

# GREEN LAKE COUNTY

# 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

Original Post Date: 02/04/16

Amended\* Post Date: 02/09/2016

The following documents are included in the packet for the Judicial Law and Emergency Management Committee on February 10, 2016:

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Draft minutes from the 01/13/16 meeting
- 3) Child Support Administrator Job Description
- 4) \*4 Points for Child Support Administrator
- 5) 2015 Annual Report Child Support
- 6) \*2015 Annual Report Clerk of Court
- 7) 2015 Annual Report Register in Probate
- 8) \*2015 Annual Report Coroner
- 9) \*2015 Annual Report Emergency Management
- 10) 2015 Annual Report Sheriff's Department



# JUDICIAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

# Judicial/Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee Meeting Notice

Date: February 10, 2016 Time: 4:30 PM Green Lake County Government Center, County Board Room, 571 County Rd A, Green Lake WI

# Amended\* AGENDA

# **Committee Members**

Gene Thom, Chairman Sue Wendt, Vice-Chair Debra Schubert Michael Starshak

Lori Evans, Secretary

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Agenda
- 5. Minutes: 01/13/2016
- 6. Public Comments 3 Min Limit
- 7. Correspondence
- 8. Hiring Process
- 9. Creation/Deletion of Positions
  - Judicial Assistant/Deputy Register in Probate
  - Court Records Clerk/Deputy Clerk of Court
- 10. Review Job Description/Fill Vacant Positions
  - Child Support Administrator
  - Paralegal/Office Manager
- 11. Purchase Requests
- 12. Training Request
- 13. Resolutions/Ordinances
- 14. Voluntary Unpaid Leave Request
- 15. 2015 Annual Reports
- 16. Department Related Comments
  - Child Support
  - Clerk of Courts
  - Circuit Court/Register in Probate
  - District Attorney
  - Coroner
  - Emergency Management
  - Sheriff's Office
- 17. Budget Adjustments/ New Accounts
- 18. Monthly Sheriff Reports
- 19. Expense & Revenue Monthly Reports
- 20. Monthly Vouchers
- 21. \*Closed Session Per Wis. Stat. §19.85(1); (c) Considering employment, promotions, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the

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# JUDICIAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. This closed session is related to interviews for Full-time Deputy
Sheriff.

22. \*Reconvene to Open Session to take action, if appropriate, on
matters discussed in Closed Session

23. Reconvene into open session

24. Lexipol

25. Committee Discussion

• Future Meeting. Dates: Regular Meeting March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 4:30
pm

• Future Agenda items for action & discussion:

26. Adjourn

Kindly arrange to be present, if unable to do so or if there are any changes, please notify Samantha at 4005.

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# JUDICIAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

# **January 13, 2016**

The regular Judicial/Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Gene Thom at 4:30 PM on January 13, 2016 in the County Board room of the Green Lake County Justice Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: Gene Thom – Chair

Sue Wendt - Vice Chair

Debra Schubert Michael Starshak

Others Present:

Dawn Klockow, Corp. Counsel Mark Podoll, Sheriff Lori Evans, Admin. Ass't to Sheriff Lynn Ryan, RR Coordinator Jeanne Theune - CS Andrew Christenson, DA Mark Putzke, Chief Deputy Amanda Thoma, Coroner Tony Daley, Berlin Journal Amy Thoma, Clerk of Circuit Court Joy Waterbury, Board Supervisor

# **AGENDA**

*Motion/Second (Schubert/Starshak)* to approve the amended agenda. All Ayes. Motion carried.

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the group.

# **MINUTES**

*Motion/Second (Starshak/Wendt)* to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2015 meeting as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

# APPEARANCES INCLUDING PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

None

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank you from Ginny Huba to Deputy Dustan Thompson for his assistance in getting Ginny back into her house and seeing to it that she was safe after she locked herself out. She is happy and proud that Green Lake County has such good deputies. She would give him an A+.

Thank you from Fran Grasee to Deputy Dustan Thompson (the nice caring deputy) who gave her a warning for speeding without even waking up the twins who were sleeping in the backseat. She will use her cruise control from now on.

Thank you from MPTC to Sgt. Kiener for providing internship experiences to their students. It is greatly appreciated. The comments from the students are a testament to the professionalism of the Green Lake County Sheriff's Office and its staff.

Letter of appreciation from Lt. Lundin DNR Conservation Warden Supervisor in recognition of some outstanding work and collaboration during an investigation of finding several deer carcasses in one area of the county. The actions and cooperative efforts of Deputy Michael Prachel and Detective Josh Ward were instrumental in developing leads and ultimately solving this high profile case. It is truly the skills, professionalism and cooperation of those deputies that made the arrests possible.

Thank you from Boni Jensen to Chief Deputy Putzke and a Green Lake County Sheriff's Deputy for being kind and helpful in assisting her with removing a raccoon from her property. She was very appreciative.

# CREATION/DELETION OF POSITIONS

This was in regard to the Clerk of Courts/Circuit Court position and in the future should be entitled Judicial Assistant/Deputy Register in Probate and Court Records Clerk/Deputy Clerk of Court. The Judge is in Marquette County and was unable to

attend tonight's meeting. Clerk of Court Thoma requested that this matter be placed on the February agenda. The request was approved.

# REVIEW OF JOB DESCRIPTION/FILL VACANT POSITION – PARALEGAL/OFFICE MANAGER – DA'S OFFICE

DA Christensen was present and requested that no action be taken on this matter at this time and that it also be placed on the February agenda. The Committee granted the request.

# **RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES**

None

# **PURCHASE REQUESTS**

None

# **VOLUNTARY UNPAID LEAVE REQUESTS**

None

# **TRAINING**

Annual training requests from the Clerk of Circuit Court and the Sheriff were included in the packet. *Motion/Second (Starshak/Schubert)* to approve the requests. All Ayes. Motion carried.

# DEPARTMENT RELATED COMMENTS

Child Support: Jeanne Thuene appeared on behalf of the Child Support agency and thanked the committee for their support. She stated that they were trying to keep up as best they can. The Cooperative Agreements are done and the Annual Report is almost done.

Clerk of Courts: They are getting ready for a two week jury trial.

