Dear Montgomery County Resident,

We are pleased to present our 2007 budget to the citizens of Montgomery County. Our dedicated and professional staff have worked hard to prepare a budget that focuses on our critical priorities: economic development, regional collaboration, human services and quality of life.

We continue to be cautious about the local economy which dictates much of our general revenue and remain concerned about adequate state funding for mandated services. We remain fiscally conservative even though the demand for services continues to grow particularly in the criminal justice system and human services for our citizens in need.

Montgomery County’s mission is: “To improve the health, safety and welfare of our citizens, the strength of our economy and the quality of our environment.” The county’s employees come to work each day committed to accomplish this mission in a professional high performance manner. We are proud of our tradition of teamwork, integrity and innovation. Many of our services have been nationally recognized for their excellence and have served as models for counties across the country.

This budget in brief booklet outlines the 2007 adopted budget for Montgomery County. The budget identifies our service areas, offices and departments and discusses the accomplishments and goals in each area. We are a community that is committed to innovation and a positive quality of life for our residents, and a government that is committed to quality service. Through programs such as our combined human services levies, one stop job center, innovative solid waste programs and our comprehensive economic development programs, we are helping to build opportunities in Montgomery County.

Sincerely,

Deborah A. Lieberman
President

Judy Dodge

Dan Foley

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner
The People

Population
550,063 (2004 Estimate)
135,866 or 24.7% persons under age 18
2010 projected population 540,418
Average household size 2.37
Caucasian 76.5%, African American 19.9%
Asian 1.3%, All other 2.3%
Male 48%, Female 52%

Education
83.5 % of population are high school graduates;
22.9% have a bachelor's degree or higher

Civic Participation (2006)
Number of Precincts 548
Number of Registered Voters 375,610
Voted-November 2006 Election 219,153
Percent of Registered Voters 58.3%

The Economy

Employment (12/06 Estimated)
Unemployment rate: 5.9%
State: 5.4%
Labor force: 272,900

Incomes
Rank: 11th of 88 counties per capita income
County poverty rate: 11.2%, or 60,166 people (2003)
Median household income $40,156 (1999)

The Land

Area
461.7 square miles
Largest cities include Dayton, Kettering and Huber Heights

Government
19 municipalities
9 townships
16 school districts
7 county-wide special districts
Commission form of government:
3 Elected County Commissioners
8 other elected officials (not including judges)

Weather
Average high 62.9 degrees Fahrenheit
Average low 44.3 degrees Fahrenheit
Average annual precipitation 39.41 inches

Housing
248,443 housing units (2003)
229,229 occupied housing units (2003)
Home ownership rate 64.7% (2000)
Median monthly owner's cost $953
Median monthly gross rent $525

Other Vital Statistics
Birth rate: 13.0 per 1,000
Death rate: 10.2 per 1,000
Marriage rate: 6.5 per 1,000
Divorce rate: 4.6 per 1,000
How does the County spend its annual budget?

Montgomery County provides law enforcement, judicial activities, social services, parks, recreation facilities, water and sewer services and community and economic development programs. The county budget has seven fund groups which designate money for specific purposes. They are the General Fund, Enterprise, Internal Service, Debt Service, Special Assessment, Special Revenue and Capital Funds. For example, the General Fund is the county’s primary operating fund and represents resources that the county may use in any way deemed appropriate by the County Commissioners. This fund is also one of the chief indicators of the county’s financial health. The General Fund budget for 2007 is $156.3 million. Special Revenue Funds have legal restrictions and must be used for a designated purpose. An example would be grant funds received from the federal or state governments such as the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Internal Service funds include services which provide support to general operations and which are supported by fees charged to county departments.

Enterprise funds include departments which operate almost exclusively on fees charged to the public or customers.

There are several ways in which one can look at how the county will spend its budget in 2007. In the next section, we will explain the budget by department, program area and category with the breakdown of expenses by each area.

