



**Fulton
County**

A Year In Review

2015 ANNUAL
REPORT

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Fulton County, Ohio



EST. April 1, 1850

42,698

POPULATION ESTIMATE 2013

Village of Archbold	4346
Village of Delta	3193
Village of Fayette	1283
Village of Lyons	562
Village of Metamora	627
Village of Swanton	3580
City of Wauseon	7332

12 TOWNSHIPS

Amboy	1219
Chesterfield	1012
Clinton	2222
Dover	1578
Franklin	743
Fulton	1519
German	2097
Gorham	977
Pike	1854
Royalton	953
Swancreek	6013
York	1678

*Based on 2010 population figures per the U.S. Census Bureau.

Your County Government

A crime is committed in **FULTON COUNTY** in which the victim unfortunately dies. **SHERIFF MILLER** investigates the matter and calls **DR. YODER**, the Coroner, to observe the victim's body. The evidence and their reports are presented to **PROSECUTOR HASELMAN** to determine felony charges. **PROSECUTOR HASELMAN** then asks **JUDGE BARBER**, Common Pleas Court Judge, to select a grand jury pool. The grand jurors are sworn in by **PAUL MACDONALD**, Clerk of Courts and then instructed by **JUDGE BARBER**. The grand jury is convened and the suspect is indicted. The suspect is arrested and bond is set by the Court. The suspect's family obtains a copy of their property deed from **SANDY BARBER**, Recorder, to post as collateral for bond with **CLERK MACDONALD**. **CLERK MACDONALD** checks **RECORDER BARBER'S** database for mortgages and liens. **RECORDER BARBER** then checks the property to see if the legal description has been approved by **FRANK ONWELLER**, Engineer. **CLERK MACDONALD** then checks with **BRETT KOLB**, Auditor, as to the property's market value. **CLERK MACDONALD** also checks with **CHAR LEE**, Treasurer, to see if the property taxes are paid current. **CLERK MACDONALD** then determines from this information and his own database whether to approve the bond or not. This daily collaboration cannot be accomplished without adequate funding from the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, **PAUL BARNABY**, **WILLIAM RUFENACHT**, **AND JEFF RUPP**.

YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Auditor	Brett Kolb
Clerk of Courts	Paul MacDonald
Common Pleas	James Barber
Engineer	Frank Onweller
Recorder	Sandra Barber
Probate/Juvenile Court	Michael Bumb
Commissioner	Jeff Rupp
Commissioner	Paul Barnaby
Commissioner	William Rufenacht
Treasurer	Char Lee
Coroner	Rick Yoder, M.D.
Eastern District Court	Colin McQuade
Prosecutor	Scott Haselman
Sheriff	Roy Miller
Western District Court	Jeff Robinson



Fulton County Courthouse Wauseon, Ohio
(picture courtesy of Fulton County Historical Society)

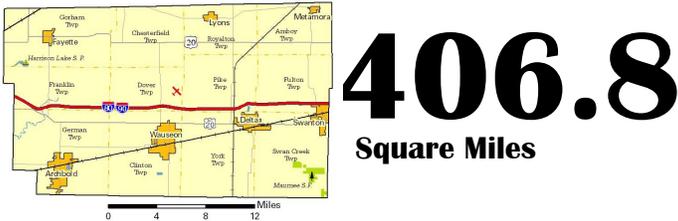
Courtesy of Ohio Clerk of Courts Association

Fulton County 2015

144 Precinct Election Officials
 Operated **36** precincts
 Across **18** locations with an
 average work day of **16** hours.

158 Electronic voting machines
 To the precincts on
 Election Day **27,746**
 Registered voters

\$124,600,000 Investment
303 New Jobs in
 Fulton County | Fulton County
 Economic Development



434 FULL TIME and PART TIME
 FULTON COUNTY Employees

17,302 Automobile Titles
 Sold

260 Inspections
 Weights & Measures | 76 Feed, Fertilizer & Grain
 67 Gas/Fuel Station
 27 Car Wash/Laundry/Parking

of Titles Issued **17,302** Automobile
289 Watercraft

Job & Family Services
JFS **100,000** 
 Incoming & Outgoing
 Phone Calls to Consumers, to Agencies
 for Investigations, to Schools,
 & Employees

2015 Breakfast FARM!

3000 Visitors from **20** Counties
13 states
300 volunteers
50 sponsors totaling **\$30,000**
 A Farm to Plate Event
 Fulton OSU Extension, Soil & Water Conservation District, Farm Bureau