Circuit Court/Register in Probate: No Appearance

District Attorney: Everything is good in his office.

Coroner's Office – They had their first Fatality Review Team committee meeting. It was in regard to drownings and it went well. They are working on getting information out to the community regarding how to prevent drownings.

Emergency Management: No appearance

Sheriff's Office: Sheriff Podoll reported that December was very busy, but there were no major incidents. We are gearing up for the new year and are doing a lot of in-house training. We are continuing with the Deputy Sheriff hiring process and are in the interview stage at this time. The two K-9's have arrived and we are utilizing them a lot. The program is going well.

Lynn Ryan, Recidivism Reduction Coordinator distributed a copy of the GED program statistics and pictures and gave the Committee and updated them on the GED program. There have been 31 inmates who, while in custody, have graduated from the program since its inception. It is likely that several others graduated after they were released but numbers are not kept on those individuals. She reported that it does a lot for the inmate's self- image to have the Judge present their GED's and give them words of encouragement. He is very supportive of them. That goes a long way in improving their outlook. We are all appreciative of the important role the Judge has played in the program.

# **BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

Lori Evans presented 2 requests for new accounts. One was for establishing a revenue account for the firearms program. It is far more cost effective to buy supplies in bulk. Therefore we purchase large quantities of items and share them with the City Police Departments who reimburse us for the items they use. The amount for this account for 2016 will be \$2,000 and will be on both the revenue and expenditure side of the budget so there will be no fiscal impact.

The other request was to establish and new revenue and expenditure account for an additional grant that the CWDTF has been awarded. The amount for that has not yet been established. It is around \$40,000 and will be the same on both he revenue and expenditure sides, so again there will be no fiscal impact.

*Motion/Second (Schubert/Wendt)* to approve the creation of the new accounts and send the requests on to Finance. All Ayes. Motion carried

# MONTHLY SHERIFF REPORTS

*Motion/Second (Wendt/Starshak)* to approve the January Monthly Sheriff's Reports. All Ayes. Motion carried.

# EXPENSE AND REVENUE MONTHLY REPORTS

*Motion/Second (Starshak/Wendt)* to approve the January Monthly Expense and Revenue Reports. All Ayes. Motion carried.

# **MONTHLY VOUCHERS**

The committee reviewed and signed the monthly claims for payment dated January 13, 2016 for the following offices in the following amounts:

# 2015 Claims

\$	654.25
\$	9,992.96
\$	214.00
\$	992.86
\$	82.80
\$	15,629.59
\$	56,746.17
HS	\$ 74.78
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## **2016 Claims**

Clerk of Circuit Court:	\$ 331.76
Coroner:	\$ 50.00
District Attorney:	\$ 160.49
Sheriff's Office:	\$ 41,162.14

*Motion/Second (Schubert/Wendt)* to approve all of the above claims; however the claim for CEC from the Circuit Court should be held until the project is completed. All Ayes. Motion carried.

# **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

Supervisor Wendt asked what the process is for hiring a new Child Support Administrator. Once applications come back, either the Committee Chairman or his designee are part of the group that reviews the applications. This will be placed on next month's agenda for further discussion. Other agenda items for February should include the Judicial Assistant/Deputy Register in Probate and Court Records Clerk/Deputy Clerk of Court position and the Paralegal/Office Manager position in the DA's Office. Corporation Counsel announced that she would not be at the February meeting and that Dan Sondalle could not attend either. She asked if the committee felt they needed to have a Corp. Counsel representative at the meeting. They did not feel that it was necessary.

# FUTURE MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting is set for February 10, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in the County Board Room of the County Justice Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake.

# **ADJOURN**

*Motion/Second (Starshak/Schubert)* to adjourn. All Ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Evans, Committee Secretary, Administrative Assistant to the Sheriff



# GREEN LAKE COUNTY JOB DESCRIPTION

Updated January 19, 2016

TITLE: CHILD SUPPORT ADMINISTRATOR

**DEPARTMENT / UNIT:** CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY

**LOCATION:** GREEN LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER

**SUPERVISOR:** JUDICIAL / LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

# **SUMMARY:**

To manage and direct the child support program in Green Lake County.

# **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

- Develop and maintain a child support program plan for Green Lake County, which meets all federal and state laws, rules, regulations and policies
- Contract with the State of Wisconsin for all support related activities in the county
- Coordinate all locate efforts for the child support agency including the use of the CLEAR system and any other available resources
- Develop office policy and procedures specific to the child support program
- Establish a cooperative working relationship with the county IV-A agency (Economic Support) and other county and state agencies involved in the child support and paternity program
- Negotiate cooperative agreements with other county agencies, per federal requirements
- Supervise and evaluate other child support staff
- Complete all required administrative reports
- Develop the county budget for the child support program
- Provide public information and education regarding the child support program, including offering the "What's the Rush" program to all county Middle and High Schools

## CASE MANAGEMENT

- Paternity determination activities
  - Prepare legal documents
  - Develop procedures for, schedule, and administer genetic testing
- Court related activities
  - Prepare all legal documents
  - Appear and assist the Corporation Counsel at court hearings
- Create and maintain an individual case record system which will meet the requirements as set forth in 45 CRF 303.2
- Work with specialists to determine appropriate enforcement actions
- Prepare documents for referral of criminal non-support cases to the District Attorney's Office; work with the District Attorney's Office in prosecution of criminal cases

# **SKILLS AND ABILITIES:**

- A thorough knowledge of child support laws as they pertain to enforcement, paternity establishment, collection hierarchy, and public assistance rules
- Knowledge of legal forms and terminology, business mathematics and English, investigative skills, supervisory skills
- Considerable skill and knowledge of the State Child Support Computer System (KIDS) as well as Word, Excel and Power Point
- Knowledge of human behavior with the ability to relate to people from varied backgrounds
- Ability to obtain cooperation from others in situations of conflicting goals or values
- Ability to evaluate information and exercise judgment to make recommendations and decisions according to office policy and in conformity with the law.
- Skill in the use of general office equipment including but not limited to: telephone, copy machine, calculator, typewriter, personal computer and printer, fax machine, instant camera used for paternity testing (provided by the DNA testing lab) and automobile

# **QUALIFICATIONS:**

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Management, Police Science/Administration, or a related field is desired.

**EXPERIENCE/JOB KNOWLEDGE**: Or equivalent combination of education and 3-5 years management experience with increasing responsibilities relating to family law, investigation, supervision, computerization and business management, preferably in a child support agency setting.

# **WORKING CONDITIONS:**

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS:** About 30% of the time is spent typing or keying on the computer while sitting; approximately 25% of the time is spent talking while seated or standing; approximately 25% of the time is spent listening while seated or standing, 5% of the time is spent reaching, stooping, kneeling, crouching, and lifting/carrying objects up to 10 pounds; 15% of the time is spent reading, writing, or visually observing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DEMANDS:** 100% of the child support work is done indoors. About 30% of the time, situations could develop where there is verbal conflict with a customer either over the telephone or at the counter. There may be approximately a 1% chance of physical attack or injury from persons visiting the office or outside the office.

This is a public service position. Employees are required to be courteous, cooperative and respectful at all times with the public and clients. This includes establishing and maintaining courteous, cooperative and respectful working relationships with other employees, supervisors and public officials.

This position description has been prepared to assist in defining job responsibilities, physical demands, working conditions and needed skills. It is not intended as a complete list of job duties, responsibilities and/or essential functions. This description is not intended to limit or modify the rights of any supervisor to assign, direct and control the work of employees under supervision. The County retains and reserves any and all rights to change, modify, amend add t or delete from, any section of this document as it deems, in its' judgement, to be proper.

# **GREEN LAKE COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT ADMINISTRATOR**

<u>JOB DESCRIPTION:</u> I have reviewed and updated the job description of the Green Lake County Child Support Administrator, per recommendations by the Personnel Committee. I have reviewed the educational requirements and/or experience requirements, and feel that no changes should be done. I also feel that a 40 hour work week is sufficient to accomplish the tasks of the Child Support Administrator, as long as the office is fully staffed.

JOB DESIGNATION: I am not certain why the Child Support Administrator pay scale is two grades lower than the unit managers in the Health & Human Services Department. The Child Support Administrator position is in Pay Group #9. There are no changes to the duties and responsibilities of the Administrator, and therefore it would not be appropriate for the pay to be in a lower pay group.

**NECESSITY:** The Child Support program is 66% funded by the State and Federal Government. In addition, the Child Support program earns "incentive" payments from the State for a job well done. It is crucial that the position of the Child Support Administrator be retained in Green Lake County, not only to maintain the existing funding that is being received, but to keep the program running smoothly. Green Lake County has consistently been one of the top performing counties in the State of Wisconsin, as evident by the Certificates of Excellence that are received by the agency nearly every year.

**EVALUATION OF EXISTING STAFF:** At this time, the Green Lake County Child Support Agency consists of 2.25 positions, with the third full time Administrator position being vacant. There are currently two specialists, of whom one is the acting Interim Administrator, and a 25% Receptionist. The case load for the two specialists consists of 450 cases each. At present time, the Interim Administrator is trying to maintain the 450 cases on her work load, with assistance of the other case worker, as well as perform all of the duties of the Administrator. The only way the majority of the duties of the three positions are being performed at this time is through working daily overtime. It is imperative to get this position filled and restore the office to full staff. This will ensure that the previous level of outstanding performance can be maintained and funding levels will not decrease.

# **Green Lake County**

**Child Support Agency** 

571 County Road A PO Box 3188 Green Lake WI 54941-3188

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# 2015 ANNUAL REPORT GREEN LAKE COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY

TO:

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GREEN LAKE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Thank you for this opportunity to present to you the 2015 annual report of the Green Lake County Child Support Agency.

**AGENCY PERSONNEL in 2015:** 

TERRI L. STELLMACHER, Child Support Administrator MARCIA L. KLEMAN, Child Support Specialist, II JEANNE M. THEUNE, Child Support Specialist, II ANGIE SMIT, Receptionist (1/4 time) DAWN N KLOCKOW, Corporation Counsel

The Child Support Agency is a local Green Lake County operated agency, but is funded with federal, state, and county money, and operates according to state and federal law.

The mission of the Green Lake County Child Support Agency is to ensure that parents provide financial and medical support for their children, and by doing so, increases the economic self-sufficiency of single parent households and reduces taxes by reducing public assistance benefits.

# 2015 GREEN LAKE COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT PERFORMANCE

978 Child support cases in Green Lake County, as of December 31, 2015 (1,089 includes NIVD Cases, which means cases that have not applied for our services. We have to do the work on these cases, such as sending out wage assignments, but we do not receive any credit for the collections received, when looking at performance standards). As of December 31, 2015:

# CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS:

Green Lake County has 851 cases with a child support order, which is 93.52% of our cases. We rank 16<sup>th</sup> in the State of Wisconsin for this performance measure.

#### PATERNITY:

Green Lake County has a paternity establishment rate of 100%.

# **CURRENT SUPPORT COLLECTED:**

Green Lake County collected \$2,222,178.70 in current child support during the child support fiscal year of 10/1/2014 through 9/30/2015. Green Lake County ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State in the collection of current child support.

# **COLLECTION OF ARREARS:**

During the child support fiscal year of 10/1/2014 through 9/30/2015, Green Lake County had 724 cases with arrears. We were successful in collecting an arrears payment on 595 of those cases, which is 82.18%. That is an increase of 1.47% from the previous fiscal year. Green Lake County is ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in the State of Wisconsin for this performance measure.

# **HEALTH INSURANCE OBLIGATIONS ENFORCED:**

Green Lake County is ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the State of Wisconsin, for enforcement of health insurance obligations at 47.12%.

In 2015, approximately 21 DNA Paternity tests were done in Green Lake County. In 2015, approximately 52 new cases were filed in the Clerk of Court's office, by the Child Support Agency.

In 2015, Green Lake County Child Support Agency reported to the State of Wisconsin, total monthly expenditures of \$265,664.89. The State and Federal Government reimbursed Green Lake County a total of \$229,523.95.

