
District Court II

Mission Statement:

To provide effective and timely resolution of legal matters, assuring dignified and fair treatment of all participants, while promoting respect for the justice system and maintaining the independence of the judiciary.

Functions:

- Infractions; Traffic and Non-Traffic
- Misdemeanor and Gross Misdemeanor Offenses
- Probation Services
- Small Claims up to \$4000
- Civil Cases - \$50,000 and less
- Unlawful Harassment and Domestic Violence Protection Orders
- Name Changes
- Impound Hearings
- Felony – Preliminary Appearance
- Provide Superior Court Commissioner services as needed

Long Term Goals:

- Continue to serve the citizens of the West End of Clallam County by maintaining an independent and efficient court providing personal attention and justice in each case.
- The court must comply with time standards as adopted by the Washington State Supreme Court while at the same time keeping current with incoming caseload.
- The court must report the court's activities as established by law and rule to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Department of Licensing, the county, etc.; as well as respond to requests by law enforcement and private citizens.
- The court must promptly implement all changes in the law and procedures as established/enacted.

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- The court must act consistently and swiftly to enforce its orders.
 - The court must establish, maintain and preserve the records of all relevant court actions in accordance with rule and law.

Short Term Objectives:

- Continue to work toward establishing basic court security measures to ensure safety of public and court staff by taking all necessary steps to ensure completion of basic security improvements identified and approved by the county years ago.
- Continue process of obtaining and installing public address and assisted listening systems to improve the public's ability to participate in the judicial process. Both the public address system and the assisted listening system have been approved by the county for years—the current goal is to proceed to the installation phase.
- Proceed with court “computerization” program using technological advances to increase efficiency, accuracy and cost-effectiveness.
- Continue fine-tuning District Court II web site to increase public access to forms and other court-related information.
- Continue to participate in community outreach programs, such as Judges in the Classroom and the Street Law program to educate the public, increase awareness of the courts and promote respect for the judiciary.

Accomplishments in 2007:

- Worked with superior court and other district court to implement new jury selection system.
- Successfully coordinated new long-term lease for court facilities with City of Forks.
- Judge Rohrer appointed by Board for Judicial Administration to the Office of Civil Legal Aid Oversight Committee, a statewide agency tasked with ensuring the most efficient and effective use of state-appropriated funds on behalf of low-income people in need of civil legal assistance.
- Continuation of superior court truancy hearings for convenience of West End students, families and administrators.
- Continued participation with other courts at both district and superior court levels.
- Substantial progress toward complete computerization of court orders and forms.

Workload Indicators:

	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	6/30/2007 Actual	2008 Estimate
Infractions	1,882	1,741	790	1750
Driving Under the Influence	63	45	33	70
Criminal Traffic	95	167	98	200
Criminal Misdemeanors	475	362	163	400
Civil Suits	56	54	30	65
Small Claims	17	16	14	30
Civil Protection Order	107	79	45	120
CASELOAD TOTALS	2,702	2,464	1,173	2,635

Staffing Level:

	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	6/30/07 Actual	2008 Budget
Full Time Equivalents	3.41	3.41	3.41	3.41

Operating Budget

Revenues:

	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	6/30/2007 Actual	2008 Budget
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	20,163	31,915	12,327	30,000
Charges for Goods and Services	57,431	57,780	33,575	65,020
Fines and Forfeits	127,505	134,337	63,164	135,001
Miscellaneous Revenues	1,549	2,808	1,502	2,645
Nonrevenues	1,468	18	0	0
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
General Tax Support	81,929	81,387	51,330	114,375
TOTAL	\$290,045	\$308,245	\$161,898	\$347,041

Expenditures:

	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	6/30/2007 Actual	2008 Budget
Salaries and Wages	172,981	185,649	98,897	208,872
Personnel Benefits	18,291	32,522	28,575	65,554
Supplies	7,526	8,894	2,802	5,685
Other Services and Charges	41,776	40,539	21,997	46,699
Intergovernmental Services	0	0	0	0
Interfund Payments for Services	49,471	40,641	9,627	20,231
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	\$290,045	\$308,245	\$161,898	\$347,041

Agency Structure:

