

The year '2021' is displayed in large, bold, blue-outlined numerals. The numbers are filled with scenic images: the first '2' shows a blue sky with white clouds; the '0' shows green trees; the first '2' shows a brick building with a tree; and the '1' shows a brick building with a tree. The background of the entire page is a faded image of a large, multi-story brick building with a prominent tower and many windows, surrounded by green trees and a lawn.

2021

# Fulton County, Ohio Annual Report

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# A Message from Commissioner Jeff Rupp

Dear Fulton County Residents,

The first thing you will see after the Table of Contents is a listing of County Employees who have received awards for years of service. As a county, we are blessed with over 400 full and part-time employees who come to work every day to help you, the citizens of Fulton County, conduct your county business in an efficient manner. All of the other things listed in this 2021 Annual Report couldn't happen without our dedicated group of talented people who strive to help you every day. If you know any of these people, or any other county employees, be sure to thank them for their dedication to Fulton County!

2021 was a year of challenges, for the county as well as our citizens. As we moved from last winter into spring and summer, we all thought the worst of the pandemic was behind us. Little did we know how it would rear its head again in the fall and into the winter. While we didn't (thankfully!) have mask mandates or closures again, the County, and the businesses in the county, did have to deal with ill employees, supply chain issues, and figuring out how to take care of our customers while dealing with these issues. Once again, you, the citizens of Fulton County, came through with flying colors and met the challenges head on. While things are still different now than they were two years ago, we continue to move in a positive direction, and I see sunshine in our future.

On behalf of Jon, Joe, and myself, thank you for making Fulton County a great place to live, work, and play!

Sincerely,

*Jeff Rupp*



*Commissioner Jeff Rupp*



*Commissioner Joe Short*



*Commissioner Jon Rupp*

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# Fulton County Employee Service Awards



## 35 Years of Service

Christine Merillat, Prosecutor



## 20 Years of Service

Hayley Dockery, Engineer

Melanie Gilders, Board of Elections

Kelley Hester, Health Department

Heather Johnson, Health Department

Amanda Mahlman, JFS

## 30 Years of Service

Kim Cupp, Health Department

Cheryl Kohls, Board of DD

## 25 Years of Service

Brian Banister, Dog Warden

Aaron Gladieux, Sheriff

Elizabeth Keel, MVPO

Rickey Kline, Sheriff

## 15 Years of Service

Christa Bickel, Health Department

Jackie Coopman, Housekeeping

Lindsay Gerken, Juvenile Probation

Thomas Jones, JFS

Michael Mann, Western District Court

Brian Marvin, Sheriff

Elizabeth Thomas, Health Department

Mechelle Topp, Housekeeping

## 10 Years of Service

Michael Baer, Sheriff

Nikki Falor, Sanitation Engineer

Selma Garcia Ruiz, Clerk of Court

Jennifer Giesige, Juvenile Court

Daniel Knierim, Sanitation Engineer

Whitney Knipp, Recorder

Linda Magnan, Veterans

Amy Metz-Simon, JFS

Elida Perez, Sheriff

Kevin Raker, Engineer

Alice Rychener, Auditor

Wesley Willson, Engineer

## 5 Years of Service

Brian Abbott, Engineer

Tony Cass, Engineer

James Davis, Senior Center

Dennis Dowling, Engineer

Hilarie Flory, Health Department

Stephanie Gerken, JFS

Amanda Gonzales, JFS

Timothy Gorsuch, Senior Center

Karen James, Senior Center

Angela Johnston, Senior Center

Shannon Keiser, Board of DD

Charles Leroux, Sheriff

Sharon McCabe, Senior Center

Gerald Miller, Veterans

Travis Pennington, Sheriff

Beth Rupp, Board of Elections

Robert Shaw, Senior Center

Scott Strahl, Health Department

Darren Ward, Sheriff

Nathan Wilhelm, Engineer

Jacob Wreede, MVPO

# County Snapshot

## OhioMeansJobs

Submitted by Cara Leininger, Workforce Development Supervisor

Provided **16,880** Services to  
**6,796** Clients!