Green Lake County earned incentives of \$9,057.00, by making parents be responsible to add their children to health insurance policies available to them through employment. We also earned \$37,855.00 in general child support performance incentives.

We deeply appreciate the continued support and interest of this County Board of Supervisors. Through our united efforts we continue to meet our commitments to children and families of Green Lake County.

Sincerely,

JEANNE M THEUNE Interim Administrator Green Lake County Child Support Agency



# **Green Lake County Circuit Court**

571 CTH A, P.O. Box 3188, Green Lake, WI 54941 (920) 294-4042

MARK T. SLATE Circuit Court Judge

February 4, 2016

To The Honorable Board of Supervisors Green Lake County, Wisconsin

I hereby submit the 2015 Annual Report for the Green Lake County Probate Office.

The Probate Office deals with matters under the authority of Chapter 851 of the Wisconsin Statues, which creates the Office of Register in Probate. Our records date back to 1842.

In addition to probate, this office also maintains files pertaining to:

Chapter 48

Child in Need of Protection and Services

Chapter 51

**Emergency Detention** 

Chapter 54 & 55

Guardianships and Protective Placements

Chapter 938

Juvenile Delinquency & Juvenile in need of Protection and Services

Except for the estate files, all records under the control of the Register in Probate are confidential.

On the attached pages, you will find a break down of each case/file type and, a brief description with the financial impact, if any, to the county.

This completes my report for the year 2015.

Very truly yours,

Samantha S. Calabresa

Register in Probate

## **ESTATES**

In 2015, 57 cases relating to Probate were opened.

- 45 Informal Administrations
- 6 Special Administrations
- 3 Formal Administrations
- 1 Summary Proceeding
- 1 Determination of Decent
- 1 Ancillary Proceeding

As of December 31, 2015 there were 75 open Probate cases.

Probate Fees Collected in 2015:

County Share: \$26,122.70

Probate fees consist of Inventory filing fees and copy and/or certification fees. This is an increase of over \$13,467.55 from last year. The main reason being, an estate that's inventory filing fee was \$12,517.18. If you do not include this amount, the 2015 fees would have been \$13,605.52 which is slightly above the average for the last few years.

## **TESTAMENTARY TRUSTS**

Prior to July 1, 2014 Wisconsin State Statutes, required the Courts to monitor testamentary trusts. Testamentary trusts are trusts created in a Last Will and Testament and generally place money aside for a specific purpose. The change in the law now allows parties to decide if they want to have the Court continue to monitor the trust. Judge Slate determined that all trustees as well as the beneficiaries should be notified of the change in the law. Each person was then asked if they would like the Court to continue or discontinue monitoring of the trust. This was done in 2014, with follow-up on all cases in early 2015.

There are currently 11 that the Court will continue to review an Annual Accounting. The oldest is from 1939.

# **EMERGENCY DETENTIONS**

2015 found the following Emergency Detentions:

27 Adult Emergency Detentions

9 Juvenile Emergency Detentions

Financially, Emergency Detentions do not affect this office. In 2012 all cases were referred to the State Public Defender for representation, thus removing the expense of Court Appointed Counsel for the County.

## **GUARDIANSHIPS**

There were 15 adult Guardianships and 1 minor Guardianship filed in 2015.

We continue to hold yearly hearings for persons under Guardianship and Protective Placement as required by law.

Guardians are required to file an Annual Report of the Person each year and most are required to file an Annual Accounting of the person's assets each year.

In 2015 it was decided that the Guardianship files needed to be reviewed and brought up to date. We reviewed all of the Guardianship cases to determine which ones would be appropriate to waive an Annual Accounting and which ones should not. Once that was done, we sent letters to the appropriate Guardians of the Ward and all interested parties to ask if they wanted to waive the Annual Accounting. We received almost all of the waivers back, requesting the Annual Accounting be waived. We held a hearing for all of the Guardianship cases where waivers were requested to see if anyone would object to the waiving of the Annual Accounting. After all the hearings were held and no objections heard, we waived some of the Annual Accountings and sent out a copy of the Order to the Guardian and all interested parties for those cases.

In reviewing all of the cases we found some cases where no Annual Account had been filed in years, although they were required. Some files had notes that the Annual Accounts were waived, although there was no Court Order waiving them. In some cases, an Annual Account was just never filed and no follow-up was done. Other cases, Annual Accounts were being filed, when they were actually previously waived by the Court and not required to be filed.

Although it was time consuming, all Guardianship files are now brought up to date with proper accountings or waivers done in each one.

#### JUVENILES

#### **ADOPTIONS**

In 2015 we had 5 cases in which Adoptions took place.

# TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS (TPR)

In 2015 there were 10 petitions filed and 5 were granted Terminating Parental Rights. 5 cases are still ongoing in Court. This is a significant increase in the average number of TPR's. Usually, the Court handles only one or two TPR's a year. TPR's are very time consuming for all involved, from Corporation Counsel, Social Services and the Court. Lawyers are appointed for the parents and a Guardian ad Litem is appointed for the child. The parents can request a Jury Trial, which can last for days.

The increase in TPR's has consumed many hours by the Register in Probate, and 2016 is looking to be a continuation of 2015.

# CHIPS (Children in Need of Protection and Services)

In 2015, there were 31 petitions filed for children in need of protection and services. Last year there were 33 petitions filed. This has been a significant increase in CHIPS cases as the previous years averaged only 19.

When a CHIPS petition comes in, a GAL is appointed for the child. This is required by statute if the child is under the age of 12. If the child is 12 or older, the Public Defender may also be appointed to represent the child.

If a parent contests the petition, Wisconsin State Statues do not permit for the State Public Defender to represent them. So they must petition the Court to appoint an attorney. Most parents do not understand the process and it causes delays. If the two parents are not married it is common for a separate attorney to be appointed for each one. This becomes extremely costly to the County.

This year we have put in additional time on collecting money owed to the County for the attorney's appointed in CHIPS cases. We have sent numerous orders for payment and reminders to the parents. We have collected more this year than last year and have developed a system to be more efficient in collections. If no payments are being made the collections will be turned over to Corporation Counsel and they will be enforcing the payments as well. This benefits the County by recouping money spent on attorney fees.

In 2016 we anticipated recouping \$12,000.00 of attorney expenses. (attorney's appointed in CHIPS cases) This is an increase over 2015.

# JIPS (Juvenile in Need of Protection and Services)

Last year, we received 7 petitions for Juvenile's in Need of Protection and Services. In 2014 we received only one petition. Once again, this has increased the case load for the Register in Probate.

# DELINQUENCY

In 2015 we had 19 petitions filed. Delinquency filings were the same as in 2014.

A Delinquency is a criminal charge being brought against a Juvenile. Charges included: 1st Degree Sexual Assault of Child, Battery, Burglary, Criminal Damage, Disorderly Conduct, Forgery, Other Fraud, Operate Vehicle w/out Consent, Receiving Stolen Property, Theft of Movable Property, and Weapons/ Explosives.

# 2016 consisted of the following:

#	Name				
6	Disorderly Conduct				
3	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Sexual Assault of Child				
2	Theft				
1	Weapons/ Explosives				
1	Other Fraud				
1	Receiving Stolen Property				
1	Burglary				
1	Operate Vehicle w/out Consent				
1	Forgery				
1	Criminal Damage				
1	Battery				

# CASELOAD INCREASE FOR 2015 OVER AVERAGE

2015	Average	Туре	
7	3	JIPS	
9	5	Juvenile Emergency Detentions	
10	4	Termination of Parental Rights (TPR)	
31	21	CHIPS	



# Green Lake County Clerk of Circuit Court

P.O. Box 3188, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941 920-294-4142

AMY S. THOMA

Clerk of Circuit Court

#### 2015 ANNUAL REPORT - CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

TO: The Honorable Chairman and Board of Supervisors for Green Lake County.

Please accept this letter as the annual report for the Clerk of Circuit Court's Office.

STAFF

Clerk of Circuit Court - Amy S. Thoma
Deputy Court Records Clerk - Cindy Werch
Deputy Court Records Clerk - Sheri Rahmer
Court Records Clerk - Trina West (hired June 1, 2015)
Court Records Clerk (part-time) - Allison Kavanaugh (hired August 10, 2015)

The office of Clerk of Circuit Court is the custodian of record. Record keeping for the courts is governed by state statute and Wisconsin Supreme Court rule. These require that clerks maintain records of all documents filed with the courts, keep a record of court proceedings and collect various fees, fines and forfeitures ordered by the court or specified by statute. A sampling of the responsibilities, but not inclusive, include:

File circuit court cases and provide proper case maintenance of said cases through the Wisconsin Consolidated Courts Automation Program (CCAP). This includes preparation of court notices and distribution; review files as to the status of each case; preparation of court orders/judgments at the direction of the Circuit Court Judge; receipt filing fees, fines/forfeitures, court costs, and various surcharges.

Clerk hearings - swear in all witnesses called to testify; follow through on any court orders/directives given by the Circuit Court Judge; mark all exhibits offered and received into evidence and maintain said exhibits through the appropriate appeal time period.

Jury - annual change in juror lists; summons jurors; prepare vouchers for payment of jurors, bailiffs, and misc. expenses; submit an annual jury analysis pursuant to Wisconsin Supreme Court Rule 73.01.

Miscellaneous responsibilities - accept and process passport applications; file various tax warrants, liens, and satisfactions; monitor for collection reimbursements for Guardians ad Litem and Court Appointed Counsel.

I began my duties as Clerk of Circuit Court on January 5, 2015. This office had been working short staffed for approximately one year before I took office. During that time collections were not being actively pursued. One of my first goals was to bring past due matters up to date. I was able to hire a full-time Court Records Clerk who started on June 1, 2015. Her primary responsibilities are collections and I am happy to report that as of the end of 2015 we are now up to date on the majority of the collections work.

## TAX INTERCEPTS

This office continues to collect debts owed via the State of Wisconsin Tax Intercept Program. A total of \$10,056.19 in tax intercept monies were collected in 2015. There were 420 debts turned over for tax intercept with 397 of these debts turned over in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters, as compared to 23 in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters when the office was working short staffed.

# **CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS**

An additional change in our office in 2015 was in credit card vendors. This office had previously contracted with Wind River Financial. The County incurred monthly finance charges through this vendor. For example, the County paid \$2,731.33 in finance charges in 2014 and \$1,690.51 through September 2015. We began using GovPayNet in September, which is at no cost, thus a savings to the County.

# e-FILE/

Also a change in 2015 was the implementation of eFile through CCAP. By choosing this method of filing, attorneys and their delegees can file documents from the convenience of their home or office, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, thus saving time to bring the documents to our office or mailing the documents for filing. Once a case is electronically filed, they have access to all electronic case documents and receive immediate confirmation on the cases and documents they file, documents filed by the opposing party, and any documents signed by the court official. There is a \$5.00 fee, per case, to eFile. eFiling is currently available on Family and Small Claims case types and will one day become mandatory for all counties and on all case types. Our office is taking a proactive approach and implemented eFile before it becomes mandatory.

# CASES FILED IN 2015

Case Type	2015	2014		
Criminal Felony	130	144		
Criminal Misdemeanor	281	252		
Criminal Traffic	119	121		
Traffic	1902	1788		
Forfeiture	143	140		
Juvenile Ordinance	7	1		
Civil	122	133		
Complex Forfeiture	2	5		
Small Claims	357	382		
Family	96	114		
Paternity	18	65		

# **PASSPORTS**

This office continues to accept passport applications. Staff is required to complete a yearly certification with the National Passport Agency by completing an annual web based training. A total of 170 passport applications were processed in 2015. The processing fee is \$25.00 per application for total revenue of \$4,250.00. However, postage to mail the applications is \$5.75 and there were a total of 106 mailings for a cost of \$609.50.

# **JURY TRIALS**

Six jury trials were held in 2015. Two of these trials were 5 days in length and two were 1 day. A 3 day trial was scheduled but settled one the first day and a 1 day trial was scheduled and also settled that day.

