

2021-2022 MUNICIPAL COURT

Sonia Ramirez
City of Yelm, Washington

Mission

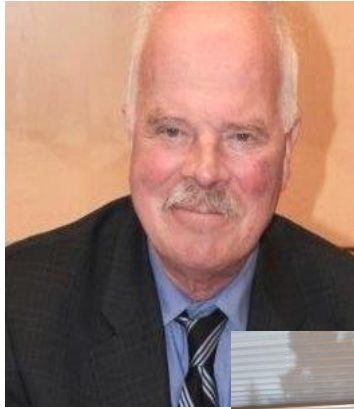
To promptly, fairly, and accurately resolve legal matters in a way that instills public trust and confidence in the Yelm Municipal Court.

Values

The values required to accomplish our mission are the core of what we stand for as an organization:

- Fairness
- Integrity
- Quality Service

Who We Are



Tom Meyer
Judge



Sonia Ramirez
Court Administrator



Donni Burnham
Court Clerk



Brent Dille
Prosecutor



Dan Hvirco
Public Defender



Josh Sneva
Public Defender

- Total 2020 Court filings to date: 85 infractions 462 criminal for a total of 547.
 - In 2018: 229 infractions and 698 criminal for a total of 927 court filings.
 - In 2019: 348 infractions and 768 criminal for a total of 1,116 court filings.
- Number of passports processed to date:
 - In 2019: 600 = \$22,000.00 in city revenue
 - In 2020: 210 = \$7,350.00 in city revenue

2019-2020 Key Accomplishments

- Trued up caseload counts and compensation of public defenders in a manner consistent with standards of the Washington State Commission on Judicial Conduct.
- Installed and implemented the utilization of nCourt for online, mobile and call center payments which provides increase customer service and more options for customers to pay beyond just cash or check.
- Worked through the challenges of providing court services during a pandemic.
- Court Administrator accomplished key goal of obtaining Court Management Certification through National Center for State Courts.
- Strengthened partnerships with Safe Place of Olympia and Family Support Center.
- Partnered with Thurston County District Court for their Mental Health Court and Veterans Court Programs.
- Collaborated with the Thurston County District and Municipal Courts to offer two traffic Amnesty days.

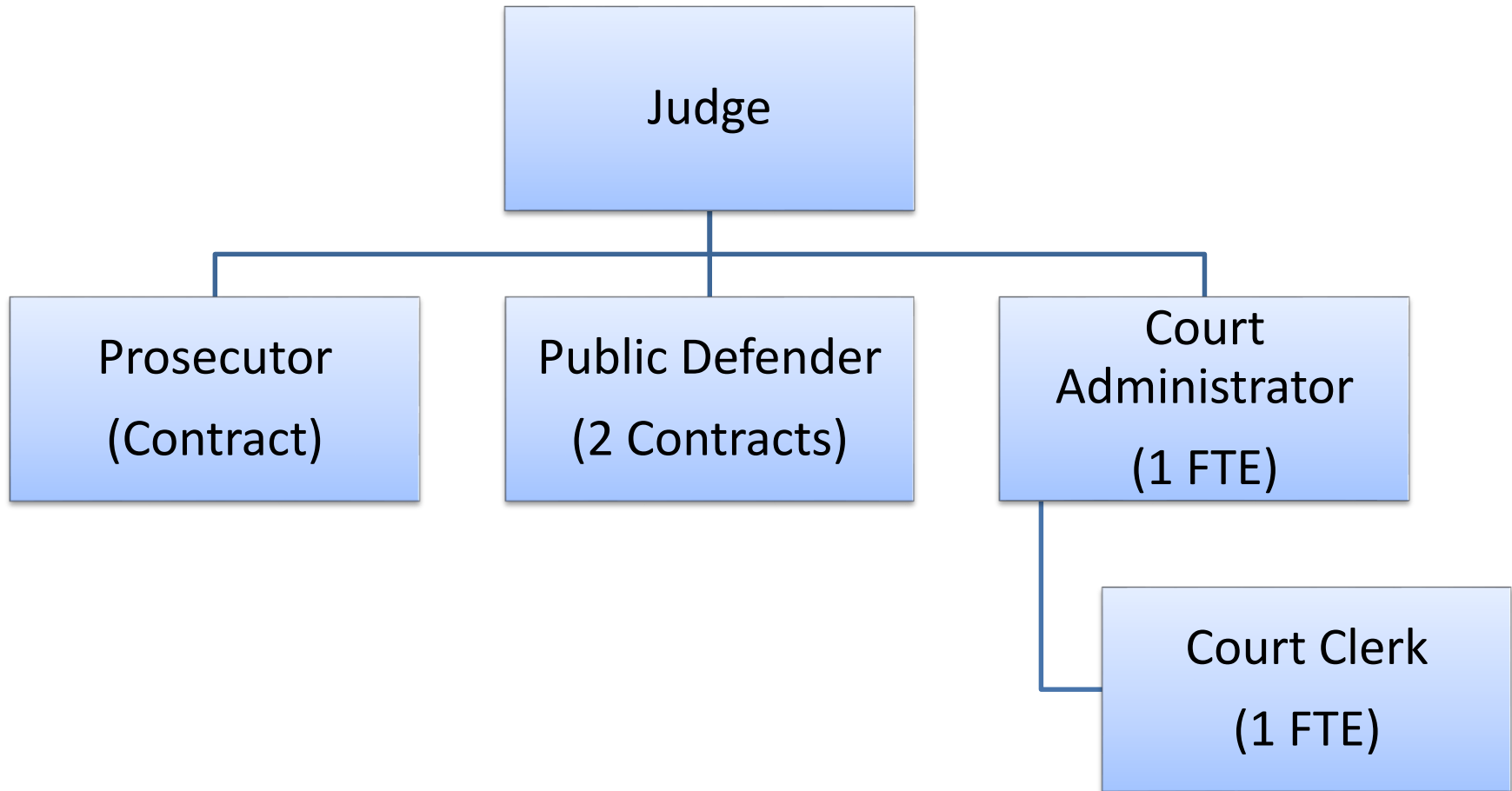
KEY SAFETY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Completed the installation and utilization of metal detectors in the public safety building on days of court proceedings.
- Completed and implemented audio/video conferencing transmission for in custody defendants when scheduled for court instead of transporting them to the courtroom.

This added security provides a safer environment to court staff, court customers and others doing business in the Public Safety Building.

- Prepare for the current and projected growth of our city and the impacts on the entire Public Safety System.
- Continue to work with the Technology Team on a plan for becoming a paper-less court.
- Continue to seek for more court grant programs that can provide financial and technical assistance to our Court to be able to implement and integrate programs to help our court customers.
- Complete implementation of Ocourt software for forms, notices and calendaring before end of 2020.
- Seek alternative sources of revenue by implementing a warrant fee policy and probation fee, keeping 100% of this revenue in the city.
- Contract with a Probation Officer to assist offenders in the development and implementation of individualized probation plans to meet conditions set by the Court. Grant Submission and/or General Budget Request.
- Continue the ongoing project with Public Works Department in offering a Community Service Program to mitigate or offset court customer fines.
- Facilitate more staff training to meet the needs of the court and city departments.

Current Structure



QUESTIONS?

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