**2,478** Clients who Job Searched  
**2,490** Current Clients Unemployed  
**267** Clients Qualified for Veterans Services



**112** Currently Employed Clients



**248** Attended Aspire Classes  
**52** Young Adult Job Training Program



**2,709** Clients who Used a Copy Machine  
**257** Clients who Used a Fax Machine  
**21** Clients who Used a Phone  
**2,947** Clients who Used a Computer



**Full-Time Employees: 294**

**Part-Time Employees: 119**

## RECORDER

Submitted by Wendy Hardy, Recorder



### Filings

### Fees Collected

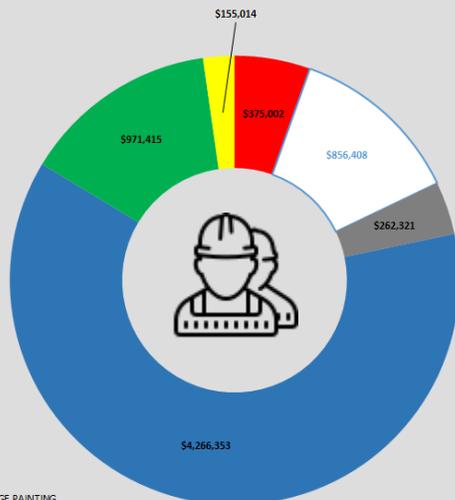
<b>2,017</b> Deeds	<b>\$85,992.00</b>
<b>4,615</b> Mortgages	<b>\$333,262.00</b>
<b>108</b> Liens	<b>\$1,837.00</b>
<b>64</b> Easements	<b>\$2,490.00</b>
<b>94</b> Power Of Attorney	<b>\$5,940.00</b>
<b>34</b> Soldiers Discharges	<b>\$0.00</b>

The Recorder's Office had a **14%** decrease in documents, and a **.06%** increase in revenue from 2020 to 2021.

## ENGINEER

Submitted by Frank Onweller, County Engineer

2021 PROJECTS



- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT (#2)
- Rd. H Reconstruction
- GUARDRAIL UPGRADE & BRIDGE PAINTING
- HOT MIX ASPHALT RESURFACING (26 MILES)
- CHIP/FOG SEAL (50 MILES)
- PAVEMENT MARKING (191 CENTERLINE MILES)

### Of Total Project Costs

**\$2,917,962** Local County Funds  
**\$137,163** OPWC Issue 2 Loan (Includes Townships)  
**\$592,403** OPWC Issue 2 Grant (Includes Townships)  
**\$262,321** Federal HSIP Grant  
**\$2,976,664** From Other Governmental Entities

### Permits

**52** Occupy Road Right-of-Way  
**32** Drive Permit  
**112** Oversize/Overweight Permit  
**1** Permit to Alter a Ditch or Watercourse

# County Snapshot

## CLERK OF COURTS

Submitted by Tracy Zuver, Clerk of Courts



### Legal Division

**187** Domestic  
**121** Civil  
**151** Criminal  
**38** Miscellaneous  
**1,822** Judgement Liens  
**13** Appeals



**Legal  
 Total Fees  
 Collected  
 \$198,698.69**

**Title  
 Total Fees  
 Collected  
 \$10,629,978.61**

### Title Division

**21,562** Titles Issued  
**1,242** New Cars  
**11,058** Used Cars  
**783** New Trucks  
**5,168** Used Trucks  
**209** Vans  
**718** Motorcycles  
**145** Manufactured Homes  
**384** Trailers  
**494** Travel Trailers  
**328** Motor Homes  
**24** Buses  
**584** Off-Road Vehicles  
**258** Watercraft  
**51** Outboard Motors  
**116** Other

## WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Submitted by Brett Kolb, Auditor



### Top Inspections

**1,188** Fuel Station Meters  
**53** Concrete, Feed, Fertilizer & Grain Facilities  
**253** Deli & Grocery Scales  
**74** Other Commercial Devices  
**191** Carwash/Laundry/Apartments Timing Devices  
**61** Vehicle Scales  
**440** Liquid Petroleum Gas/Bulk Fuel Trucks