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| Board of County Commission Depts.    |
| Board of Elections                   |
| Clerk of Courts                      |
| Common Pleas Court                   |
| Coroner                               |
| County Courts                        |
| Court of Appeals                      |
| Data Processing                       |
| Domestic Relations Court             |
| Engineer                              |
| Juvenile Court                       |
| Municipal Courts                     |
| Non-Departmental                     |
| Probate Court                        |
| Prosecutor                            |
| Public Defender                      |
| Recorder                             |
| Records Center & Archives            |
| Sheriff                              |
| Treasurer                            |
| Veterans Services                    |
Departments serve community needs by providing specific services, such as the Sanitary Engineering Department, which provides clean drinking water and manages wastewater, and the Job and Family Services department, which provides social services to Montgomery County citizens.

Some departments have several divisions or “sub-departments.” For example, Administrative Services is made up of the Animal Shelter, Risk Management, Learning and Performance, Human Resources, Purchasing, Central Services, Communications and Emergency Management. Juvenile Court operates the Juvenile Detention Center and a Residential Treatment Facility which house juvenile offenders.

“Non-Departmental” refers to line items in the General Fund budget which are not under the control of a particular department or elected official. These funds are managed by the Office of Management and Budget and include assessments (e.g., state auditor charges), subsidieds, community programs and shared costs such as property and liability insurance. The following listing shows the departments within the county, the 2007 budget for each, and the number of people (full-time and part-time positions) within that department.

### BUDGET SUMMARY BY DEPARTMENT

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**TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET**  

$916,462,942  

4,899*  

*This total figure reflects the county’s operating budget.  
Position totals do not include 70 seasonal or special positions.  
Total positions with seasonal and special included is 4,969.
The county’s offices and departments may also be organized by program areas which are made up of departments and/or divisions that are combined to present a budget that serves a particular purpose. The county’s budget can be divided into six areas:

### Social Services
Social Services includes Job and Family Services, the Job Center, Children Services Board, Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board, Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, Family & Children First Council, Human Services Levies and Stillwater Center. These agencies provide a wide array of safety net services ranging from public assistance, job training, child protection, support for mentally and physically disabled persons and mental health substance abuse treatment.

**50.4%**

### Judicial and Law Enforcement
Judicial and Law Enforcement includes agencies providing for the needs of the civil and criminal justice systems, security for county employees and clients utilizing the court system. Offices in this group include the Coroner/Crime Lab, Sheriff, Prosecutor, Public Defender, Clerk of Courts and the Child Support Enforcement Agency.

**18.9%**

### Environment and Public Works
Environment and Public Works includes the County Engineer, Sanitary Engineering and Public Works (Solid Waste). These offices/departments maintain roads and bridges, protect the environment and provide water, sewer and waste disposal services.

**14.4%**

### General Government
General Government agencies provide for the administrative operation of county government through the offices of the Board of County Commissioners, Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder, Board of Elections and several others.

**11.8%**

### Debt Service
Debt Service represents the county’s vehicle for providing funding for construction, renovation and other improvements to county infrastructure. Although it has been identified as a service area, Debt Service functions more as an expenditure category rather than a specific service area such as those presented above. Also included in debt funded projects are the costs of servicing debt for various major improvements to the water, sewer, and solid waste systems.

**2.7%**

### Community and Economic Development
Community and Economic Development includes Building Regulations; Planning Commission; Cultural Facilities; Community Development Block Grant; ED/GE Program; Arts & Cultural District Contribution; Affordable Housing Initiatives; county parks and others. These programs maintain and improve our community, stimulate economic development through the promotion of regional growth, and enhance amenities within the county.

**1.8%**
The budget may be explained in terms of dollars spent by category, such as Personal Services or Operating Expenses, regardless of the department or service area. The above chart shows expenses by category as defined in the narrative.

