



# MEDINA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT

## Probate and Juvenile Divisions

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## **Probate and Juvenile Court to Upgrade Servers Thanks to Technology Grant Money**

*The Medina County Court of Common Pleas, Probate and Juvenile Division, will use awarded money for an upgraded server infrastructure to prepare for a new case management system.*

MEDINA – The Medina County Probate and Juvenile Court will continue to progress and utilize current technology thanks to approval from the Supreme Court of Ohio for \$52,505.60 from the Technology Grant Fund.

These funds support local Ohio courts by providing the financial resources necessary for technology-based improvements. According to the Supreme Court of Ohio, over the past three years, the Court has awarded nearly \$8 million to local courts across Ohio for technology-based projects, aiding in the completion of 288 projects in 78 of Ohio's 88 counties.

Medina County Court of Common Pleas, Probate and Juvenile Divisions, will use the awarded funds to replace the current server infrastructure, which has not been upgraded since 2011.

“Our virtual environment was adequate at the time to handle the demands in 2011, but it does not meet the requirements for today's standards,” said Mike Stiles, Network Administrator. “An upgraded server infrastructure will allow us to utilize the newest data transfer technologies, server software, and data securities that our current system does not.”

In short, this upgrade will provide the Court with better security, ease of configurations, and would allow for an upgrade to the case management system originally created in 1995 and implemented at the court in 2001.

“This upgrade for the server infrastructure will provide the necessary foundation to improve our case management system,” Stiles said. “The effects of those improvements will not only be noticed by Court staff through improved daily procedures and a more efficient case flow, it will in turn provide the public with better service, but we need to build a reliable server infrastructure first and replace the aging host servers that are the heartbeat for our daily court functions.”

Stiles added that new host servers will eliminate the annual cost for warranties and the burden of searching for replacement parts for an older system which are becoming harder to find.

Judge Dunn said he is eager to upgrade the server infrastructure in order to keep up with current technology.

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“Our software is outdated. We have to evolve and continue to improve our systems to handle cases and daily court production appropriately and in a timely fashion,” Judge Dunn said. “We are thankful to the Supreme Court for approving our grant application and understanding our need and purpose for these upgrades.”

The process to purchase and install the software and equipment will begin immediately with expected completion within the next year.

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