**2** Complaints                      **2** Resolved

**Total Devices Tested: 2,260**

**96** Packages Checked    **2** Lots Rejected

**228** Product Audit Tests

**27** Number of Products Suspected Short

**Establishment Inspections Performed! 242**

**4,579**

**Total Number of Prices Verified for Price Verification**

**Total Incorrect Prices 101**

## WESTERN DISTRICT COURT

Submitted by Judge Eric Nagel



**3,128** Traffic Cases Filed  
**407** Criminal Cases Filed  
**1,008** Civil Cases Filed

**33** Marriages Performed



## EASTERN DISTRICT COURT

Submitted by Judge Colin McQuade



**2,724** Traffic Cases Filed  
**319** Criminal Cases Filed  
**552** Civil Cases Filed  
**5** Marriage Performed



# County Snapshot

## SENIOR CENTER

Submitted by Sheri Rychener, Director



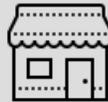
**138,597**

Total Meals Served



**27,566**

Total Congregate Meals



**11,522**

Das Essen Haus Restaurant Initiative



**96,271**

Home Delivered Meals



**\$369,880.00**

Food Expense



**\$188,824.00**

Meal Donations Received



**\$2,380,460.00**

Total Revenue



**\$1,736,586.00**

Total Expenses



**\$468,995.00**

Grant Awards

## SHERIFF

Submitted by Roy Miller, Sheriff



**4,290**

EMS/Medical



**232**

Juvenile/Unruly



**365**

Animal



**1,010**

Suspicious Nature



**305**

Domestic



**216**

Threats/Harassment



**898**

Property Damage



**1,012**

Vehicle/Traffic Offense



**96**

Burglary/Assault/Vandalism

### Call Volume by Township/Village



**13,290** Call Volume

**80 %** Wireless 911 Calls

Amboy	848	Gorham	1,715
Chesterfield	677	Lyons	190
Clinton	3,464	Metamora	158
Dover	1,184	Pike	987
Franklin	516	Royalton	638
Fulton	1,615	Swan Creek	3,888
German	3,972	York	2,497

# County Snapshot

## PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Submitted by Scott Haselman, Prosecuting Attorney

**Case Count**  
**92** Juvenile  
**140** Misdemeanors  
**151** Felony  
**514** Traffic  
**9** Civil  
**315** Child Support (CSEA)



## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Submitted by Melanie Gilders, Republican Director

**29,284** Registered Voters  
November 2, 2021

 **6,972** Total Ballots Cast  
November 2, 2021

*Voting turnout equaled 23.81%.*

*Metamora Village Council Race (4<sup>th</sup> seat) was a tie vote. The tie was broke by placing both candidate names in a bowl and the winner was drawn.*

Accuracy Rate for Post-Election Audit **100%**

## DOG WARDEN

Submitted by Brian Banister, Dog Warden



**Intake**  
**621** Strays  
**59** Owner Signed Off

### Breakout

**24** Euthanized at Owner's Request  
**3** Euthanized Stray  
**565** Redeemed by Owner  
**3** Adopted  
**87** Rescued



## JOB & FAMILY SERVICES

Submitted by Amy Metz-Simon, Director



**\$4,704,481**

Total Child Support Collected



**60**

Out of **155** Reports to Adult Protective Services Screened for Investigations



**7%**

County Residents Enrolled in Food Assistance



**285**

Out of **856** Reports to Children Services Screened in for Investigations



**18.95%**

County Residents Enrolled in Medicaid

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Kim Cupp, Health Commissioner



**196** In-County Births  
**350** In-County Deaths  
**1,291** Food Service Inspections/ Consultations  
**1,264** Flu Shots Given  
**15,864** Covid-19 Shots Given  
**716** Individuals Served During Nursing Hours  
**21.26%** Staff Time Spent on COVID Activities

# County Snapshot

## FULTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Submitted by Matt Gilroy, Executive Director



**\$850.00**

Average Weekly Wage Growth

Average Weekly Wage Growth in Fulton County



**December 2021**  
**Unemployed Residents**  
**3.5%**

### Projects Won in 2021

Tri-County Electric	Energy
Toledo Edison	Energy
Messer	Energy
Haas Door Company	Manufacturing
Fulton Mill Services	Manufacturing
Nova Tube & Steel	Manufacturing
Archbold Furniture	Manufacturing
J&B Feed	Agriculture
Bowling Transportation	Transportation
Nature Fresh Farms	Agriculture

Fulton County's Unemployment Rate

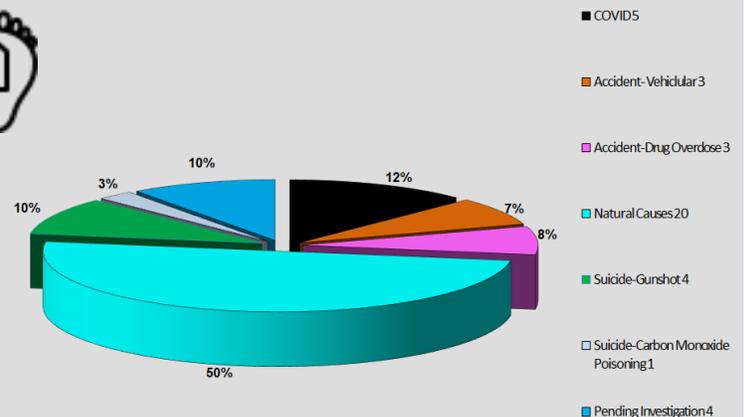


## CORONER

Submitted by Dr. Rick Yoder, Coroner



**352** Total Number of Deaths  
**40** Deaths Referred to Coroner  
**11%** Deaths Coroner's Cases  
**3** of the **40** Coroner Cases Involved Alcohol Use and/or Drug Use: **3%**



# County Snapshot

## OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Submitted by Fulton County OSUE Staff



**753** Youth Served Through **36** 4-H Clubs  
**167** Volunteers Working with Youth  
**134** Youth Participants in 4-H Camp  
**574** Youth Exhibited at the Fair



**25** First-time Homebuyers Coached  
**225** Participated in Personal Finance Ed



**57** Attended Annual Corn & Soybean Day  
**38** Completed Fertilizer/Pesticide Recertification  
**121** Attended Farm Bill/Farm Management Courses  
**10** New Pesticide Applicator Training



**10** Soil Health Analyses Completed  
**16** eFields On-Farm Research Projects  
**9** Water Quality Outreach Programs



**39** Certified as Food Safety Managers  
**32** Health & Wellness Classes Conducted



**5** Schools had SNAP-Ed Nutrition Programing  
**1,499** Reached Through Nutrition Education Programs  
**2,798** Reached Indirectly Through Nutrition Education

## Fulton Soil & Water Conservation District

Submitted by Jackie Savage, District Administrator



**16** Erosion Control Structures  
**1** Controlled Drainage Structure  
**.19** Acres of Grassed Waterways  
**37,500'** of District Windbreaks  
**79.68** Acres of Oak Savanna  
**5,730** Acres of Cover Crops



**275** School & Adult Presentations  
**2** Educational Videos  
**6** School Districts Soil Judging



**73** H2Ohip Program producers  
**1** Ag Easement Application



**12**  
 Animal Waste Storage Facilities



**7,085**  
 Seedlings Sold at Tree Sale



**2**  
 Pasture Systems



**2**  
 High Tunnels



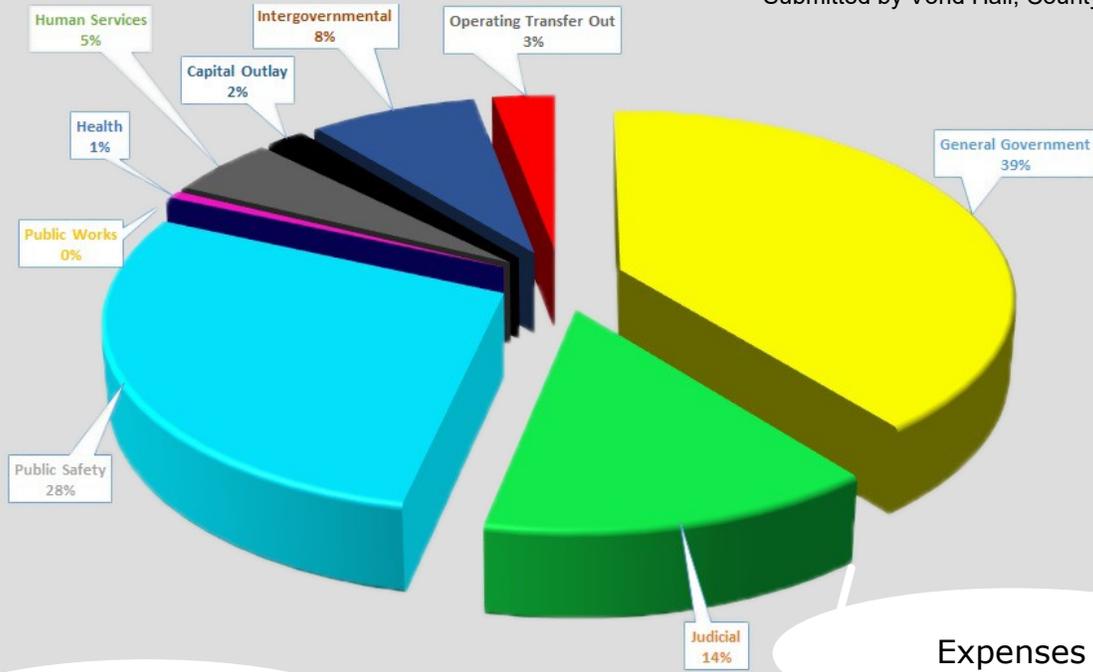
**9,460**  
 Fish Sold at Annual Fish Sale