\$66 Benefits paid
 MILLION to children for
 Child Support, Medicaid,
 Food Assistance, Cash Assistance,
 Foster Care, Board & Care Benefits,
 Child Care and Temporary Assistance
 for Needy Families Benefits

Prosecutors
**Case
 Count
 2015** | **150** Juvenile Cases
162 Non-traffic Misdemeanors
152 Felony Cases
457 Traffic Cases
84 New Civil Cases-
 17 complaints/67 Answers filed=84 new cases
214 Child Support Cases
 (involving something other than civil contempt)
501 Total Child Support Cases

Achievements



The Fulton County, Ohio website is **one** of only **four** of the **88** counties in Ohio that has an **A+** ranking for Transparency. BallotPedia, “The Encyclopedia of American Politics,” (ballotpedia.org) ranked Fulton County on certain criteria in the areas of budget, Administrative Officials, Elected Officials, meetings, audits, contracts, public records, taxes, lobbying and permits and zoning. Check out our website at www.fultoncountyoh.org!!

Top 3
Webpages visited

56,910 hits to Records Search
35,384 hits to Real Estate Property Search
15,289 hits to Jobs

140,072 Visits to the Fulton County Website in 2015



Fulton County Child Support Agency has ranked **#1** for paternity establishments in the small to medium sized counties for the **3rd** year in a row!



Fulton County Distinguished with Auditor of State Award

Fulton County has received the “Auditor of State Award” for its clean audit report for the second year in a row in 2015. State Auditor David Yost presented this award to Fulton County Auditor Brett Kolb in the presence of many Fulton County Elected Officials.

Auditor Yost recognized Fulton County as only one of five counties that received this distinction in 2015. Additionally, he noted that Fulton County received this award with **NO** management letter included, which is extremely rare.



Auditor of State Dave Yost presents Fulton County Auditor Brett Kolb with Clean Audit Certificate

Pictured: (Back row) Judge James Barber, Prosecutor Scott Haselman, State Auditor Dave Yost, Commissioner Jeff Rupp, Clerk of Courts Paul MacDonald
(Front row) Recorder Sandy Barber, Auditor Brett Kolb, Commissioner Paul Barnaby, Treasurer Char Lee and Commissioner Bill Rufenacht



Maggie, Fulton County
K-9 Officer

TYPE OF CALLS	2013	2014	2015	% of calls in 2015
Ill/Injured	3265	3391	3541	41.2%
Suspicious Nature	1408	1530	1419	16.5%
Threats/Harassment	286	250	280	3.3%
Vehicle/Traffic Offense	630	912	958	11.1%
Property Damage	1180	1050	1049	12.2%
Burglary/Assault/Vandalism	258	235	241	2.8%
Animal Calls	442	456	472	5.5%
Domestic	431	380	383	4.5%
Juvenile/Unruly	303	287	258	3.0%
WIRELESS 9-1-1 CALLS	77%	69%	74%	

11,199

**Wireless 911
Calls Received
in 2015**

VS.

12,417

**Wireless 911
Calls Received
in 2014**

Officer Maggie had 45 calls for service in 2015

**For Narcotic Searches
Searches for lost individuals
And Tracking Suspects**

- 11** School Searches
- 28** Demonstrations at churches, fairs, and other events
- 500** Hours of training since she was brought home

Dog Warden

2015 was a busy year for the Fulton County Dog Warden and Pound. Chances are, if you've watched the news, listened to the radio or read a local newspaper, you've heard about the Dog Pound!

- ◆ It was brought to the attention of the Fulton County Commissioners that the Dog Pound was unintentionally out of compliance with both an EPA and pharmacy requirement in 2015. New protocols were immediately put into place bringing the pound into full compliance, with no penalties from either organization.
- ◆ The Fulton County Commissioners passed a resolution in June 2015 stating that Pit Bulls could now be transferred to registered Humane Society's. Four Pit Bulls were transferred to registered Humane Society's following this resolution in 2015.



