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DATE: JANUARY 28, 2022  
RE: REALIGNMENT OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OFFICES  
OF McKEAN COUNTY  
BY: JOHN H. PAVLOCK, PRESIDENT JUDGE

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## **PUBLIC NOTIFICATION AND INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The McKean County Court of Common Pleas, 48<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, has completed a plan and recommendation on the Realignment of the Magisterial District Courts of McKean County this plan was prepared in accordance with the directive from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. The discussion includes an analysis of the caseload for the four district courts in McKean County as well as a comparison to the other 6<sup>th</sup> class counties in Pennsylvania. The Plan includes the recommended elimination of one of our current four Districts. Detailed reasoning and statistical analysis regarding the elimination of a District is set forth in the Plan.

This Plan and recommendation is being issued to notify the residents of McKean County of the proposed realignment of the four Magisterial Districts. A copy of this recommendation will be available at each District Court in McKean County as well as the Court Administrator's Office in the Courthouse in Smethport.

Anyone who wishes to submit public comment regarding the proposed Plan/Realignment should submit such comment in writing addressed to the Court Administrator, 500 W. Main St., Smethport, PA 16749. Comments received shall be included with the final report submitted to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court regarding the proposed realignment. Comments will be accepted through February 27, 2022.

**McKEAN COUNTY**

**48<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**2022 REESTABLISHMENT PLAN**

**MAGISTERIAL DISTRICTS**

<b>CURRENT ALIGNMENT</b>
JUDICIAL DISTRICT 48
MUNICIPALITY
<b>48-1-01</b>
Bradford City
Ward 1 - Bradford City
Ward 2 - Bradford City
Ward 3 Dist 1 - Bradford City
Ward 3 Dist 2 - Bradford City
Ward 4 - Bradford City
Ward 5 - Bradford City
Ward 6 Dist 2 - Bradford City

<b>48-3-02</b>
Annin Twp
Ceres Twp
Eldred Boro
Eldred Twp
Keating Twp
Liberty Twp
Norwich Twp
Port Allegany Boro
Sergeant Twp
Smethport Boro

<b>48-3-03</b>
Ward 6 Dist. 1 - Bradford City
Bradford Twp
Corydon Twp
Foster Twp
Otto Twp
Lewis Run Boro

<b>48-3-04</b>
Hamilton Twp
Hamlin Twp
Kane Boro
Lafayette Twp
Mt. Jewett Boro
Wetmore Twp

<b>REALIGNMENT EFFECTIVE 1/1/2024</b>
JUDICIAL DISTRICT 48
MUNICIPALITY
<b>48-1-01**</b>
Bradford City (All Wards)
Bradford Twp
Foster Twp

<b>48-3-02</b>
Annin
Ceres
Eldred Boro
Eldred Twp
Keating Twp
Liberty
Norwich
Otto Twp
Port Allegany Boro
Smethport Boro

<b>48-3-03</b>
Eliminated

<b>48-3-04</b>
Corydon
Hamilton Twp
Hamlin Twp
Kane Boro
Lafayette Twp
Lewis Run Boro
Mount Jewett Boro
Sergeant Twp
Wetmore Twp

## **Plan for Re-Alignment of Magisterial Judicial Districts in McKean County**

Every 10 years, coinciding with the completion of the United States Census, each Court of Common Pleas Judicial District is required by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) to complete and present a “Magisterial District Reestablishment Plan” (hereinafter “Plan”). The factors that must be considered when drafting the Plan include: 1) the population of the judicial district including trends; 2) the workload statistics for each of our four magisterial districts; 3) continued access to magisterial district offices and services; and, 4) costs and expenses of operations.

### **1) POPULATION:**

There appears to have been no changes in the number of magisterial district in McKean County since at least 1990. The trend in population in McKean County, Pennsylvania since 1990 is downward: A) 1990 – 47,131; B) 2000 – 45,963; C) 2010 – 43,450; and, D) 2020 – 40,432. United States Census Bureau Statistics. There has been a 14.21% decrease in population in McKean County since 1990. Further, based on the consistent loss of population over the last 3 decades, it appears that the trend in the loss of population will continued for the next 10-year period.

### **2) WORKLOAD**

The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) has provided “Reestablishment Data 2021-2022” to the Court Administrator and the President Judge for each county. This statistical information is provided to each county by the AOPC to assist each county with the formation of their individual reestablishment plan. Each county is required to issue a reestablishment plan the year following each nationwide census (every ten years). The Court Administrator and President Judge must consider the workload statistics for their county when developing their county’s reestablishment plan. The workload statistics are compiled from statistics that capture the number of cases that each county processes annually. The cases are divided and weighted according to the following classifications: Criminal, Non-Traffic, Private Criminal, Private Summary, Traffic, Civil, Landlord/Tenant and Miscellaneous Docket.

The Annual Average Workload filings per McKean County’s Magisterial Districts (average for all 4 of our districts) is 2017. This is the lowest Average Workload for all of the 24 6<sup>th</sup> Class Counties in Pennsylvania. A sample of some of the other 6<sup>th</sup> class counties, including several local counties, reveals the following (AWA = abbreviation for Average Workload Assignment per each Magisterial District / Judge): Bedford AWA of 4709 which is 57% greater than McKean County; Carbon AWA 5497 which is 63% greater than McKean County; Clearfield AWA of 4087 which is 51% greater than McKean County; Elk AWA of 2926 which is 31% greater than McKean County; Warren AWA of 2380 which is 15% greater than McKean County.

An analysis of population in neighboring and other 6<sup>th</sup> class counties- and - total number of magisterial district judges reveals the following: Bedford 2020 population 47,577 and #MDJ = 4; Carbon 2020 population 64,749 and #MDJ = 4; Clearfield 2020 population 80,562 and #MDJ = 4; Elk 2020 population 30,990 and #MDJ = 2; Warren 2020 population 38,587 and #MDJ = 3; Tioga 2020 population 41,045 and #MDJ = 3.

### **3) CONTINUED ACCESS TO MDJ OFFICE / JUDGE**

McKean County is a relatively large county with a total land mass of 984 square miles. Therefore, one factor is the distance that citizens must travel to a magisterial district office. Currently there are 4 magisterial district judges / offices in McKean County located as follows: Bradford City, Foster Township, Smethport and Kane. The offices in Bradford and Foster Township are within miles of one another. The other two offices are roughly geographically spread out in the two other thirds of the county, that is, the two thirds from the Bradford and Foster offices.

The geographical size of McKean County, and the fact that 41 % of the population is in 11% of the County<sup>1</sup>, present difficulties regarding the potential travel time and distance to an MDJ office. If the current 4 offices are reduced to 3, the distance some citizens will have to travel to an office will not change at all, for some there will be a limited increase in travel and for some the distance will substantially increase. For example, to equalize workload and population between 3 Districts, one considered draft plan changed the current MDJ office for residents in Foster Township Districts 03 and 04 to Kane, Foster Township Districts 01 and 02 to Smethport, and, Bradford Township District 01 to Kane. If this plan were implemented citizens and law enforcement in Foster and Bradford Township, who currently are 5 to 10 miles from their district judge office, would have to travel 20 to 30 miles to their new office. This additional travel time would also result in increased expense for municipalities. For example, if the Foster Township Districts were divided between the Kane and Smethport Districts to balance workload, it would result in the Foster Township Police having to attend two separate preliminary hearing scheduled dates, one in Smethport and one in Kane the following week. The substantial increase in travel time and the cost of gas and wear on vehicles would result in an increase in yearly costs. It would also be more difficult to encourage witnesses, etc. to make the 25-mile trip to a hearing as opposed to the 4 or 5 miles – with public transportation available to the Bradford Office from areas in Foster Township but limited to Smethport and Kane. Travel can also be very difficult in the winter months due to substantial snowfall and ice.

A comparison of counties with similar land mass to McKean County reveals the following: Tioga, 523 square miles, 3 MDJ districts; Warren, 884.14 square miles, 3 MDJ districts; Elk, 832 square miles, 2 MDJ districts.

### **4) COSTS AND EXPENSE TO MCKEAN COUNTY AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA:**

The current average monthly rent for each MDJ office is \$1,752, and \$21,024 annually (Bradford monthly rent of \$1,826.50; Kane monthly rent of \$2,000; Foster Township monthly rent of \$1,480.85;<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Bradford City, Bradford Township and Foster Township all border one another. The total population of all 3 is 16,525 (Bradford 8,440, Bradford Township 4,618, and Foster Township 3,467). This is 41% of McKean County's 2020 population of 40,432. The land mass of Bradford, Bradford Township, and Foster Township is 108.98 square miles (Bradford 3.42, Bradford Township 55.6 and Foster Township at 49.96). This is 11% of the total land mass of McKean County's 984 total square miles.

<sup>2</sup> The Foster Township Office is in the Foster Township Municipal Building and is currently rented month to month. The court is in the process of negotiating a new long-term lease that would either result in relocating and a potential significant increase in rent, or, modifications to the existing office space and an increase in the rent for the current location

Smethport monthly rent of \$1,700). Although there are currently two staff positions at each MDJ office, since the workload of the closed office will still have to be processed, both positions will not be eliminated. However, after a transition period, one MDJ assistant position will be eliminated resulting in a budget reduction to the County of McKean in the estimated amount of \$48,540 annually (\$ 21,177 annual starting salary for a clerk in 2021 plus \$ 27,363 annually for benefits package (family plan)).<sup>3</sup> There are also incidental cost for an office such as added copier and computer expense – estimated at approximately \$300 a month, 3,600 annually. Therefore, the total reduction in the budget for McKean County is estimated to be \$73,164 annually. Because there will be annual increases in salary, rent and costs, the savings over the next 10 years will be greater than \$731,640 for the County of McKean.

The annual salary for a Magisterial District Judge in 2022 is \$98,565. The benefits package, including medical, retirement and dental, is approximately \$50,000. Therefore, the total annual savings to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania if a District Office / Judge is reduced is \$146,565.

### **CONCLUSION:**

There has been a 14.21% decrease in the population of McKean County since 1990. The average work load assignment for our Magisterial District's here in McKean County is the lowest among the 24 6<sup>th</sup> class counties. The difference in work load to other counties, both 6<sup>th</sup> class and other counties, is not trivial. It is 70% to 30% lower. The cost of continuing to operate a magisterial district is significant both for the Commonwealth, to cover the cost of the Magisterial District Judge's salary and benefit package, and, to the County of McKean to cover the cost of office rental, additional staff and support services. With added increases in salary, rent and costs factored in, the estimated savings to McKean County would be close to 1 million dollars over the next 10 years, and, with annual increases, to the Commonwealth of 1.6 million over the next 10 years. Therefore, the total estimated reduction in cost over the next 10 years from the elimination of one MDJ District is estimated to be of: 2.6 million.

Although cost it is not the only factor, since the County is facing a loss in tax revenue due to loss in population, this factor must be given weight. If one of the MDJ Districts is comprised of the municipalities in the Bradford area (Bradford City, Bradford Township and Foster Township), the reduction in districts will not result in significant increased travel for the vast majority of McKean County citizens. Further, although the Bradford District would have a greater workload than the other two districts, some workload can be shifted to adjust this discrepancy. For example, the District Judges in Smethport and Kane can be assigned to handle our Central Court System, which would result in the reduction of the overall workload for the District Judge in Bradford. Therefore, again based on the loss of population and the substantially decreased workload compared to the average in other 6<sup>th</sup> class counties and in Pennsylvania, a reduction in one district when one of our current Magisterial District Judge's term expires is required.

It is important to note that this plan was prepared with full consultation and input of the current four Magisterial District Judges. Although they, like President Judge Pavlock, were concerned about limiting the available resources in McKean County, after a review of the statistics and information herein all

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<sup>3</sup> The position will be eliminated in the future when there is an opening due to current staff retiring or leaving employment to accept another position. The change from 4 districts to 3 will occur in January of 2024 (election for MDJs for the new 3 Districts will be held in 2023).

understood and accepted that a reduction is warranted. Initially President Judge Pavlock presented two alternate Plans, Plan A and Plan B. Plan A, in order to more evenly divide workload, divided Bradford Township between the Kane and Bradford Districts, and, divided Foster Township between the Kane and Smethport Districts. After consultation with the District Judges, and after the District Judges all strongly indicated that Bradford City, Bradford Township and Foster Township should be part of one unit, even if that meant a greater workload for the MDJ elected to the Bradford District, Plan B, which is the Plan herein, was approved.

**PROPOSED MDG DISTRICTS - Foster and Bradford Townships with City**

**Magisterial District - Bradford: 48-1-01**

	<u>Pop.</u>	<u>Wrkld -NT</u>	<u>TR</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PS</u>
Brad 01	1270				
Brad Dist 02	2800	761 (01, 02, 03)	1400	0	18
Brad Dist 03	723				
Brad Ward 01	542	3750 (entire City)	1825 <sup>4</sup>	61	1162
Brad Ward 02	1320				
Brad Ward 03 Dist 01	948				
Brad Ward 03 Dist 02	1126				
Brad Ward 04	1061				
Brad Ward 05	693				
Brad Ward 06 Dist 01	1094				
Brad Ward 06 Dist 02	1065				
Foster 01	876	1681(01 -04)	1285	11	5
Foster 02	718				
Foster 03	2263				
Foster 04	181				
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>16,680</b>	<b>6,192</b>	<b>4,510</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1,185</b>

<sup>4</sup> Previously a portion of the city was assigned to 48-3-03 (Luther). Therefore, the numbers for Bradford City at 48-3-03 for all categories are added back into these totals.

	<u>Pop.</u>	<u>Criminal WL</u>
Brad 01	1270	
Brad Dist 02	2800	1885 (01,02, 03)
Brad Dist 03	723	
Brad Ward 01	542	10582
Brad Ward 02	1320	
Brad Ward 03 Dist 01	948	
Brad Ward 03 Dist 02	1126	
Brad Ward 04	1061	
Brad Ward 05	693	
Brad Ward 06 Dist 01	1094	
Brad Ward 06 Dist 02	1065	
Foster 01	876	2467
Foster 02	718	
Foster 03	2263	
Foster 04	181	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>16,680</b>	<b>14,927</b>

**Total Work Load Bradford: 26,886<sup>5</sup>**

**52% Higher Work Load than Kane**

**48% Higher than Smethport**

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<sup>5</sup> There are several categories, such as Landlord and Tennant workload, that are not included in these charts for two reasons: 1) the categories that are in these charts constitute a substantial portion of MDJ workload and, therefore, provide sound statistical information and a good estimate of future workload; and, 2) some of the additional categories are not divided according to municipality (only totals for current Districts).



**Magisterial District: Kane: 48-03-04**

	<u>Pop.</u>	<u>Wrkld-NT</u>	<u>TR</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PS</u>
Kane Ward 01	1116	1584 (All Kane)	862	2	315
Kane Ward 02	612				
Kane Ward 03	1059				
Kane Ward 04	843				
Mount Jewett	858	218	232	0	0
Sergeant	145	129	471	0	0
Wetmore	1621	206	342	0	274
Hamilton	549	172	80	0	0
Hamlin Dist 01	376	199 (All Hamlin)	1731	2	0
Hamlin Dist 02	314				
Lewis Run	583	70	146	2	2
Lafayette	1768	206	360	0	2
Corydon	283	107	111	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,127</b>	<b>2,891</b>	<b>4,335</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>593</b>

	<u>Pop.</u>	<u>Criminal WL</u>			
Kane Ward 01	1116	2381 (All Kane)			
Kane Ward 02	612				
Kane Ward 03	1059				
Kane Ward 04	843				
Mount Jewett	858	251			
Sergeant	145	122			
Wetmore	1621	685			
Hamilton	549	245			
Hamlin Dist 01	376	600 (All Hamlin)			
Hamlin Dist 02	314				
Lewis Run	583	178			
Lafayette	1768	502			
Corydon	283	135			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,127</b>	<b>5,099</b>			

**Total Work Load Kane: 12,924**

**Magisterial District: Smethport: 48-3-02**

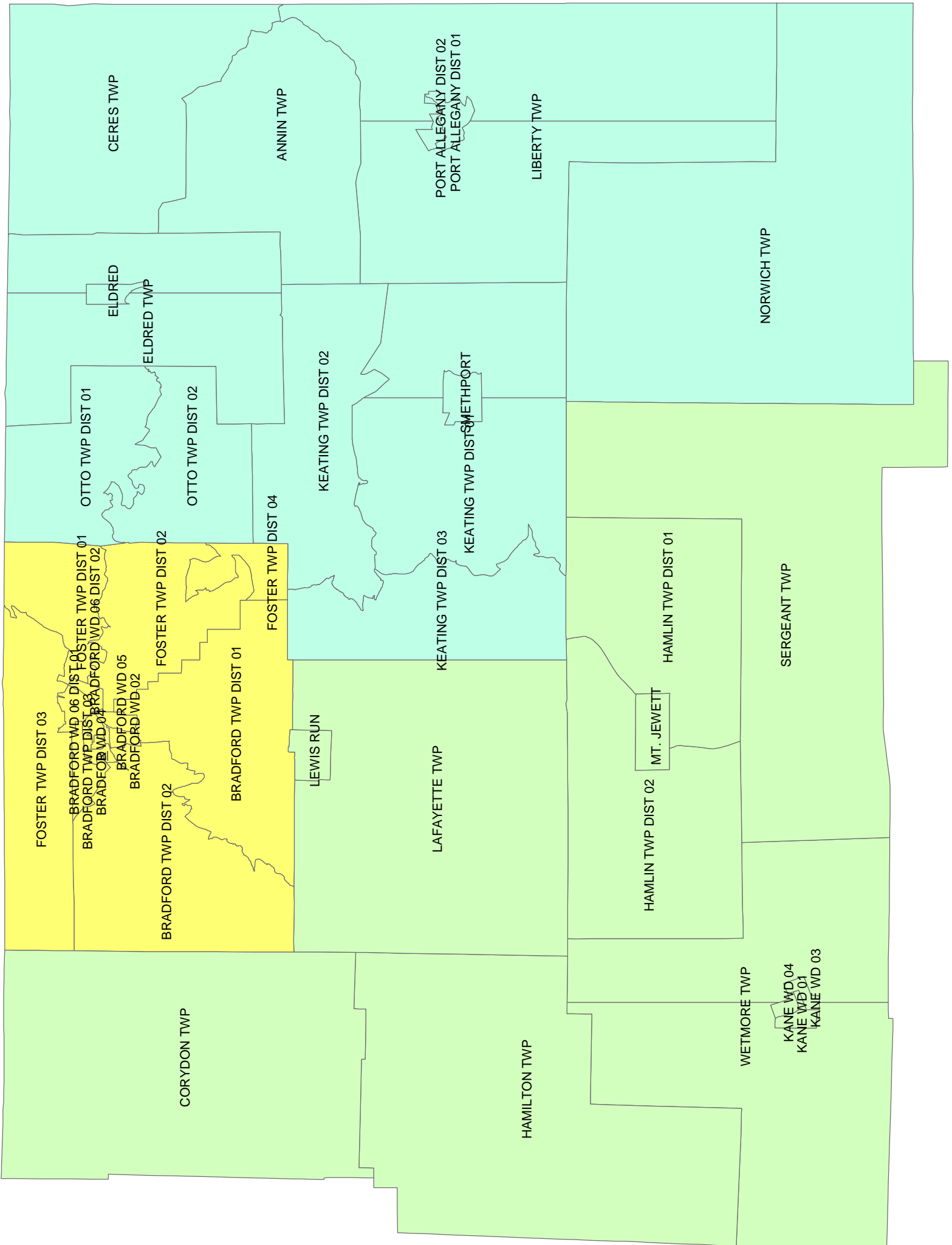
	<b>Pop</b>	<b>Wrkld-NT</b>	<b>TR</b>	<b>PC</b>	<b>PS</b>
Smethport	1436	319	449	77	614
Port Allegany Dist 01	1276	698 (Dist 01 , 02)	441	50	510
Port Allegany Dist 02	859				
Keating Dist 01	1289	666 (01, 02, 03)	658	22	27
Keating Dist 02	719				
Keating Dist 03	717				
Eldred Voting Dist (1)	765	172	225	16	107
Eldred Voting Dist (2)	1394	186	307	2	27
Otto Dist 01	779	270 (Dist 01, 02)	234	0	133
Otto Dist 02	737				
Liberty	1607	376	339	5	7
Norwich	501	106	45	0	13
Ceres	846	77	71	0	2
Annin	709	115	105	7	25
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>13,634</b>	<b>2,985</b>	<b>2,874</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>1,465</b>

	<b><u>Pop</u></b>	<b><u>Criminal WL</u></b>			
Smethport	1436	912			
Port Allegany Dist 01	1276	1255 (Dist 01 , 02)			
Port Allegany Dist 02	859				
Keating Dist 01	1289	1426 (01, 02, 03)			
Keating Dist 02	719				
Keating Dist 03	717				
Eldred Voting Dist (1)	765	392			
Eldred Voting Dist (2)	1394	673			
Otto Dist 01	779	570 (Dist 01, 02)			
Otto Dist 02	737				
Liberty	1607	985			
Norwich	501	178			
Ceres	846	153			
Annin	349				
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>13,634</b>	<b>6,544</b>			

**Total Work Load Smethport: 14,020**

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1) Map of 3 New Districts
- 2) AOPC – Population Statistics and List of Municipalities
- 3) AOPC – Workload Statistics
- 4) Statement from McKean County Human Resources – Salary and Benefits for MDJ Clerk Position (for 2021)
- 5) Statement regarding rent for Current MDJ Offices
- 6) Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022



CERES TWP

ANNIN TWP

PORT ALLEGANY DIST 02  
PORT ALLEGANY DIST 01

LIBERTY TWP

ELDRED

ELDRED TWP

OTTO TWP DIST 01

OTTO TWP DIST 02

KEATING TWP DIST 02

KEATING TWP DIST 03  
SMETHPORT

NORWICH TWP

FOSTER TWP DIST 04

FOSTER TWP DIST 01

FOSTER TWP DIST 02

FOSTER TWP DIST 02

BRADFORD TWP DIST 01

FOSTER TWP DIST 03

BRADFORD WD 06 DIST 01

BRADFORD TWP DIST 03

BRADFORD WD 06 DIST 02

BRADFORD WD 01

BRADFORD WD 05

BRADFORD WD 02

BRADFORD TWP DIST 02

LAFAYETTE TWP

LEWIS RUN

KEATING TWP DIST 03

MT. JEWETT

HAMLIN TWP DIST 01

SERGEANT TWP

CORYDON TWP

HAMILTON TWP

WETMORE TWP

KANE WD 04  
KANE WD 01  
KANE WD 03

County Name	Municipality	Population Density	2020 Population
MCKEAN COUNTY	ANNIN Voting District	0.04671	709
MCKEAN COUNTY	BRADFORD DISTRICT 01	0.01977	1270
MCKEAN COUNTY	BRADFORD DISTRICT 02	0.01033	2800
MCKEAN COUNTY	BRADFORD DISTRICT 03	0.00221	723
MCKEAN COUNTY	BRADFORD WARD 01	0.00016	542
MCKEAN COUNTY	BRADFORD WARD 02	0.00032	1320
MCKEAN COUNTY	BRADFORD WARD 03 DISTRICT 01	0.00013	948
MCKEAN COUNTY	BRADFORD WARD 03 DISTRICT 02	0.00025	1126
MCKEAN COUNTY	BRADFORD WARD 04	0.00027	1061
MCKEAN COUNTY	BRADFORD WARD 05	0.00079	693
MCKEAN COUNTY	BRADFORD WARD 06 DISTRICT 01	0.00102	1094
MCKEAN COUNTY	BRADFORD WARD 06 DISTRICT 02	0.00042	1065
MCKEAN COUNTY	CERES Voting District	0.04770	846
MCKEAN COUNTY	CORYDON Voting District	0.25825	283
MCKEAN COUNTY	ELDRED Voting District	0.00114	765
MCKEAN COUNTY	ELDRED Voting District	0.02766	1394
MCKEAN COUNTY	FOSTER DISTRICT 01	0.00992	876
MCKEAN COUNTY	FOSTER DISTRICT 02	0.02025	718
MCKEAN COUNTY	FOSTER DISTRICT 03	0.00869	2263
MCKEAN COUNTY	FOSTER DISTRICT 04	0.01811	181
MCKEAN COUNTY	HAMILTON Voting District	0.13080	549
MCKEAN COUNTY	HAMLIN DISTRICT 01	0.07920	367
MCKEAN COUNTY	HAMLIN DISTRICT 02	0.11383	314
MCKEAN COUNTY	KANE WARD 01	0.00055	1116
MCKEAN COUNTY	KANE WARD 02	0.00018	612
MCKEAN COUNTY	KANE WARD 03	0.00045	1059
MCKEAN COUNTY	KANE WARD 04	0.00043	843
MCKEAN COUNTY	KEATING DISTRICT 01	0.03766	1289
MCKEAN COUNTY	KEATING DISTRICT 02	0.03830	719
MCKEAN COUNTY	KEATING DISTRICT 03	0.03091	717
MCKEAN COUNTY	LAFAYETTE Voting District	0.04022	1768
MCKEAN COUNTY	LEWIS RUN Voting District	0.00314	583
MCKEAN COUNTY	LIBERTY Voting District	0.05261	1607
MCKEAN COUNTY	MOUNT JEWETT Voting District	0.00280	858
MCKEAN COUNTY	NORWICH Voting District	0.18906	501
MCKEAN COUNTY	OTTO DISTRICT 01	0.02328	779
MCKEAN COUNTY	OTTO DISTRICT 02	0.02268	737
MCKEAN COUNTY	PORT ALLEGANY DISTRICT 01	0.00099	1276
MCKEAN COUNTY	PORT ALLEGANY DISTRICT 02	0.00059	859
MCKEAN COUNTY	SERGEANT Voting District	0.55261	145
MCKEAN COUNTY	SMETHPORT Voting District	0.00117	1436
MCKEAN COUNTY	WETMORE Voting District	0.04881	1621

	2014 CR Workload	2015 CR Workload	2016 CR Workload	2017 CR Workload	2018 CR Workload	2019 CR Workload	Total CR Workload	Average CR Workload
McKean	31654	26512	24388	26221	27432	28717	164924	27487
48-1-01	12668	9364	8703	8813	9621	8813	57982	9664
Bradford City	12668	9327	8703	8813	9621	8813	57945	9658
Bradford Township							37	6
Eldred Township								
Foster Township								
Kane Borough								
48-3-02	6390	6390	6390	6280	6757	7897	40104	6684
Annin Township	220	220	73	367	551	661	2092	349
Bradford City	37		37				74	12
Ceres Township	184	37	257	147	257		919	153
Eldred Borough	294	294	441	330	441	551	2351	392
Eldred Township	441	624	771	808	588	808	4040	673
Foster Township	37		37				74	12
Hamilton Township								
Hamlin Township	37						37	6
Kane Borough		37	37	37	110		221	37
Keating Township	881	1322	1946	1726	1065	1616	8556	1426
Lafayette Township				37		37	74	12
Lewis Run Borough								
Liberty Township	551	881	808	551	1395	1726	5912	985
McKean County	367	441					845	141
Mount Jewett Borough								
Norwich Township	110	184	110	257	110	294	1065	178
Otto Township	37				37		74	12
Port Allegany Borough	1726	1028	1028	1212	1175	1359	7528	1255
Sergeant Township	73	147	110	37	147	220	734	122
Smethport Borough	1395	1175	698	771	881	551	5471	912
Wetmore Township			37				37	6
48-3-03	6867	6537	5914	6390	5106	6793	37607	6268
Annin Township								
Bradford City	1065	1028	808	918	808	881	5508	918
Bradford Township	1652	1983	1763	2240	1836	1836	11310	1885
Cor don Township	184	73	184	110	37	220	808	135
Eldred Borough					37		37	6
Eldred Township					37		37	6
Foster Township	3195	2644	1983	2424	1579	2974	14799	2467
Hamilton Township					37		37	6
Kane Borough	73					37	110	18
Keating Township			37				37	6
Lafayette Township								
Lewis Run Borough	257	37	147	110	294	220	1065	178
McKean County		184	37		37		258	43
Otto Township	441	588	955	441	404	588	3417	570
Port Allegany Borough				37			37	6



Sergeant Township								
Smethport Borough								
Wetmore Township				110			147	25
48-3-04	5729	4221	3381	4738	5948	5214	29231	4872
Bradford City	37		37	37		73	184	31
Bradford Township		37		37			74	12
Eldred Borough					37		37	6

	2014 CR Workload	2015 CR Workload	2016 CR Workload	2017 CR Workload	2018 CR Workload	2019 CR Workload	Total CR Workload	Average CR Workload
Hamilton Township	184	110	184	110	367	514	1469	245
Hamlin Township	991	367	404	404	734	698	3598	600
Kane Borough	2607	2166	1506	2130	3525	2350	14284	2381
Keating Township	37		147				184	31
Lafayette Township	441	477	294	771	477	551	3011	502
Liberty Township								
McKean County	294	330	37	37			698	116
Mount Jewett Borough	404	110	184	441	110	257	1506	251
Norwich Township						37	37	6
Port Allegany Borough								
Sergeant Township								
Smethport Borough				37			37	6
Wetmore Township	734	624	588	734	698	734	4112	685

	2014 NT Workload	2015 NT Workload	2016 NT Workload	2017 NT Workload	2018 NT Workload	2019 NT Workload	Total NT Workload	Average NT Workload
McKean	12843	15112	12071	12563	10311	9893	72793	12132
48-1-01	3942	3641	3490	3802	2964	2921	20760	3460
Bradford City	3942	3630	3490	3791	2964	2921	20738	3456
Bradford Township								
Eldred Township								
Foster Township		11					11	2
Kane Borough				11			11	2
48-3-02	2019	4027		3531	2385	2837	17516	2919
Annin Township	118	107	118	150	140	54	687	115
Bradford City		21				11	32	5
Ceres Township	43	140	43	32	118	86	462	77
Eldred Borough	75	140	161	311	172	172	1031	172
Eldred Township	64	215	183	193	301	161	1117	186
Foster Township				21			21	4
Hamilton Township		11					11	2
Hamlin Township								
Kane Borough			11	32	11		54	9
Keating Township	473	601	988	1128	376	430	3996	666
Lafayette Township	11			21			32	5
Lewis Run Borough								
Liberty Township	226	644	537	322	236	290		376
McKean County		54		11	21	161	247	41
Mount Jewett Borough						11	11	2
Norwich Township	107	75	75	75	161	140	633	106
Otto Township	11					43	54	9
Port Allegany Borough	494	1310	322	698	505	859	4188	698
Sergeant Township	64	172	129	97	118	193	773	129
Smethport Borough	333	537	150	440	226	226	1912	319
Wetmore Township								
48-3-03	4349	4232	3629	2610	2180	1838	18838	3140
Annin Township								
Bradford City	268	258	311	183	226	183	1429	238
Bradford Township	999	730	967	591	773	505	4565	761
Corydon Township	86	140	86	107	150	75	644	107
Eldred Borough								
Eldred Township								
Foster Township	2749	2782	1933	1418	730	473	10085	1681
Hamilton Township								
Kane Borough								
Keating Township								
Lafayette Township	11						11	2
Lewis Run Borough		64	64	32	32	161	417	70
McKean County		11					11	2
Otto Township	172	247	268	268	236	430	1621	270