**1**  
 Wetlands

# General Fund

Submitted by Vond Hall, County Administrator

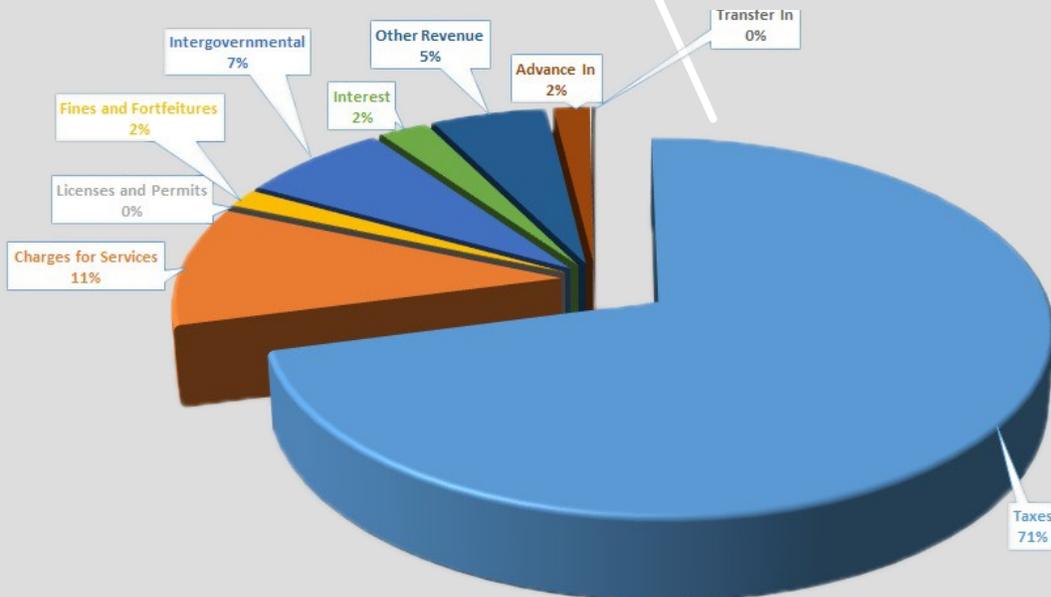


## Revenue

Taxes	\$12,114,237.09
Charges for Services	\$1,799,745.60
Licenses and Permits	\$3,125.49
Fines and Forfeitures	\$274,810.86
Intergovernmental	\$1,224,475.42
Interest	\$397,217.78
Other Revenue	\$943,594.33
Transfer In	\$33,066.85
Advance In	\$297,600.00
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$17,087,873.42</b>

## Expenses

General Government	\$5,216,840.52
Judicial	\$1,857,431.78
Public Safety	\$3,766,431.09
Public Works	\$3,721.04
Health	\$83,321.36
Human Services	\$679,542.37
Capital Outlay	\$225,781.54
Intergovernmental	\$1,048,427.60
Operating Transfer Out	\$394,000.00
Advances Out	\$2,326,194.19
Other	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$15,601,691.49</b>