**Personal Services**
- Personal Services are made up of wages, including overtime and fringe benefits.
- 30.3%

**Other Expenses**
- Other Expenses includes payments made for subsidies to county and external agencies, intergovernmental agreements, interfund transfers and payments for bonds and notes.
- 21.3%

**Social Services**
- Social Services includes various types of social service payments, foster home costs, adoption costs, client services and Soldier’s Relief Allowance.
- 17.9%

**Operating Expenses**
- Operating Expenses are the day-to-day expenses needed to run the various departments such as office space, utilities and operating supplies.
- 17.6%

**Professional Services**
- Professional Services are used to pay for medical, legal, data processing, auditing, engineering, law enforcement, maintenance and repair services, communications, insurance, board and care of prisoners and other professional service costs.
- 11.7%

**Capital Outlays**
- Capital Outlays are the expenses for capital projects, construction, improvements and operating equipment.
- 1.2%

**2007 ADOPTED BUDGET BY CATEGORY**
- **Personal Services**: $277,974,912
- **Other Expenses**: $195,817,680
- **Social Services**: $164,082,786
- **Operating Expenses**: $160,619,175
- **Professional Services**: $107,120,528
- **Capital Outlays**: $10,847,861
Where does the money come from to pay for these expenses?

The chart shows the $890.9 million in revenues estimated for the county in 2007. An explanation of each type of revenue is also included.

### 2007 Income Budget

**Total Income Budget** $890,941,852

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<td>2.3%</td>
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<td>1.4%</td>
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**Intergovernmental** are the revenues received from federal, state and local governments to support programs such as public assistance, housing, job training, community development, child support and various other activities.

**Taxes** are revenues received based on holdings of property and the purchase of goods. The major sources of taxes for the county are property, sales, motor vehicle fuel/license and property transfer taxes.

**Charges for Services** are fees charged by county departments and agencies for various user services. Water, sewer and solid waste charges account for the majority of this category.

**Investment Income** is interest income generated by investing county funds in an investment pool managed by the Treasurer’s Office. The majority of investment income proceeds are distributed to the General Fund pursuant to state law.

**Other Financing Sources** include the sale of county assets, inter-departmental service agreements, Human Services Levy transfers and various interfund transfers between county agencies.

**Miscellaneous** represents revenues received from the rental of county property, vendor licenses, court fines and forfeitures, permits, refunds, donations, unclaimed funds and other miscellaneous income.
## BUDGET SUMMARY BY GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENT

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### TOTAL GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

- **$156,342,403**
- **1,610***

*This total figure reflects the county’s General Fund operating budget. Position totals do not include 56 seasonal or special positions. Total positions with seasonal and special included is 1,666.
Just like the county’s total budget, the General Fund budget may also be organized by program areas that are made up of departments and/or divisions that are combined to present a budget that serves a particular purpose.

**Judicial and Law Enforcement**

Judicial and Law Enforcement agencies provide for the needs of the civil and criminal justice systems, security for county employees and clients using the various courts, as well as departments including the Coroner, Sheriff, Prosecutor, Public Defender and Clerk of Courts.

**General Government**

General Government agencies provide for the daily operation of county government through the offices of the Board of County Commissioners, Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder, Board of Elections and several others.

**Social Services**

Within the General Fund, Social Services includes the Veteran Services Commission providing emergency assistance to veterans and various Non-Departmental items, including Public Assistance Mandated Share and the county’s share of the child support program.

**Community and Economic Development**

Community and Economic Development includes the following departments and programs: Planning Commission; ED/GE Program; Arts & Cultural District Contribution; Affordable Housing Initiatives; county parks and others. These programs maintain and improve our community, stimulate economic development through the promotion of regional growth, and enhance amenities within the county.

**Debt Service**

Debt Service represents the county’s vehicle for providing funding for construction, renovation and other improvements to county infrastructure.

**Environment and Public Works**

Environment and Public Works includes the County Engineer and Non-Departmental items such as subsidies to Montgomery Soil and Water Conservation District and the Office of Emergency Management. These agencies provide services that maintain roads and bridges, conserve resources and facilitate emergency preparedness.
The General Fund budget may be explained in terms of dollars spent by category, such as Personal Services or Operating Expenses, regardless of the department or service area. The above chart shows expenses by category as defined in the narrative.

**Personal Services**
- Personal Services is comprised of wages, including overtime and fringe benefits.
- 61.6%

**Operating Expenses**
- Operating Expenses are the day-to-day expenses needed to run the various General Fund departments such as supplies, rent and utility costs.
- 8.4%

**Other Expenses**
- Other Expenses includes payments made for subsidies to county and external agencies, intergovernmental agreements, interfund transfers and payments for bonds and notes.
- 12.2%

**Social Services**
- Social Services includes various types of social service payments (such as mandated share for public assistance and child support), foster home costs and soldier’s relief allowance.
- 5.7%

**Professional Services**
- Professional Services are used to pay for medical, legal, data processing, auditing, engineering, law enforcement, maintenance and repair services, communications, insurance, and other professional service costs.
- 11.7%

**Capital Outlays**
- Capital Outlays are the expenses for replacement and operating equipment for General Fund offices, other than those in capital improvement projects.
- 0.4%
Where does the money come from in the general fund to pay for these expenses?

2007 GENERAL FUND INCOME BUDGET

The chart shows the $152.8 million in revenues estimated for the county General Fund in 2007. An explanation of each type of revenue is also included.

Taxes

Taxes are revenues received based on holdings of property and the purchase of goods. The major sources of taxes for the county's General Fund are property, sales and property transfer taxes.

SALES TAX HISTORY (DOLLARS IN MILLIONS)

As of January 1, 2006 the sales tax rate in Montgomery County is 7.0%. Of this amount, 5.5% goes to the State of Ohio, 1% goes toward the operation of the county and 0.5% to the Miami Valley Regional Transit Authority (MVRTA).

2004 actuals exclude $1.5 million in one-time electronic funds transfer payments from vendors.

PROPERTY TAX HISTORY (IN MILLIONS)
Intergovernmental are the revenues received from federal, state and local governments. The largest source of revenue from the state includes the Local Government Funds (LGF), Property Tax Homestead and Rollback, Tangible Personal Property (TPP) – Fixed Rate Loss Reimbursement, indigent defense reimbursements and Sheriff dispatching contracts.

**Investment Income**

Investment Income is interest income generated by investing county funds in an investment pool managed by the Treasurer's Office. The majority of investment income proceeds are distributed to the General Fund pursuant to state law.

**Charges for Services**

Charges for Services are fees charged by county departments and agencies for various user services with Auditor, Clerk of Courts, Recorder, Sheriff, Treasurer and Indirect Cost fees accounting for the majority of this category. Charges for elected offices are normally set by Ohio Revised Code.

**Other Financing Sources**

Other Financing Sources include the sale of county assets, inter-departmental service agreements, Human Services Levy transfers and various interfund transfers between county agencies.

**Miscellaneous**

Miscellaneous represents revenues received from the rental of county property, vendor licenses, court fines and forfeitures, refunds, donations, unclaimed funds and other miscellaneous income.
At $462.1 million, Social Services is by far the county’s largest area representing 50.4% of the county’s total budget.

Social Services include:

- Child welfare including: investigation of child abuse and neglect cases, family stabilization, child placement and prevention services
- Services to the frail elderly
- Public assistance and self-sufficiency programs
- Services for those with mental retardation and developmental disabilities
- Community healthcare services
- Alcohol and drug addiction programs
- Mental health programs

**STATISTICS**

Montgomery County is one of only two counties in Ohio that fund health and human services through combined health and human service levies rather than single-purpose tax levies. These combined levies provide for more flexible funding. The Office of Family & Children First administers Human Service Levy funding totaling $101.2 million in 2007. Additionally, the Family & Children First Council serves as the statutory lead collaborative for county-based health and human services planning.

Human Services Levy funds provide the local funding to complement state and federal funding for the following state mandated agencies.

- **Job and Family Services Children Services Division** served 5,901 families, provided foster or out-of-home placements to 751 children in need and gave 91 children new permanent homes through adoption in 2006.
- **The Board of MR/DD** serves children and adults with disabilities, providing for programs such as work and transportation, special education and early intervention for young children with developmental delays.
- **The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board** provides 17,603 people with intervention, prevention, education or treatment services.
- **The Combined Health District** provides immunizations for babies and seniors, community healthcare and meals on wheels. They also prepare for and manage potential community health threats.
**INITIATIVES**

- **The Stillwater Center** provides residential living for approximately 100 medically fragile citizens with severe and profound disabilities.