# GUARDIAN AD LITEM and COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY COSTS

Guardian ad Litems are appointed in either family or paternity actions where there is a disagreement between the parents of the child(ren) as to physical custody, legal custody, or periods of placement. An attorney is appointed by the Court to represent the best interest of the child(ren). The cost of the Guardian ad Litem is generally split equally between the parents and re-payment is ordered back to Green Lake County. A Guardian ad Litem was appointed on 22 family/paternity cases in 2015.

Court Appointed Attorneys are appointed to represent defendants on criminal cases. The defendant must first have applied to the Public Defender's Office for representation and have been denied. A Court Appointed Attorney was appointed on 17 cases in 2015.

This office makes every effort to collect these fees. Unfortunately, the reality is that many do not have the financial means to pay for these services. However, beginning this year we will be using the services of Corporation Counsel to further assist in the possible collection of unpaid Guardian ad Litem fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk of Circuit Court



# GREEN LAKE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE CORONER

Amanda Thoma, Coroner

Office: 920-294-4040 ext. 1229

# 2015 ANNUAL REPORT OFFICE OF THE CORONER

# TO: THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GREEN LAKE COUNTY

It has been a very progressive year for the Coroner's Office. All records have been placed online to ensure accuracy of revenue collected from funeral homes for death certificates and cremation permits, deaths investigated, autopsies performed, and the manner of death determined.

-	Total		
Deaths for Green Lake County	216		
Deaths Investigated	132		
Autopsies Performed	7		
Death Certificate Revenue	\$4,840.00		
Cremation Permits Revenue	\$13,810.00		

I appreciate all of the support you have provided the Coroner's Office this past year and look forward to continuing to serve Green Lake County citizens this upcoming year.

Sincerely,

Amanda Thoma

Coroner

## 2015 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Director received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMPG) for director salary of \$20,097.25.

Director received an \$8,955.98 Emergency Planning & Community Right to know Act (EPCRA) Hazardous Material Grant. Director received a \$7,586.84 EPCRA Hazardous Materials Equipment Grant.

Director completed FEMA course IS-00014b Special Events Contingency Planning. Director also attended and completed Amber Alert Training on June 1-4, 2015 with other personnel from Green Lake County Agencies at the Green Lake Conference Center. Director is a member of the Tri County CART (Child Abduction Response Team). Director attended SIMCOM training on May 6, 2015, which dealt with Interoperability of communications. Director completed the Basic Esponder Course on August 26, 2015. Director updated hazardous material plans for 4 facilities in the county, recorded updates of 38 reporting facilities and 15 Planning facilities.

Director attended the County Fire Chief's Association meetings. Director is working on setting up training for fire departments and other Emergency Responders an Operations Level Hazardous Materials Class. Director assisted with the County Fire Department MABAS system in going on line this past March of 2015.

Director is working with Oshkosh Fire Department to assist us in Hazardous Materials incidents that our County Operations Level Team is unable to handle. They also will be part of our Railroad Emergency Response Plan.

Director has completed all state and federal requirements and has completed the planning calendar for next year.

Director and Sheriff are on a regional WISCOM committee, which deals with statewide communications interoperability and have attended the Regional meetings.

Director setup and attended National Weather Service Tornado Spotters class on April 20, 2015 at the Green Lake County Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Director held Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meetings to go over hazardous material updates required by EPCRA and grants, which was completed and approved, by the state. Director is working with LEPC on local hazardous issues, which pertain to Green Lake County. Director and LEPC have been working with the public health on public health planning and also with the Coroner on getting final approval of the County Mass Fatality Plan. The Mass Fatality Plan was Official approved.

Director conducted and attended a Full Scale exercise on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, which involved a Mass Causality Tornado Disaster at the Green Lake Conference Center. There were over 100 people that participated in the exercise.

Director is working with Sheriff and Dalton Fire Department on the Railroad Emergency Response Plan for the Dalton Area. We have met a number of times with the Amish Community on the plan. It is the hope to have it completed in the spring of 2016. Director completed the County Emergency Response Plan with Emergency Support functions. Plan should be ready for County adoption in 2016. It will match State and Federal Plans. Director is also working on finishing up the template for the municipalities in the county to us as their Emergency Response Plan.

Director was notified and responded to 8 Severe Weather calls and 2 Severe Thunderstorm Warnings that affected Green Lake County. Director responded to a Hazmat spill at Kwick Trip of Berlin and was notified of a number of small Hazardous Materials spills, through the state reporting system, which occurred in Green Lake County. Director is on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Gary V. Podoll, Director