State Pound Keeper's Report	2014	2015
Stray	226	220
Owner Signed off to Dog Pound	49	52
Dead On Arrival	12	10
Total (breakdown below)	287	282
Euthanized at Owner's Request	21	23
Euthanized	19	11
Redeemed by Owner	142	113
Adopted	31	30
Rescued	62	95
Dead On Arrival	12	10
Total	287	282

Breakdown of Dogs Euthanized in 2015:

23 Euthanized at Owners Request
3 Ill or Mortally Injured
3 Pit Bulls*
5 Aggressive (Labrador, Heeler, Shepard Mix, Mix, Husky)

*The unclaimed Pit Bulls were euthanized prior to the Commissioners passing a resolution allowing them to be adopted to registered Humane Societies.

Data derived from the Fulton County State Pound Keepers Report Log.

Did You Know? Lost Dog?

Check the Dog Warden's website for **Redeemable Dogs**. According to Ohio Revised Code, the Dog Warden is required to hold dogs for three days until they become open for adoption. Check the site frequently if you've lost your dog!

www.fultoncountyoh.com/dogwarden

Want to Adopt?

Once dogs become available for adoption, they are moved to the Adoption page on the Dog Warden's website, or you can visit the pound in person. Dogs are available for adoption for \$15 plus license fee of \$20.

SENIOR CENTER

240 Clinton Street Wauseon, OH 43567 | 419-337-9299

Housekeeping

Total Seniors Served 182
2015 New Seniors: 70

Medical Transportation

Total Seniors Escorted: 480
Total Trips: 930
2015 New Seniors: 51

Information & Referral

Total Seniors Served: 800
Total Appointments: 1626
Average Appointments Per
Month: 136
2015 New Seniors: 221

Meal Program

Total Meals Served: 115,231
Congregate: 21,734
Home Delivery: 93,497
Average Meals Per Day: 525



Senior Nutrition





Fulton County Senior Center

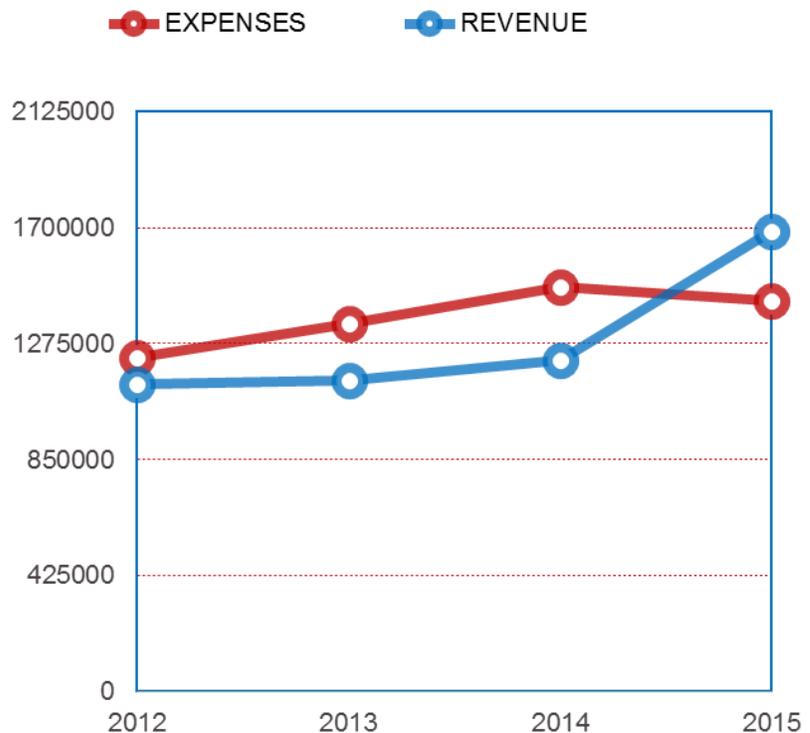
The Fulton County Senior Center exists to make a positive impact on the seniors within the county. The program aims to be a focal point for the senior population in the community by providing opportunities for independence, growth and wellness. By offering community resources for nutrition, transportation, socialization and education, we encourage seniors to celebrate their lives and to stay actively engaged with those that surround them. Sites are currently located in Wauseon, Archbold, Fayette, Delta and Swanton and are available to any Fulton County resident age 60 and over.

The Fulton County Senior Center is a program of the Fulton County Commissioners and is funded through levy money, donations, and under the Title III grants administered by the Ohio Department of Aging and the Area Office on Aging.

