

## MAGISTRATES

**Function:** Judicial Administration  
**Division:** Magistrates  
**Fund – Account Code:** 100-021300

**Description:**

Magistrates are court officials appointed by the circuit court judge and operate under the judge's supervision. Their principal duty is to provide independent unbiased review of complaints from sheriff's deputies and citizens of the County that will serve as the basis for search or arrest warrants. In this way, they serve as a buffer between law enforcement and society. They also conduct bail bond hearings and commit offenders to jail or release prisoners in custody entitled to bail once the proper bond has been posted.

There are six Magistrates currently serving Caroline County. Salaries for Magistrates are set annually by the State Committee on District Courts and are paid directly by the State. While salaries may be supplemented, Caroline County has not done so. The County is required to provide adequate and suitable office space for the Magistrates and provide necessary equipment and office expenses for them to conduct their business.

### BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:

| Budget Funding and Expenditures | FY 05-06<br>Adopted<br>Budget | FY 06-07<br>Adopted<br>Budget | FY 07-08<br>Proposed<br>Budget | Change<br>Amount | %           |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| <b>Funding Sources:</b>         |                               |                               |                                |                  |             |
| General Local Revenue           | \$ 3,715                      | \$ 3,690                      | \$ 3,690                       | \$ -             | 0.0%        |
| Permits, Fees & Charges         | -                             | -                             | -                              | -                | 0           |
| Categorical Aid: State          | -                             | -                             | -                              | -                | 0           |
| Categorical Aid: Federal        | -                             | -                             | -                              | -                | 0           |
| Categorical Aid: Local          | -                             | -                             | -                              | -                | 0           |
|                                 | <b>\$ 3,715</b>               | <b>\$ 3,690</b>               | <b>\$ 3,690</b>                | <b>\$ -</b>      | <b>0.0%</b> |
| <b>Expenditures:</b>            |                               |                               |                                |                  |             |
| Personnel Services              | \$ -                          | \$ -                          | \$ -                           | \$ -             | 0           |
| Employee Benefits               | -                             | -                             | -                              | -                | 0           |
| Purchased Services              | 100                           | 100                           | 100                            | -                | 0.0%        |
| Other Charges                   | 2,715                         | 2,690                         | 2,690                          | -                | 0.0%        |
| Materials & Supplies            | 500                           | 500                           | 500                            | -                | 0.0%        |
| Capital Outlay                  | 400                           | 400                           | 400                            | -                | 0.0%        |
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