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**Department of Management and Budget**



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Mr. Daniel T. Murphy  
County Executive  
1200 North Telegraph Road  
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Dear Mr. Murphy:

Collections for the division increased by 5.2 per cent for the year of 1987 for a total of \$125,819.

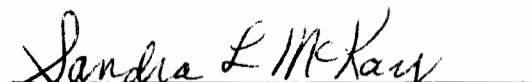
At the suggestion of this division, the Circuit Bench increased costs assessed to defendants placed on probation from \$200 to \$300 per year effective September 1, 1987. As a result of the increase and improved collections, the Circuit Court Unit realized a 14 per cent increase in revenue for the year for a total of \$192,690.

Due to a backlog of work as well as preparations to convert to a computerized operation in the Juvenile Court Unit, we experienced a .4 per cent decrease in collections for 1987. The current year should produce better results as the computer system will be fully operational at that time.

The year of 1987 saw many changes as the result of an operational overview. Collection of psychological testing and guardian ad litem fees in domestic relations matters was transferred from our Circuit Court Unit to the Friend of the Court as of January 1, 1987. In addition, the Juvenile Unit discontinued pursuing payment on behalf of the state on new ADCF orders at the same time. Phase-out of collections that were being processed for Community Development was also begun in 1987 with that division assuming complete responsibility sometime in 1988.

A summary of this division's activities for the year is presented in this report for your review.

  
Louis A. MacKenzie, Director  
Management and Budget Department

  
Sandra L. McKay, Manager  
Reimbursement Division

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Years Ended December 31, 1987, 1986, and 1985

ACCOUNTS:	AMOUNT RECEIVED		
	1987	1986	1985
<b>CIRCUIT COURT:</b>			
Court Costs	\$ 624,421.11	\$ 510,429.65	\$ 423,942.22
Restitution	561,913.04	545,426.06	547,223.28
Attorney Fees	333,197.48	264,981.67	265,441.68
Fines	42,615.93	37,911.61	46,973.00
Paternity Blood Test Fees	1,151.10	3,282.57	6,058.01
Psychological Testing Fees	295.00	6,632.64	4,697.50
Inmate Board and Care	240.00	10.00	
Guardian Ad Litem Fees		2,469.65	2,977.25
Total	<u>1,563,833.66</u>	<u>1,371,143.85</u>	<u>1,297,312.94</u>
<b>PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE:</b>			
Board and Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	360,012.30	376,955.80	296,355.11
Governmental Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	170,890.56	142,230.54	132,926.60
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	130,927.67	133,945.83	103,998.34
Attorney Fees	102,899.50	127,737.70	127,354.22
Vocational Schools and Group Homes	54,440.90	43,936.76	27,984.52
Probate Support	26,368.16	29,577.22	29,849.41
State of Michigan - Aid to Dependent Children	15,112.72	9,853.13	7,127.31
Court Costs	94.25		
Total	<u>860,746.06</u>	<u>864,236.98</u>	<u>725,595.51</u>
<b>PROBATE COURT - MENTAL HEALTH/INSTITUTIONS:</b>			
Attorney Fees	19,036.50	22,862.00	30,195.25
Oakland County Medical Care Facility	12,098.08	19,559.95	22,006.91
Mental Institutions	7,522.20	1,195.00	6,785.65
Community Mental Health	1,650.50	1,006.50	1,339.00
Doctor Examinations	1,200.00	750.75	1,165.00
Estate Attorney Fees	540.00		
Total	<u>42,047.28</u>	<u>45,374.20</u>	<u>61,491.81</u>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>			
Land Sales/Building Fund	75,636.94	122,879.22	70,305.00
Drain Commission	1,089.16	6,375.36	1,141.00
Housing and Community Development Grants	1,080.00	1,440.00	2,326.10
Lien Interest	820.06	505.08	498.12
Miscellaneous	228.14		
Witness and Mileage Fees	157.00	598.58	80.67
Filing Fees	76.40	653.49	510.00
Department of Public Works			39,754.55
Parks and Recreation		6,689.36	2,600.00
Total	<u>79,087.70</u>	<u>139,141.09</u>	<u>117,215.44</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<u><u>\$2,545,714.70</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,419,896.12</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,201,615.70</u></u>

