

CORPORATION COUNSEL ANNUAL REPORT 2010

The Office of Corporation Counsel was established to act as legal counsel for the County Board of Supervisors, its committees, agencies, commissions and boards, all elected officials and appointed Department Heads. The legal functions performed vary as greatly as the departments themselves. The Staff in this office presently consists of Ruth Zouski, Stephanie Howell and Linda Pawluczek.

2010 again saw numerous payments on old debts owed to the County from participation in the Tax Refund Interception Process (TRIP). A total of \$18,626.00 collected in 2010 from the TRIP program. Below is a summary of all collections made in 2010 for Waushara County, not including any collection assistance to the Clerk of Court's Office for fines/forfeitures/court costs/attorney fees:

COLLECTIONS:

Administration:	\$ 700.00
Dept. Of Human Services:	\$ 9,813.81
Inpatient Accounts	\$ 9,249.81
Outpatient Accounts	\$ 564.00
Emergency Services	\$30,016.41
Miscellaneous Accounts	\$ 5,091.89
Sheriff's Department	\$ 376.05
Highway Department	\$ 84.34
Total	\$46,082.50

The number of cases filed in the Circuit Court on behalf of Waushara County were in the following areas:

NEW CASES FILED

CHIPS	13
JIPS	3
TPR	9
MENTAL	52
GUARDIANSHIPS	38
SC	145
CX (Zoning)	4
CV (Collection)	1
Board of Adjustment	0
FO (Zoning)	15
FO (Health)	7

Other Highlights for 2010:

The 14th and 15th Supplements to the Waushara County Code were completed.

In an appeal on the lawsuit that filed in Federal Court by an inmate that we were holding for the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections in 2009 the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the dismissal granted by the District Court in 2009. No further appeal was filed.

An individual demanded that EMS pay him \$1,000,000.00 for injuries related to care provided in 2009. This demand came when an invoice was sent for payment. No formal claim has been filed.

Two former County Board Supervisors filed a Notice of Claim for attorney fees and circuit court filing fees totaling \$3155.00 incurred in 2006. A formal denial has been issued and no lawsuit has been filed at this time.

The Office along with the Sheriff's Department continues to assist the Village of Lohrville in the enforcement of village ordinances. Assistance was also provided to the Town of Marion for enforcement this year.