- **The Office of Senior Services** provides services to the frail elderly such as meals on wheels, at home assistance and adult day programs which allow seniors to remain in their homes and out of nursing homes.

- Strengthen the workforce of Montgomery County by coordinating a cohesive system of education, training, economic development, and health and human services within the public and private sectors.

- Promote self-sufficiency and economic independence through one of the nation's largest Job Centers. The Job Center offers employment opportunities, work training, unemployment insurance benefits, public assistance and other supportive services.

- Continue family support and stabilization efforts underway in Job and Family Services Children Services Division to ensure children are safe and protected while minimizing family separation.

- Continue to expand living, social and employment opportunities in the community for individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

- Strengthen services provided for people with mental illness and drug/alcohol addiction through programs such as drug and mental health courts and cooperative initiatives with ADAMHS, Job and Family Services and MR/DD.

- Support a community wide effort to develop a ten year plan to address chronic homelessness.
How Does the County Spend Its Annual Budget?

General Government and Debt Service combined represent $132.5 million or 14.5% of the total county budget.

General Government services include:

- Carry out the administrative and fiscal duties of county government
- Real estate appraisal, tax collection and distribution
- Recording of deeds, mortgages and other legal documents
- Administer national, state and local elections

Statistics

- Processes and distributes over $802.8 million in tax receipts through the Auditor’s office.
- Records real estate mortgages representing $11.1 billion in loans.
- Services 550,063 county residents.
- Maintains in excess of a $1,000,000,000 infrastructure.
- Services approximately 375,610 registered voters as of November 2006.
- Participates in the Government Finance Officers of America (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program, with the county receiving 24 consecutive awards for excellence in budgeting through the office of Management & Budget.

Initiatives

- Answered over 108,000 requests for information from the County Records Center for 2006.
- Manages 1.2 billion online records in the County Data Center.
- Maintains financial stability and continues effective service delivery to the citizens of Montgomery County through the 2000-2009 Ten Year General Fund Plan.

- Implement the provisions of the Help America Vote Act, including voter registration system upgrades and deployment and support of new voting technology throughout the county.
- Continue aggressive tax collection efforts including sales of tax liens. The Treasurer’s second ever tax lien sale took place in November 2006 and resulted in the sale of 1,787 parcels, generating over $6.8 million in delinquent real estate tax, and encouraging nearly 8,500 delinquent parcels to be paid up prior to the sale.
- Work continues so that during 2008 the Recorder’s Office can begin accepting e-recordings via the Internet. This will allow title companies, banks, real estate attorneys, etc., the ability to scan, pay fees, and e-file their documents to the Recorder’s Office.
- Increased utilization of GIS (Geographic Information System) mapping system. During 2007 the Auditor’s Office will administer a county wide addressing project, which will verify every address in Montgomery County and build a street center line that can be used for emergency response.
The Judicial and Law Enforcement program area accounts for $173.4 million or 18.9% of the county's total budget, second only to Social Services.

**Statistics**
- More than 36,976 persons are booked into the county jail facilities.
- Through video arraignment, 18,327 jail inmates made court appearances without ever leaving the jail.
- More than 3,526 marriage licenses are issued through the Probate Court.
- 20,468 hours of community service are provided through the MonDay Correctional facility.
- The Animal Resource Center responds to about 14,600 requests for service; rescues and shelters over 10,800 lost, stray or unwanted pets and facilitates over 1,600 pet adoptions.
- The Child Support Enforcement Agency has a caseload of 58,000, which serves nearly 120,000 parents and over 57,000 children, while collecting and submitting disbursements of approximately $103 million in court-ordered support obligations.
- The Auto Title Division of the Clerk of Courts Office processed 457,826 documents, including 221,738 auto titles, 5,852 boats and 2,942 passports in 2006.
- Out of the 4,275 deaths reported to the Coroner’s Office, over 1,272 resulted in complete forensic postmortem examinations.