Other Available Services:

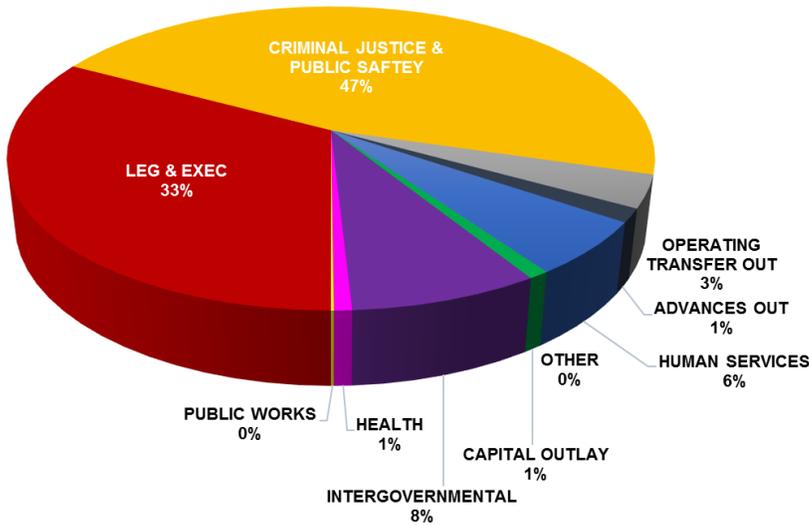
- Computer Lab & Wifi
- Exercise Classes
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Day Trips
- Open Gym
- Socialization
- Arts & Crafts
- Education
- Library
- Special Events
- Cards & Games
- Recreation
- Support
- Legal Services
- Medicare Assistance
- Intergenerational Opportunities
- Music & Choir

Senior Center Account



General Fund Expenses

Where The General Fund Money Goes
\$11,773,186.86



General Fund Expenses	2015 Expenses
Criminal Justice & Public Safety	\$5,505,262.92
Legal & Executive	\$3,867,589.95
Intergovernmental	\$940,802.35
Human Services	\$677,162.20
Operating Transfer Out	\$407,515.69
Advances Out	\$170,310.85
Capital Outlay	\$100,823.14
Health	\$88,449.38
Public Works	\$14,045.38
Other	\$1,225.00
Total	\$11,773,186.86

47% Of the General Fund Expenses went towards Criminal Justice and Public Safety in 2015.

General Fund Revenues

Description	2015 Revenue	Percentage
Taxes	\$9,486,279.47	71.9%
Charges for Service	\$1,502,700.80	11.4%
Intergovernmental	\$869,247.20	6.6%
Other Revenue	\$686,645.69	5.2%
Fines and Forfeitures	\$307,722.74	2.3%
Interest	\$298,500.94	2.3%
Transfer In	\$26,755.50	0.2%
Advance In	\$6,518.69	0.0%
Licenses and Permits	\$2,787.67	0.0%
Transfer In	\$0.00	0.00%
General Fund	\$13,187,158.70	100.0%

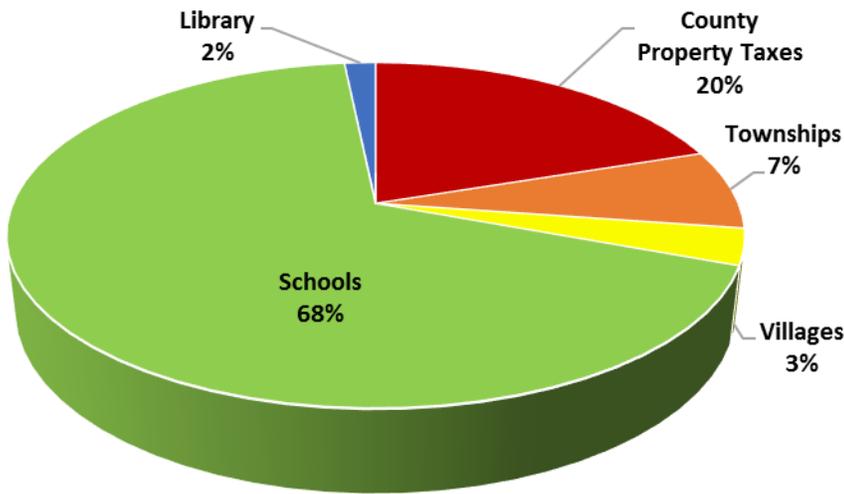
Sales Tax	\$7,752,915.90	81.7%
Property Tax	\$1,733,363.57	18.3%

Sales Tax Most items sold in department stores and other retail outlets—everything from radios and shoes to garden tools to clothes—include sales tax. The most important exemption to sales taxes is food that is consumed any place other than where it is purchased. That means groceries taken home are not taxed, but food eaten at restaurants is taxed.