Green Lake County Emergency Management

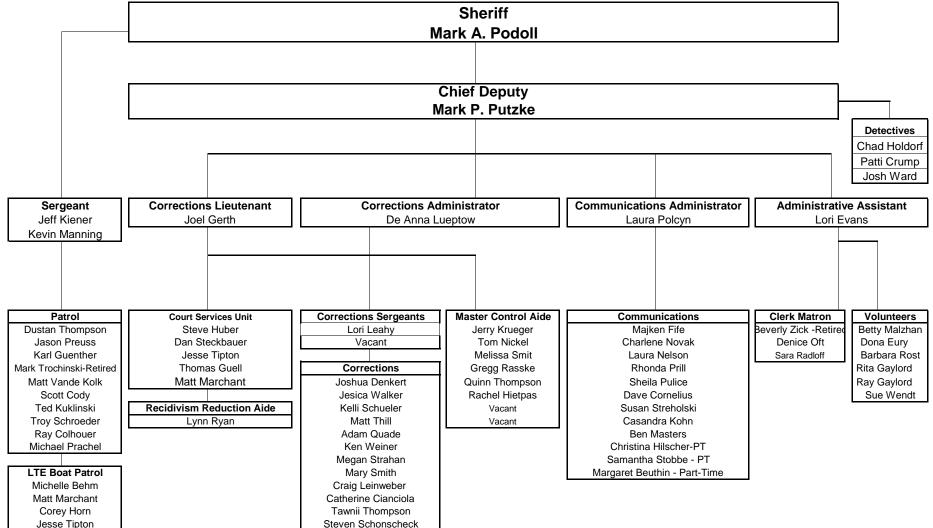
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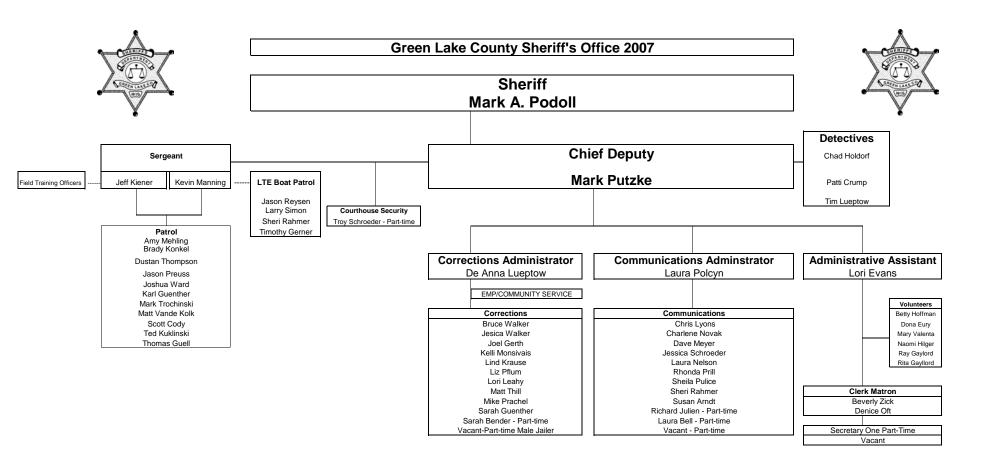
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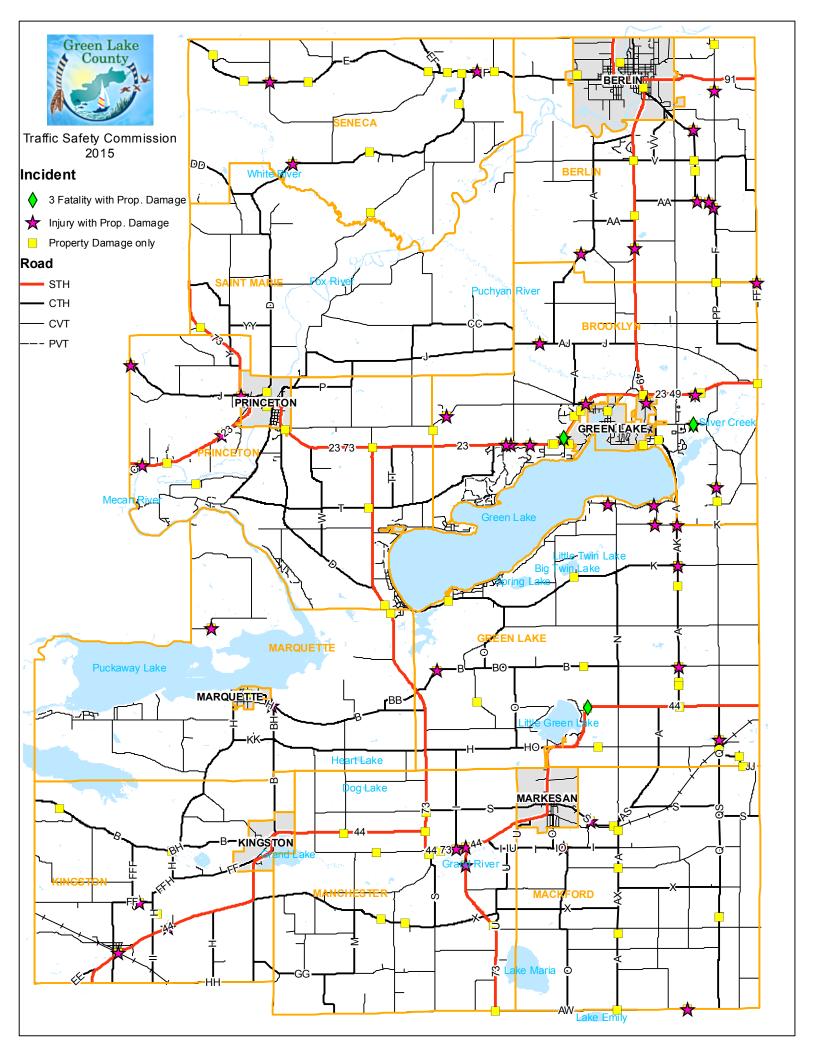
# **GREEN LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2015**