**Initiatives**
- Construction of a new Juvenile Justice Center is underway with an opening date in 2007. The new facility will expand the number of detention beds to 144 and include an intervention center for early intervention with at-risk youth.
- Develop effective responses to state and federal mandates in such areas as local control of low-level felony offenders, sex offender registration, and domestic and child abuse.
- Support public safety through the effective use of jail beds and provision of alternatives to incarceration.
- Continue the integration of the Criminal Justice Information System (CIJS) through its use by surrounding counties.
The Environment and Public Works program area accounts for 14.4% of the 2007 county budget at $132.1 million.

It includes such services as:

- Road and bridge construction and maintenance
- Drinking water and wastewater management
- Maintenance of county buildings and facilities
- Soil and water conservation

**STATISTICS**

- Manages the disposal of over 514,718 tons of solid waste.
- The Montgomery County Materials Reuse Facility (MCMRF) redirected over 820,000 pounds of reusable items from landfill waste to valuable use in non-profit organizations.
- Provides wastewater reclamation services on 9.0 billion gallons of influent and provides 82,200 water services and 80,200 sewer services.

Sanitary Engineering operates and maintains 1,342 miles of water mains, 14 water storage facilities, 1,178 miles of sanitary sewer mains and 3 equalization basins.

Administers programs designed to promote and increase awareness of the environment and the goals of “reduce, reuse, and recycle.” One program, The Great American Cleanup, had over 6,000 volunteers.

**INITIATIVES**

- Assure the most cost-effective delivery of water and sewer services, through a continuous improvement program and implementation of an equitable rate structure.
- Continue improving recycling and reuse efforts through programs such as Household Hazardous Waste Disposal and MCMRF, the Montgomery County Materials Reuse Facility.
- Participation with the City of Dayton to develop a water pollution control master plan for the northern service area, water master plan for the county service area, and Greene County for the Sugarcreek Water Reclamation Plant.
At $16.4 million, Community and Economic Development represents 1.8% of the total budget and includes funding for the following:

- Cultural facilities and arts and cultural contribution
- ED/GE Program
- Community Development Block Grants
- Affordable Housing
- County Parks

**Statistics**

- In 2006, the ED/GE Program assisted in the creation and retention of 2,634 jobs and leveraged approximately $86,424,475 in public and private funds.
- Performed 17,542 building and electrical inspections annually and issued 4,595 building and electrical permits.
- Hosted over 989,100 patrons at Courthouse Square, including daily visitors and attendees at 116 events.
- Maintains over 600 acres of park land, serving over one million visitors each year.

**Initiatives**

- Continue to improve intergovernmental cooperation in economic development in order to provide the county with a competitive advantage in attracting new and retaining existing business through the ED/GE and Business First program.
- Work closely with regional partners such as the Dayton/Montgomery County Port Authority, Dayton Development Coalition and Dayton Chamber of Commerce to enhance economic development in Montgomery County.
- Work with the Transportation Improvement District to support transportation related projects including the new construction of an interchange on I-75 in southern Montgomery County located around Austin Road, improvement of state route 201 and 202 interchanges, and redesign of the West Carrollton I-75 exit, in order to ensure continued growth within the county.
How is County Government Organized?

Montgomery County is organized under the “commission” form of government. The legislative and executive decisions of the county are shared by the commission and elected officials. Voters elect three commissioners, eight officials and twenty-six judges.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

**Auditor** — is the chief fiscal officer of the county and is responsible for keeping the official records of all county receipts and disbursements. The auditor’s office verifies and processes all payments and revenues of the county; appraises real estate for property tax purposes; processes, certifies and distributes taxes; processes various licenses, e.g., dog licenses; inspects gas pumps and other standard weighing instruments.

**Board of County Commissioners** — serves as the general administrative body of county government, approves the annual county budget, authorizes payment of all county expenses and appoints members of various boards and commissions.

**Clerk of Courts** — is the custodian of legal records processed by the General and Domestic Relations divisions of the Montgomery County Common Pleas Court as well as the Second District Court of Appeals. In addition, the Clerk is responsible for issuing and maintaining all automobile titles in Montgomery County.