Port Allegany Borough								
Sergeant Township					11		11	2
Smethport Borough					11		11	2
Wetmore Township				11	11	11	33	6
48-3-04	2533	3212	2235	2620	2782	2297	15679	2613
Bradford Citv		11	11			11	33	6
Bradford Township								
Eldred Borough								

	2014 NT Workload	2015 NT Workload	2016 NT Workload	2017 NT Workload	2018 NT Workload	2019 NT Workload	Total NT Workload	Average NT Workload
Hamilton Township	86	172	183	204	247	140	1032	172
Hamlin Township	193	150	118	247	247	236	1191	199
Kane Borough	1181	2202	1375	1525	1794	1428	9505	1584
Keating Township		11					11	2
Lafayette Township	365	86	247	268	161	107	1234	206
Liberty Township								
McKean County	75	32	11				118	20
Mount Jewett Borough	440	172	107	150	129	311	1309	218
Norwich Township								
Port Allegany Borough				11			11	2
Sergeant Township								
Smethport Borough								
Wetmore Township	193	376	183	215	204	64	1235	206







Wetmore Township								
48-3-04	1386	559	516	440	290	377	3568	595
Bradford City								
Bradford Township								
Eldred Borough								

	2014 PS Workload	2015 PS Workload	2016 PS Workload	2017 PS Workload	2018 PS Workload	2019 PS Workload	Total PS Workload	Average PS Workload
Hamilton Township								
Hamlin Township								
Kane Borough	720	344	290	204	107	226	1891	315
Keating Township								
Lafayette Township						11	11	2
Liberty Township								
McKean County						11	11	2
Mount Jewett Borough								
Norwich Township								
Port Allegany Borough								
Sergeant Township								
Smethport Borough			11				11	2
Wetmore Township	666	215	215	236	183	129	1644	274





48-3-04	3203		2999	4692	4742	3522	21673	3612
Bradford City								
Bradford Township								
Eldred Borough								

	2014 TR Workload	2015 TR Workload	2016 TR Workload	2017 TR Workload	2018 TR Workload	2019 TR Workload	Total TR Workload	Average Workload
Hamilton Township	59	73	73	107	93	75	480	80
Hamlin Township	1578	1069	1414	2665	2111	1550	10387	
Kane Borough	636	691	762	825	1414	841	5169	862
Keating Township	2			5			7	<b>1</b>
Lafayette Township	219	333	310	401	388	511	2162	360
Liberty Township				5			5	0.83
McKean County								
Mount Jewett Borough	429	114	123	187	406	132	1391	232
Norwich Township								
Port Allegany Borough		2					2	0.33
Sergeant Township				16	2		18	<b>3</b>
Smethport Borough								
Wetmore Township	280	233	317	481	328	413	2052	342

DJ Clerk Position					
	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Hours</u>			<u>Fringe</u>
Clerk New Hire	10.86	37.5	\$ 21,177		\$ 1,620.04
	<u>EE</u>	<u>County Cost</u>			
Single	\$ 399	\$ 10,815			
Dental	\$ 15	\$ 288			
Vision	\$ 2	\$ 48			
HSA		\$ 900	\$ 12,051		
Family	\$ 2,963	\$ 24,606			
Dental	\$ 114	\$ 840			
Vision	\$ 16	\$ 117			
HSA		\$ 1,800	\$ 27,363		

MDJ Office Rent

Cercone - \$1826.50 per month through the end of the lease which is the end of 2024

Luther - \$1480.85 per month; the lease has expired and has not be renegotiated yet

Todd- \$1700 per month will be this amount through 2023 then increases to \$1750.00 in 2024 through 2026 which is the end if the lease agreement

Engman - \$2000 per month lease ends October 2024

Magisterial District Court Number:	48-1-01	County:	McKean
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign		2. Effective date: 1/1/2024	
<b>Caseload Analysis</b>			
3. Average total caseloads:	Avg for Magisterial District	Avg for Judicial District	Avg for Class of County
	A. 1,548	B. 2,017	C. 3,230
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		Difference (3A - 3B)	Ranking Total
		-469	4th out of 4
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		Difference (3A - 3C)	% Above/Below
		-1682	-52%
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range <u>and</u> you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.			
<b>Workload Analysis</b>			
7. Average total workloads:	Avg for Magisterial District	Avg for Judicial District	
	19,128	B. 16,759	
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.		Difference (7A- 7B)	% Above/Below
		2,369	14%

9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent higher or lower than your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (summarize your response from the plan) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.

### Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Dominic A. Cercone, Jr.

Magisterial District Judge Name

Birthdate

12/31/23

Term Expiration Date

8/2032

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

22 Davis Street, Bradford, PA 16701

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?

Yes

15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES, please summarize your response below.

No/Not Sure

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

Bradford City

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

US Rte 219

18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

City of Bradford (Voting Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6-2)

19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above?

No

If NO, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

City of Bradford (Voting Districts 1, 2 3, 4, 5, 6-1 and 6-2), Bradford Twp, Foster Twp

20. Additional Comments:

Plan attached outlines the elimination of a district and realignment of the three remaining districts.