Property Taxes

Fulton County Property Taxes	2015
General Fund	\$1,733,363.57
Board of Developmental Disabilities	\$2,753,305.58
Board of Health	\$588,799.69
Emergency Medical Services	\$1,318,033.44
Emergency Medical Services Fund	\$211,141.52
Four County Mental Health Board	\$995,397.35
Senior Center	\$1,208,154.26
911 Emergency Phone	\$522,200.23
Total	\$9,330,395.64

Property Tax Counties levy a tax on the transfer of property after its sale. By state law, the minimum tax is \$1 for every \$1000 in assessed value of the property being transferred in ownership.



Townships	2015
Amboy	\$242,201.26
Chesterfield	\$159,997.30
Clinton	\$720,397.26
Dover	\$106,651.79
Franklin	\$93,956.61
Fulton	\$222,590.13
German	\$462,336.46
Gorham	\$216,964.48
Pike	\$162,892.43
Royalton	\$214,302.89
Swancreek	\$600,703.76
York	\$284,456.31
Total	\$3,487,450.68

*These figures do not include special assessments

Property Tax Total \$46,923,196.90

Schools	2015
Archbold	\$5,326,645.38
Evergreen	\$4,117,352.72
Fayette	\$1,433,417.48
Liberty Center	\$764,721.84
Pettisville	\$1,529,323.96
Pike-Delta-York	\$6,228,672.81
Swanton	\$3,578,009.05
Wauseon	\$6,713,178.85
Anthony Wayne	\$3,155.21
Four County Career Center	\$1,762,186.69
Penta Career Center	\$304,354.76
Total	\$31,761,018.75

*These figures do not include school income tax.

Villages	2015
Archbold	\$526,791.22
Delta	\$434,811.17
Fayette	\$76,506.99
Lyons	\$59,528.69
Metamora	\$28,632.44
Swanton	\$241,157.76
Wauseon	\$213,294.00
Total	\$1,580,722.27

*These figures do not include special assessments

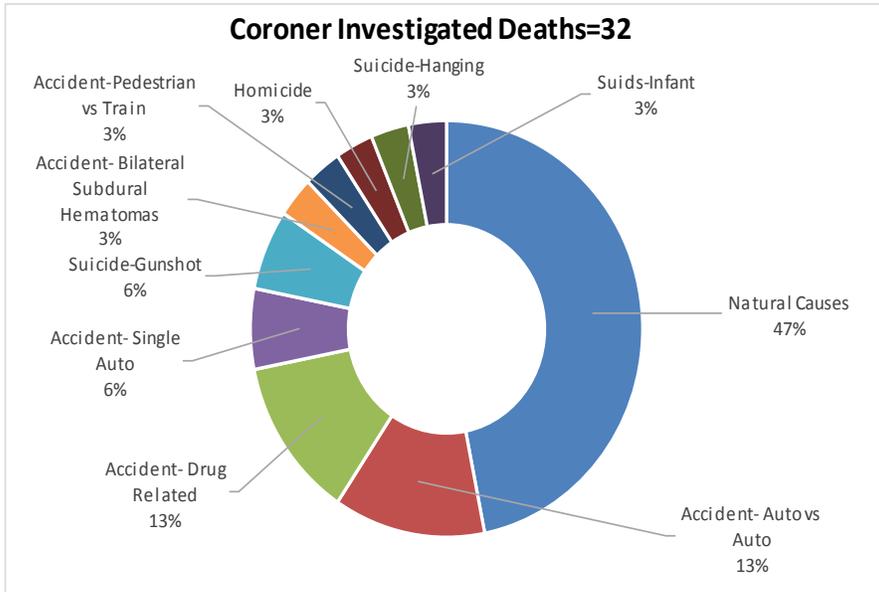
Library	Total
Archbold	\$97,611.58
Delta	\$280,796.85
Swanton	\$148,407.84
Liberty Center	\$26,087.41
Fayette	\$25,716.23
Wauseon	\$185,815.11
Total	\$764,435.02

*These figures do not include special assessments

Millage How property taxes are measured in size. One mill equals \$1 in taxes for every \$1,000 in assessed value of property. Taxes increase as a community's voted millage goes up.

