of Developmental	419-337-4575	Job & Family Services	419-337-0010
Board of Elections	419-335-6841	Juvenile Probation	419-337-9244
Bureau of Motor Vehicles	419-335-8808	OhioMeansJobs	419-337-9215
Clerk of Courts: Legal	419-337-9230	OSU Extension	419-337-9210
Clerk of Courts: Title	419-337-9204	Probate Court	419-337-9242
Common Pleas Court	419-337-9260	Prosecuting Attorney	419-337-9240
County Commissioners	419-337-9255	Recorder	419-337-9232
County Court: Eastern	419-826-5636	Regional Planning	419-337-9214
County Court: Western	419-337-9212	Senior Center	419-337-9299
Dog Warden	419-337-9219	Sheriff's Office	419-335-4010
Economic Development	419-337-9270	Soil & Water	419-337-9217
Emergency Management Agency	419-337-9207	Conservation District	
Emergency Medical Services	419-337-9668	Transfer Station	419-337-9250
Engineer	419-335-3816	Treasurer	419-337-9252
Fairgrounds	419-335-6006	United Way	419-337-9606
		Veterans Service	419-337-9266
		Visitors Bureau	419-337-9669



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