# Property Taxes

Total Property Tax Collected: \$52,794,435.06

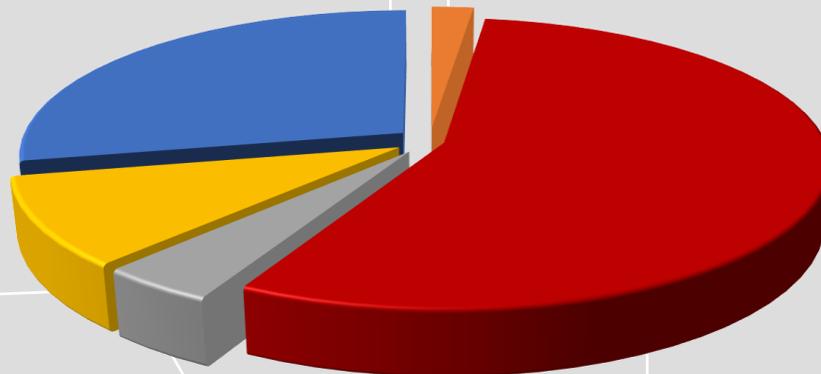
Submitted by Brett Kolb, Auditor

## County Gov., 28%

General	\$2,030,805.07
Board of Developmental	\$3,926,901.67
Board of Health	\$970,950.05
Emergency Medical Services	\$3,757,051.63
Emergency Medical	\$272,517.87
Four County Mental	\$1,181,634.98
Senior Center	\$1,528,728.77
911 Emergency Phone	\$944,635.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,613,225.10</b>

## Libraries, 2%

Archbold	\$236,895.39
Delta	\$306,528.33
Evergreen	\$77,984.77
Fayette	\$41,301.10
Liberty Center	\$39,757.06
Swanton	\$174,941.07
Wauseon	\$203,341.35
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,080,749.07</b>



## Townships, 10%

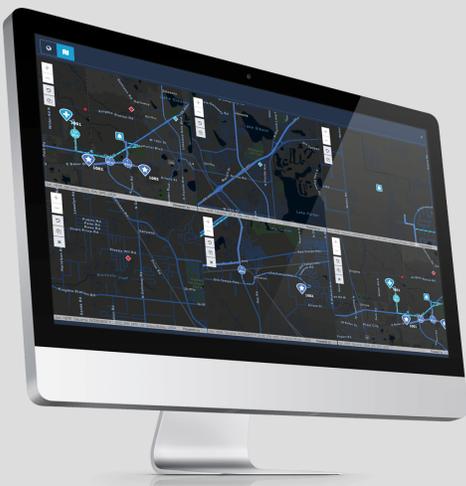
Amboy	\$323,295.80
Chesterfield	\$244,970.19
Clinton	\$1,149,313.01
Dover	\$134,270.40
Franklin	\$141,840.99
Fulton	\$379,569.92
German	\$937,458.89
Gorham	\$209,591.36
Pike	\$197,787.21
Royalton	\$245,457.90
Swancreek	\$895,348.81
York	\$379,812.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,238,716.89</b>

## Villages, 4%

Archbold	\$771,589.70
Delta	\$462,177.81
Fayette	\$91,301.86
Lyons	\$62,458.81
Metamora	\$50,096.22
Swanton	\$304,549.46
Wauseon	\$503,212.34
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,245,386.20</b>

## Schools, 56%

Archbold	\$4,950,689.26
Evergreen	\$4,177,594.50
Fayette	\$1,959,959.95
Liberty Center	\$898,783.16
Pettisville	\$1,734,422.86
Pike-Delta-York	\$4,823,033.46
Swanton	\$2,992,716.20
Wauseon	\$5,492,992.87
Anthony Wayne	\$4,177.57
Four County	\$2,325,921.92
Career Center	\$256,096.05
Penta Career Center	\$256,096.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,616,357.80</b>



# Highlights

## Fulton County 911 Upgrades Dispatch Center with New Cloud-Based System

“We are in the final portions of programming, ‘fine tuning’ and customizing numerous layouts and settings to Fulton County. Training for administration, deputies and dispatch within the County is now being scheduled.”

-Rich Kilgour, Fulton County Sheriff 911 Coordinator

The County is using SOMA Global and WestTel. This new software platform will connect dispatchers and first responders faster, sharing vital details like addresses and medical information over the cloud.