Coroner's Report

283 Total Number of Deaths



2015	TOTAL DEATHS	CORONER'S CASES
Alzheimer's/Dementia	31	0
Cancer	63	0
Heart / CVA	99	13
Other Natural	38	0
Pulmonary/Pneumonia	35	2
Accident	12	12
Homicide	1	1
Suids- Infant	1	1
Suicide	3	3
Total	283	32

11% OF DEATHS were Coroner's Cases

47%

7 of the 15 accidental and suicide deaths involved drug toxicity And/or alcohol

The County Coroner is an elected licensed physician who has broad authority to investigate causes of death resulting from crimes or violent acts, suicide or any death of a suspicious nature. In automobile crashes, the Coroner determines the blood alcohol content of those deceased.

Engineer's Report

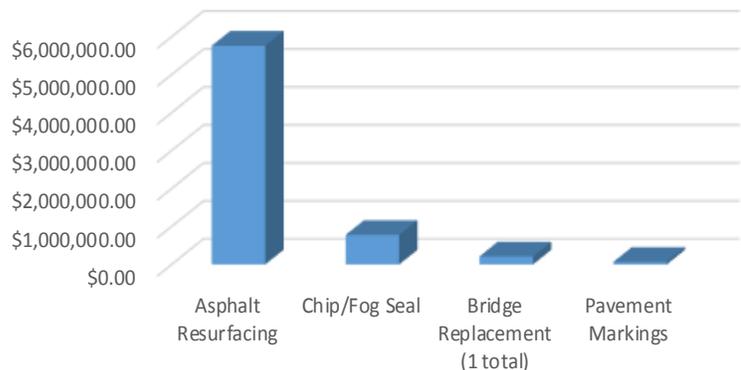
Drive anywhere in Fulton County and the work of the Engineer's Office is there to see!

105 Pavement Marking Centerline Miles

50 Miles Chip/Fog and Sealed

35 Miles of Asphalt

2015 Construction Projects
Total Cost \$6,813,227.36



Of the total project costs -

\$3,403,869.95	Federal CSTP Grant
\$2,169,851.33	Local County Funds
\$824,013.72	Other governmental entities.
\$258,238	OPWC Issue 2 Grant (incl. townships)
\$157,255	OPWC Issue 2 Loan

859.45

County, Township and municipal road miles

Pride and Preservation

Cleanliness & Safety

It's something we have come to expect, but it's also something that we take for granted. The Fulton County Housekeeping and Maintenance Department strives to ensure that the county's assets are maintained at the highest standards. They work hard to keep the buildings presentable and dignified for the public and employees.

"The staff do a tremendous job in maintaining all of our buildings, including our historical Fulton County Courthouse and Detwiler Building," notes Commissioner Paul Barnaby.

The Housekeeping and Maintenance Department is responsible for the upkeep of all county building property and related equipment. With **16** total buildings, **35** departments and over **151,841** total square feet, the accomplishments of this department are considerable. Their responsibilities involve looking after the buildings, the grounds, and the general cleaning of all buildings.

Fulton County Maintenance Director Todd Bingham states that the work of his team is ultimately about cleanliness and safety. "Our housekeepers day begins at 5:00am, and our maintenance crew begins at 7:30am to ensure that our buildings are at the top of their game prior to the start of business each day. We understand the importance of our roles in serving the public and do our best to execute our work efficiently and wisely."

"The Commissioners extend a thank you to the Maintenance and Housekeeping staff for their excellent services," states Commissioner Jeff Rupp.



Front row: Letti Hernandez, Tamra Buyer, Jerri Ruger, Mechelle Fisher, and Jennifer Fitzpatrick

Back row: Todd Bingham, Carl Short, Gary Haupricht and Logan Badenhop



16 Buildings

35 Departments

151,841

Total Square Feet

Get Connected with Online Services

- ◆ Pay traffic tickets to both Eastern and Western District Courts
- ◆ Purchase Dog Licenses online through the Auditor's Office
- ◆ Search Court Records through Eastern and Western District Court
- ◆ Real Estate Search through the Auditor's Office
- ◆ View your own personal sample ballot on the Board of Elections Website
- ◆ Follow Fulton County, OH on Facebook and Twitter
- ◆ Pay tax bills on the Treasurer's page
- ◆ 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" through the Workforce Development Notify Me tab

Look for the new Fulton County App coming in the summer of 2016!

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