Magisterial District Court Number:	48-3-02	County:	McKean
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign		2. Effective date: 1/1/2024	
<b>Caseload Analysis</b>			
3. Average total caseloads:	Avg for Magisterial District	Avg for Judicial District	Avg for Class of County
	A. 2,175	B. 2,017	C. 3,230
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		Difference (3A -3B)	Ranking Total
		158	2nd v out of 4
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		Difference (3A - 3C)	% Above/Below
		-1055	-32%

6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.

**Workload Analysis**

	Avg for Magisterial District	Avg for Judicial District
7. Average total workloads:	18,865	16,759
	A.	B.
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.	Difference 7A - 7B	% Above Below
	2,106	12%
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent higher or lower than your judicial district average workload <u>and</u> you are proposing to <u>reestablish</u> this magisterial district, please explain (summarize your response from the plan) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.		

**Magisterial District Information**

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

William K. Todd	12/31/23	1/2035
<small>Magisterial District Judge Name</small>	<small>Birthdate</small>	<small>Term Expiration Date</small> <small>Mandatory Retirement Date</small>

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

625 East Water Street, Smethport, PA 16749

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district? Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district? Yes

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?	Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES, please summarize your response below.	No/Not Sure
16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district. Otto-Eldred Regional, Smethport Borough, Port Allegany Borough	
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district. US Rte 6	
18. List the <u>current</u> municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click <a href="#">HERE</a> for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.  Annin Twp, Ceres Twp, Eldred Borough, Eldred Twp, Keating Twp, Liberty Twp, Norwich Twp, Port Allegany Borough, Sergeant Twp, Smethport Borough	
19. Are the <u>proposed</u> municipalities the same as above? If NO, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically)	No
Annin Twp, Ceres Twp, Eldred Borough, Eldred Twp, Keating Twp, Liberty Twp, Norwich Twp, Otto Twp, Port Allegany Borough, Smethport Borough	
20. Additional Comments:	
Plan attached outlines the elimination of a district and realignment of the three remaining districts.	

Magisterial District Court Number:	48-3-03	County:	McKean
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Eliminate		2. Effective date: 1/1/2024	



Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	Avg for Magisterial District	Avg for Judicial District	Avg for Class of County
	A. 2,175	B. 2,017	C. 3,230
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		Difference (3A - 3B)	Ranking Total
		158	2nd out of 4
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		Difference (3A - 3C)	% Above/Below
		-1055	-32%
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range <u>and</u> you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	Avg for Magisterial District	Avg for Judicial District	
	A. 15,736	B. 16,759	
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.		Difference 7A -7B	% Above/Below
		-1,023	
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent higher or lower than your judicial district average workload <u>and</u> you are proposing to <u>reestablish</u> this magisterial district, please explain (summarize your response from the plan) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.			

Magisterial District Information	
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:	
Richard W. Luther, Jr. Magisterial District Judge Name	12/31/23 Term Expiration Date
Birthdate	8/2037 Mandatory Retirement Date
11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location: 1185 East Main Street, Bradford, PA 16701	
12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?	Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?	Yes
14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?	Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES, please summarize your response below.	No/Not Sure
16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district. Bradford Twp, Foster Twp, Otto Eldred Regional	
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district. US RT 219	
18. List the <u>current</u> municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click <a href="#">HERE</a> for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.  City of Bradford (Voting District 6-1), Bradford Twp, Corydon Twp, Foster Twp, Lewis Run Borough, Otto Twp	
19. Are the <u>proposed</u> municipalities the same as above?	No

If NO, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

**20. Additional Comments:**

This Magisterial District is being eliminated and divided among the other three MDJ Courts. See the attached plan.

Magisterial District Court Number:	48-3-04	County:	McKean
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign		2. Effective date: 1/1/2024	
<b>Caseload Analysis</b>			
3. Average total caseloads:	Avg for Magisterial District	Avg for Judicial District	Avg for Class of County
	A. 2,094	B. 2,017	C. 3,230
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		Difference (3A - 3B)	Ranking Total
		77	3rd out of 4
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		Difference (3A - 3C)	% Above/Below
		-1 136	-35%
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range <u>and</u> you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.			
<b>Workload Analysis</b>			
7. Average total workloads:		Avg for Magisterial District	Avg for Judicial District

	A. 13,298	B. 16,759
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.	Difference (7A - 7B)	% Above/Below
	-3,461	-20 %
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent higher or lower than your judicial district average workload <u>and</u> you are proposing to <u>reestablish</u> this magisterial district, please explain (summarize your response from the plan) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.		

<b>Magisterial District Information</b>			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
David R. Engman		12/31/23	8/2045
Magisterial District Judge Name	Birthdate	Term Expiration Date	Mandatory Retirement Date
11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location, 165 N. Fraley Street, Kane PA			
12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?			Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES, please summarize your response below			No/Not Sure
16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district. Kane Borough, PSP; Mt. Jewett Borough			
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district. US Rte 6 and US Rte 219			

18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

Hamilton Twp, Hamlin Twp, Kane Borough, Lafayette Twp, Mt. Jewett Borough, Wetmore Twp

19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above?

No

If NO, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

Corydon Twp, Hamilton Twp, Hamlin Twp, Kane Borough, Lafayette Twp, Lewis Run Borough, Mt. Jewett Borough, Sergeant Twp, Wetmore Twp

20. Additional Comments:

Plan attached outlines the elimination of a district and realignment of the three remaining districts.