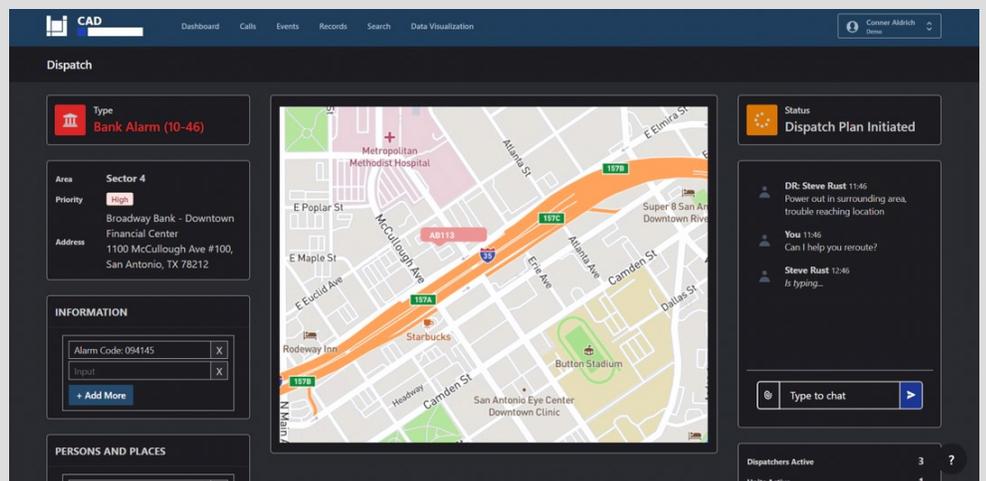
SOMA Global, a leading provider of Public Safety as a Service (PSAAS™), provide Next Generation 911 (NG911) call location to dispatchers and first responders.

The FCC estimates that faster response from improved location for 911 calls could save over 10,000 lives annually. SOMA Global works with trusted PSAP and first responder software vendors to deliver accurate location and rich data to call-takers, dispatchers and first responders via existing call-taking, dispatch, and mapping software.

The SOMA Platform features the most advanced cloud-based computer-aided and mobile dispatch applications for law enforcement and first responders. With the RapidSOS NG911 Clearinghouse, the SOMA Platform now supports:

- NG911 call location information, with accurate iOS and Android device location directly displayed on a map quickly for dispatchers to better visualize call information;
- Supplemental device information within the context of other apps that are currently running on the calling device, for example, ride sharing—dispatchers can soon access pickup/drop-off and driver information; and
- Publishing this additional device information to responders on the front line, to mobile dispatch applications running on mobile data terminals (MDTs) and handhelds.

The WestTel NG911 is a web-based Management Information Systems (MIS) application that uses detailed call data from the WestTel NG911 system to display and analyze historical information. The other aspect is how the 911 call comes into the County 911 office, WestTel takes the call (voice and data) and processes it to Computer Aided Design (CAD).



# Get Connected

## Get the App!



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.



Subscribe to myAlerts at [fultoncountyoh.com](http://fultoncountyoh.com) or via the AlertSense app on your smartphone. Receive advance warning of severe weather, public safety alerts, and community notifications.



Use the Fulton County App for fast and convenient access to the Fulton County website.

## Get Connected with Online Services

### [fultoncountyoh.com](http://fultoncountyoh.com)

- 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 myAlerts
  - Sign up for Weather Alerts and Sheriff Notifications Through myAlerts
- Sign up for Weekly Fulton County "Job Leads of the Week" from OhioMeansJobs|Fulton County Through myAlerts



# 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 Disabilities	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 Conservation District	419-337-9217
Emergency Management Agency	419-337-9207	Transfer Station	419-337-9250
Emergency Medical Services	419-337-9668	Treasurer	419-337-9252
Engineer	419-335-3816	United Way	419-337-9606
Fairgrounds	419-335-6006	Veterans Service	419-337-9266
		Visitors Bureau	419-337-9669



152 S. Fulton Street  
Fulton County Commissioners  
Wauseon, OH 43567

**Fulton County, Ohio**  
**Popular Annual Financial Report**  
**January-December 2021**

