



**Caroline County, Virginia
Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Adopted Budget**

Function: Judicial Administration
Department/Officer: General District Court
Division: General District Court

Mission:

To provide required building space and the payment of operating expenses in order for the District Court to fulfill its mission to provide information and legal process to the public. To allow the public an avenue to take judgments for monies owed, regain possession of rental properties or personal possessions, to provide justice for unlawful acts against them; to provide “a day in court” for traffic infractions and misdemeanors.

Budget Unit Description/Activities:

The General District Court processes a variety of civil, criminal and traffic cases. In criminal cases, the General District Court handles misdemeanors and violations of ordinances and bylaws of the County and the towns within the district. It also conducts preliminary hearings for felony criminal cases. It has jurisdiction over civil cases in which monetary damages are \$1,000 or less and shares jurisdiction with the local Circuit Court when the damages are between \$1,000 and \$15,000. This Court hears cases in which claims for recovery or possession of personal property or rented property are concerned. It also handles all traffic violations, except those involving juveniles. Rulings of this court may be appealed to the local Circuit Court.

Judicial Districts in the Commonwealth generally cover the same geographic area as judicial circuits and every county in the State has a General District Court. The General Assembly annually determines the number of judges to be assigned in each District based on a study made by a state-wide committee. The General Assembly also selects the judges who will sit on the Court, establishes their compensation and pays them directly. No local supplement to their pay is permitted. The number and compensation for substitute judges and other Court personnel are also set by the State and cannot be supplemented. The County is required to provide adequate and suitable space for the Court and pay for furniture, equipment and office expenses.

Service Level/Performance Statistics:

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
New Cases Initiated:					
Traffic	16,216	17,221	14,498	12,222	17,749
Criminal	1,158	1,154	1,178	1,187	1,085
Civil	1,454	1,475	1,716	1,588	1,542
Hearings Held:					
Traffic	16,319	15,708	14,671	12,219	16,914
Criminal	2,822	2,807	3,099	2,955	3,412
Civil	1,040	1,057	1,315	1,247	1,094
Cases Concluded:					
Traffic	16,317	17,154	14,885	12,167	17,580
Criminal	1,177	1,149	1,201	1,082	1,069
Civil	1,446	1,499	1,698	1,586	1,577
Total New Cases per Judge	47,070	49,626	43,480	37,493	50,941
Total New Cases per Court Clerk	3,766	3,970	3,479	3,999	4,075

Budget Highlights:

No significant changes are adopted in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Budget for this unit.

Budgeted Funding and Expenditures:

	FY 2004-05 <u>Budget</u>	FY 2004-05 <u>Actual</u>	FY 2005-06 Amended <u>Budget</u>	FY 2006-07 Adopted <u>Budget</u>	Change <u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
Funding Sources:						
General Local Revenue	\$ 12,385	\$ 9,035	\$ 16,750	\$ 15,370	\$ (1,380)	-8.2%
Permits, Fees & Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Categorical Aid: State	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,958	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	0.0%
Categorical Aid: Federal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Categorical Aid: Local	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total	\$ 16,385	\$ 12,993	\$ 20,750	\$ 19,370	\$ (1,380)	-6.7%
Expenditures:						
Personnel Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Employee Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Purchased Services	\$ 1,800	\$ 902	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,300	\$ -	0.0%
Other Charges	\$ 12,300	\$ 10,509	\$ 12,800	\$ 14,220	\$ 1,420	11.1%
Materials & Supplies	\$ 1,285	\$ 972	\$ 1,650	\$ 1,350	\$ (300)	-18.2%
Capital Outlay	\$ 1,000	\$ 610	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,500	\$ (2,500)	-62.5%
Total	\$ 16,385	\$ 12,993	\$ 20,750	\$ 19,370	\$ (1,380)	-6.7%