REPORT OF ACTIVITY

Years Ended December 31, 1987, 1986, and 1985

ACCOUNTS:

NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>
<b>CIRCUIT COURT:</b>			
Court Costs	13,392	12,349	10,783
Restitution	4,932	4,626	4,135
Attorney Fees	9,355	8,466	8,910
Fines	418	239	211
Paternity Blood Test Fees	113	236	364
Psychological Testing Fees	15	199	221
Inmate Board and Care	9	1	
Guardian Ad Litem Fees		30	36
Total	<u>28,234</u>	<u>26,146</u>	<u>24,660</u>
<b>PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE:</b>			
Board and Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	8,585	9,473	8,791
Governmental Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	741	739	676
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	8,989	9,596	8,867
Attorney Fees	2,498	3,195	3,336
Vocational Schools and Group Homes	901	915	920
Probate Support	175	180	222
State of Michigan - Aid to Dependent Children	394	212	101
Court Costs	1		
Total	<u>22,284</u>	<u>24,310</u>	<u>22,913</u>
<b>PROBATE COURT- MENTAL HEALTH/INSTITUTIONS:</b>			
Attorney Fees	246	306	389
Oakland County Medical Care Facility	26	37	57
Mental Institutions	21	20	16
Community Mental Health	37	23	27
Doctor Examinations	4	8	18
Estate Attorney Fees	1		
Total	<u>335</u>	<u>394</u>	<u>507</u>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>			
Land Sales/Building Fund	39	43	47
Drain Commission	6	13	20
Housing and Community Development Grants	10	11	17
Lien Interest	11	38	39
Miscellaneous	2		
Witness and Mileage Fees	8	27	15
Filing Fees	7	23	20
Mediation Fees		93	399
Department of Public Works			15
Parks and Recreation		5	9
Total	<u>83</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>581</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<u><u>50,936</u></u>	<u><u>51,103</u></u>	<u><u>48,661</u></u>

**CIRCUIT COURT PROGRAM**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS**

Years Ended December 31, 1987, 1986, and 1985

**REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED**

<b>ACCOUNTS:</b>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>
Court Costs	\$ 624,421.11	\$ 510,429.65	\$ 423,942.22
Attorney Fees	333,197.48	264,981.67	265,441.68
Fines	42,615.93	37,911.61	46,973.00
Paternity Blood Test Fees	1,151.10	3,282.57	6,058.01
Psychological Testing Fees	295.00	6,632.64	4,697.50
Inmate Board and Care	240.00	10.00	
Guardian Ad Litem Fees		2,469.65	2,977.25
Total	<u>1,001,920.62</u>	<u>825,717.79</u>	<u>750,089.66</u>
<b>TRUST ACCOUNT:</b>			
Restitution	<u>561,913.04</u>	<u>545,426.06</u>	<u>547,223.28</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED</b>	<u><u>\$1,563,833.66*</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,371,143.85</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,297,312.94</u></u>

\*In January of 1982, through the efforts of this Division, the Circuit Court, County Clerk and Corporation Counsel, a new program was instituted requiring a defendant's bond to be applied toward costs assessed by the Court. This effort resulted in the recovery of \$115,015.75 of the above funds. Of the total amount, the Oakland County Sheriff's Department assisted this Division by collecting \$14,563.12 from defendants on the Work Release Program.

**COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEY PROGRAM**

Cost to County:	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>
Regular Program	\$3,161,665.96	\$2,655,274.27	\$2,220,094.25
Appellate Program	<u>171,892.88</u>	<u>144,392.25</u>	<u>195,719.25</u>
Total	<u>\$3,333,558.84*</u>	<u>\$2,799,666.52</u>	<u>\$2,415,813.50</u>
<b>FUNDS RECOVERED</b>	<u><u>\$ 333,197.48**</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 264,981.67</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 265,441.68</u></u>

\*This amount includes \$1,417,269.71 held in escrow for anticipated expenditures for services actually rendered.