**Coroner** — investigates deaths caused by accidents, homicides, suicides, or when death is sudden or unexplained. This office operates the multi-jurisdictional Forensic Crime Lab which analyzes physical evidence such as fingerprints collected from crime scenes.

**County Court** — services the areas of the county that are not the responsibility of the Municipal (City) Courts; hears all adult traffic and misdemeanor cases occurring in the jurisdiction; hears motions on felony cases and holds preliminary hearings.

**Court of Common Pleas** — includes the following four divisions:

- **Domestic Relations Division** — hears divorce, dissolution, legal separation, and annulment cases, as well as civil domestic violence cases for residents of Montgomery County. In addition, the court maintains jurisdiction in such matters as spousal and child support, child custody, visitation and other related matters.

- **General Division** — serves as the court in civil cases involving claims over $500 and in criminal cases involving felonies committed in Montgomery County; supervises probationers and hears appeals of lower court decisions and decisions of the Board of County Commissioners.

- **juvenile Division** — has jurisdiction over those under 18 years of age who are traffic offenders, delinquent, neglected or unruly; decides paternity, custody, and support cases which are not the responsibility of the Domestic Relations Division.

- **Probate Division** — has the legal authority to certify and uphold wills and estates; grants adoptions, guardianships, marriage licenses and name changes; and determines commitments to mental institutions.

**Engineer** — is the county’s surveyor and civil engineer and plans, designs, constructs and maintains the county road system including bridges, ditches and traffic signals. The county engineer also reviews engineering plans for new private developments.

**Prosecutor** — is the county’s criminal and civil attorney. The prosecuting attorney serves as the legal advisor to all county officials; tries all criminal cases in the county punishable by a year or longer in prison; provides information and referral services to victims of violent crimes; establishes paternity and child support orders; and investigates criminal welfare fraud cases.

**Recorder** — is the official keeper of county records. The office maintains an official copy of all deeds, mortgages, powers of attorney and transfers of land and buildings lying within the county.

**Second District Court of Appeals** — one of twelve such courts in Ohio, the Court of Appeals has jurisdiction in six counties: Clark, Champaign, Darke, Greene, Miami and Montgomery; hears appeals of cases from the Common Pleas Court, County Courts and Municipal Courts.

**Sheriff** — is the county’s chief law enforcement officer and operates the jail, attends court sessions, investigates crimes, enforces court orders and delivers subpoenas. The Sheriff serves as the police department for residents of areas not served primarily by a city or township police department, operates the county jail, the 800 MHz radio system and is the “911” dispatch service for various townships and villages which do not have their own 911 service.

**Treasurer** — is the county’s banker. The office collects property taxes, manages the county’s bank accounts, and serves as the county’s investment officer.
HOW IS COUNTY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZED?

Board of County Commissioner Departments

- **County Commissioners**
  - Judy Dodge
  - Dan Foley
  - Deborah A. Lieberman

- **Clerk of Commission**
  - Carol A. Prewitt

- **County Administrator**
  - Deborah A. Feldman

- **Office of Management & Budget**
  - Thomas G. Black

- **Family & Children First Council**
  - Thomas Kelley

- **Job & Family Services**

- **Sanitary Engineering**
  - Gregory J. Merrill

- **Stillwater Center**
  - Carolyn Borden-Collins

- **Community & Economic Development**
  - Joseph P. Tuss

- **Job Center**
  - Gary L. Williamson

- **Public Works**
  - David L. Ricks

- **Administrative Services**
  - Amy S. Wiedeman
Elected Officials

HOW IS COUNTY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZED?

CITIZENS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Auditor
Karl L. Keith

Coroner
James H. Davis, M.D.

Engineer
Joseph Litvin

Recorder
Willis E. Blackshear

Treasurer
Carolyn Rice

Courts

Court of Appeals
James A. Brogan
Administrative Judge

Mary E. Donovan

Mike Fain

Thomas J. Grady

William H. Wolff, Jr.

County Courts
James L. Manning
Administrative Judge

James A. Hensley, Jr.

James D. Piergies

Connie S. Price

Adele Riley

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