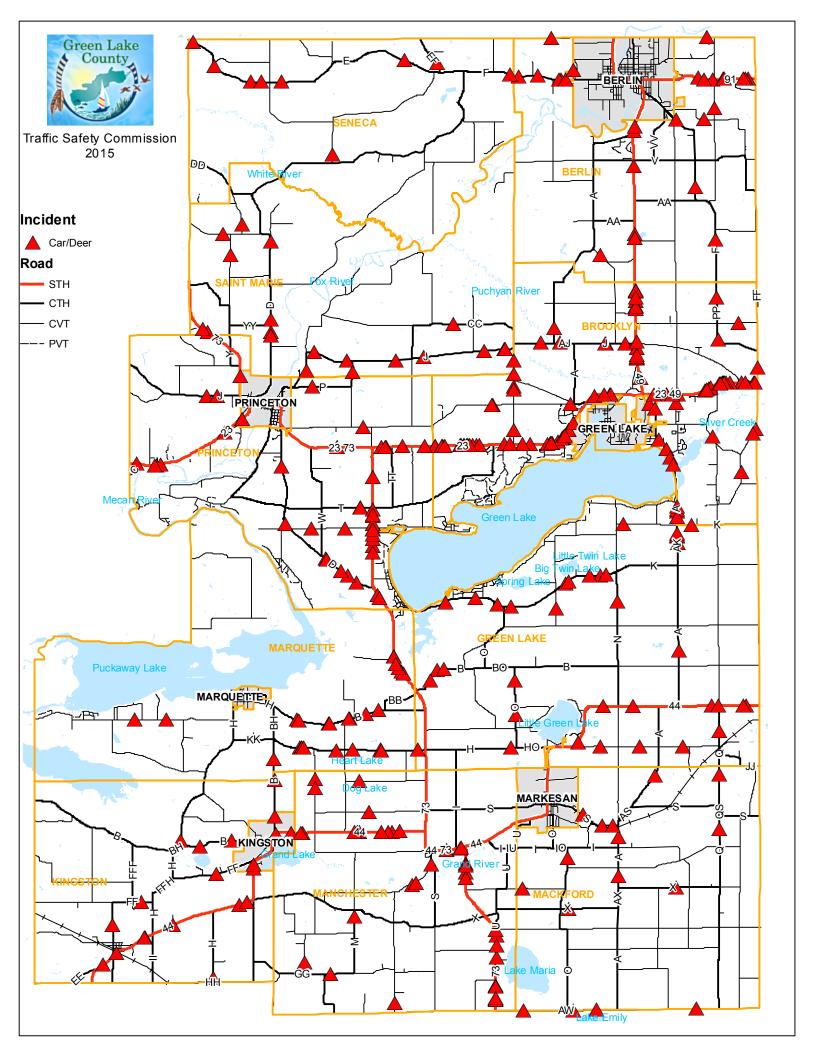




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# **2015 CITATIONS & WARNINGS**

TYPE	CITATIONS	WARNINGS*
341- Vehicle Registration Violations	50	161
343 - License Volations	174	31
344 - Proof Insurance	444	80
346 - Rules of the Road (failure yield/passing)	34	88
346.31 - Turning and Stopping	0	10
346.37 - Traffic Signs, Signal, Markings	1	2
346.44 - Stops, Stopping and Parking	13	50
346.57 - Speeding	614	2288
346.62 - Reckless Driving and OWI	118	1
346.67 - Accidents	11	6
346.87 - Misc. Equp Vio, Weight Limits, Inattentive	122	356
943 - Tresspassing	10	9
947 - Disorderly Conduct	5	0
95 - Animals	7	5
187 - Parks	2	0
125 - Alcohol Beverages	24	0
30 - DNR	35	38
Other	26	1
Boat Launch	145	0
Total	1835	3126

BY LOCATION	CITATIONS	WARNINGS
Townships:		
Berlin	238	471
Brooklyn	589	897
Green Lake	275	421
Kingston	27	47
Mackford	133	212
Manchester	124	321
Marquette	70	153
Princeton	134	266
St. Marie	15	25
Seneca	60	126
<u>City/Village</u> Berlin	72	104
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Green Lake	45	40
Markesan	7	11
Princeton	20	21
Kingston	8	5
Marquette	2	3
Lakes/River		
Big Green	16	3
Little Green	0	0
Puckaway	0	0
Fox	0	0
Total	1835	3126

<sup>\*</sup>Total Warnings by Violation

# 2015 GREEN LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE STATISTICS

CALLS FOR SERVICE		ARRESTS:	
Non Accident Related Calls for Service	3115	Juvenile Contacts (UCR)	
Accidents Car Deer	342	Murder/Manslaughter	0
Accidents - Car Deer No Officer Sent	35	Sexual Assault, Rape, Sex Offenses	2
Accidents - PDO - Not Car Deer	100	Assault/DC	3
Accidents - Injury - Not Car Deer	39	Burglary/Robbery	0
Accidents - Fatalities	3	Theft	1
Hit and Run	4	Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Total Calls For Service	3638	Vandalism	0
		Controlled Substances	1
		Family Offense	0
		Weapons	0
		Fraud/Forgery	0
<b>ACCIDENTS &amp; INCIDENTS BY LOCAT</b>	ION:	Stolen Property	0
City of Berlin	188	DUI	0
City of Green Lake	194	Alcohol Offenses	1
City of Markesan	75	All Others	2
City of Princeton	159	Total Juvenile Arrests	11
Town of Berlin	246		
Town of Brooklyn	647		
Town of Green Lake	339	Criminal Arrests Adult (UCR)	
Town of Kingston	154	Murder/Manslaughter	0
Town of Mackford	160	Sexual Assaults, Rape, Sex Offenses	6
Town of Manchester	170	Assault/DC	35
Town of Marquette	126	Burglary/Robbery	4
Town of Princeton	403	Theft	10
Town of St. Marie	82	Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Town of Seneca	85	Vandalism	7
Village of Kingston	46	Controlled Substances	65
Village of Marquette	58	Family Offense	9
Green Lake Sheriff's Zone	497	Weapons	2
Big Green Lake	7	Fraud/Forgery	29
Lake Puckaway	0	Stolen Property	0
Fox River	2	All Others	155
Little Green Lake	0	Total Adult Arrests	323
TOTAL	3638		
Civil Process		Value of Property Stolen	155,717
Papers Served & Attempts	572	Value of Property Recovered	22,196

# **GREEN LAKE COUNTY JAIL MONTHLY STATISICS**

MONTH/	ADP	HUBER	HUBER/EMP	FEMALE	LOCK	MEALS	EMP	GL HUBERS
YEAR			INCOME		DOWN			TRANSFERRED
Jan-15	75	5	\$2,083.36	17	58	6169	0	4
Feb-15	64	3	\$1,784.57	12	52	4853	0	2
Mar-15	55	4	\$2,617.61	10	45	4582	0	2
Apr-15	57	6	\$4,157.72	13	44	4398	0	2
May-15	58	10	\$4,192.69	12	46	4555	0	2
Jun-15	54	3	\$2,922.96	9	45	4275	0	2
Jul-15	51	4	\$1,767.89	7	44	4264	0	2
Aug-15	49	4	\$2,117.90	9	40	3780	0	4
Sep-15	49	5	\$3,604.81	10	39	3740	0	2
Oct-15	46	6	\$3,516.83	10	36	3624	0	3
Nov-15	46	10	\$4,799.09	7	39	3616	0	4
Dec-15	43	6	\$3,026.13	7	36	3443	0	3
Totals	647	66	\$36,591.56	123	524	51299	0	32
Average	54	6	\$3,049	10	44	4275	0	3

ADP- Average daily population

Huber- Average number of hubers housed for that month

Huber Income- Amount paid by huber inmates for the month

Female- Average number of females held that month

Lockdown- Average number of male inmates held that month

Meals- Number of meals served that month

EMP- Number of inmates on electronic monitoring

GL Hubers transferred- Number of Green Lake inmates serving their sentence in another county as a huber transfer