\*\*The following District Courts have required defendants to repay attorney fees thus assisting this Division in collecting a portion of the above funds:

43rd District Court	\$1,090.00	52-1 District Court	\$755.00
45-A District Court	\$ 180.00	52-3 District Court	\$180.00
46th District Court	\$ 572.00		

CIRCUIT COURT PROGRAM

COURT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>
Court Costs	\$25,294.52	\$25,602.67	\$24,969.50
Attorney Fees (Ordered)	15,259.84	24,858.67	15,089.83
Restitution	3,153.00	2,414.75	5,643.50
Attorney Fees (Unordered)	<u>1,035.00</u>	<u>1,049.00</u>	<u>1,511.00</u>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS RECOVERED</b>	<u>\$44,742.36</u>	<u>\$53,925.09</u>	<u>\$47,213.83</u>

The Court Community Service Program has provided the courts with an alternative means of enforcing monetary orders from indigent defendants rather than imposing costly jail sentences.

PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE ACCOUNTS

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Years Ended December 31, 1987, 1986, and 1985

<b>ACCOUNTS:</b>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>
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Collection Offset (Board and Care)	130,927.67*	133,945.83	103,998.34
Attorney Fees	102,899.50	127,737.70	127,354.22
Court Costs	<u>94.25</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total	764,824.28	780,869.87	660,634.27
<b>TRUST ACCOUNTS:</b>			
Vocational Schools and Group Homes	54,440.90**	43,936.76	27,984.52
Probate Support	26,368.16***	29,577.22	29,849.41
State of Michigan - Aid to Dependent Children	<u>15,112.72</u>	<u>9,853.13</u>	<u>7,127.31</u>
Total	95,921.78	83,367.11	64,961.24
<b>TOTAL FUNDS RECOVERED</b>	<u><u>\$860,746.06</u></u>	<u><u>\$864,236.98</u></u>	<u><u>\$725,595.51</u></u>

The Reimbursement Division is responsible for collection of the cost of care of court wards and attorney fees as ordered by the Juvenile Court. A financial statement is taken, and an order is entered commensurate with the parents' ability to pay.

\*Effective January of 1983, the Juvenile Code provided for a twenty-five per cent administrative fee to cover the cost of collecting funds as the result of an order for board and care.

\*\*This amount includes \$26,998.33 which represents one-half of the Social Security benefits collected by the Department of Social Services and credited on the State Ward Chargeback Statements.

\*\*\*Probate Support accounts represent monies collected by this Division and disbursed to the individual caring for the child as decreed by court order.



PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE ACCOUNTS

WARDS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

BOARD AND CARE, GROUP HOMES, HALF-WAY HOUSES,  
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>
Cost to Oakland County	\$1,453,071.00	\$1,277,826.00	\$733,999.00
FUNDS RECOVERED	<u>\$ 54,440.90</u>	<u>\$ 43,936.76</u>	<u>\$ 27,984.52</u>

REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>
Cost to Oakland County	\$409,834.00	\$466,411.02	\$452,255.80
FUNDS RECOVERED	<u>\$102,899.50</u>	<u>\$127,737.70</u>	<u>\$127,354.22</u>

Parents of juveniles requesting court-appointed counsel are referred to this Division for our recommendation prior to the appointment as often parents have ability to retain counsel privately thus enabling the County to decrease the amount of funds spent in this area.

**PROBATE COURT - MENTAL HEALTH/INSTITUTIONS**

**Years Ended December 31, 1987, 1986, and 1985**

**DOCTOR EXAMINATIONS**

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>
FUNDS RECOVERED	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 750.75	\$ 1,165.00

The Mental Health Code provides for an independent medical evaluation upon request by persons that have been hospitalized involuntarily.

**REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS**

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>
Cost to County	\$235,966.02	\$300,744.60	\$276,869.40
FUNDS RECOVERED	\$ 19,036.50	\$ 22,862.00	\$ 30,195.25

Every individual who is the subject of a petition for involuntary hospitalization is entitled to be represented by legal counsel.

**COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH**

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>
FUNDS RECOVERED	\$ 1,650.50	\$ 1,006.50	\$ 1,339.00

The Community Mental Health out patient clinics have continued to refer accounts with balances of \$200 or more to this Division when legal action is required.

**OAKLAND COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY**

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>
FUNDS RECOVERED	\$ 12,098.08	\$ 19,559.95	\$ 22,006.91

The above receipts cover delinquent accounts that were referred to the Reimbursement Division for collection.