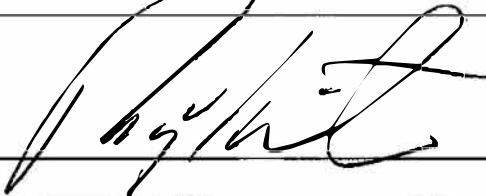


Judicial District Summary Worksheet – Reestablishment 2021-2022

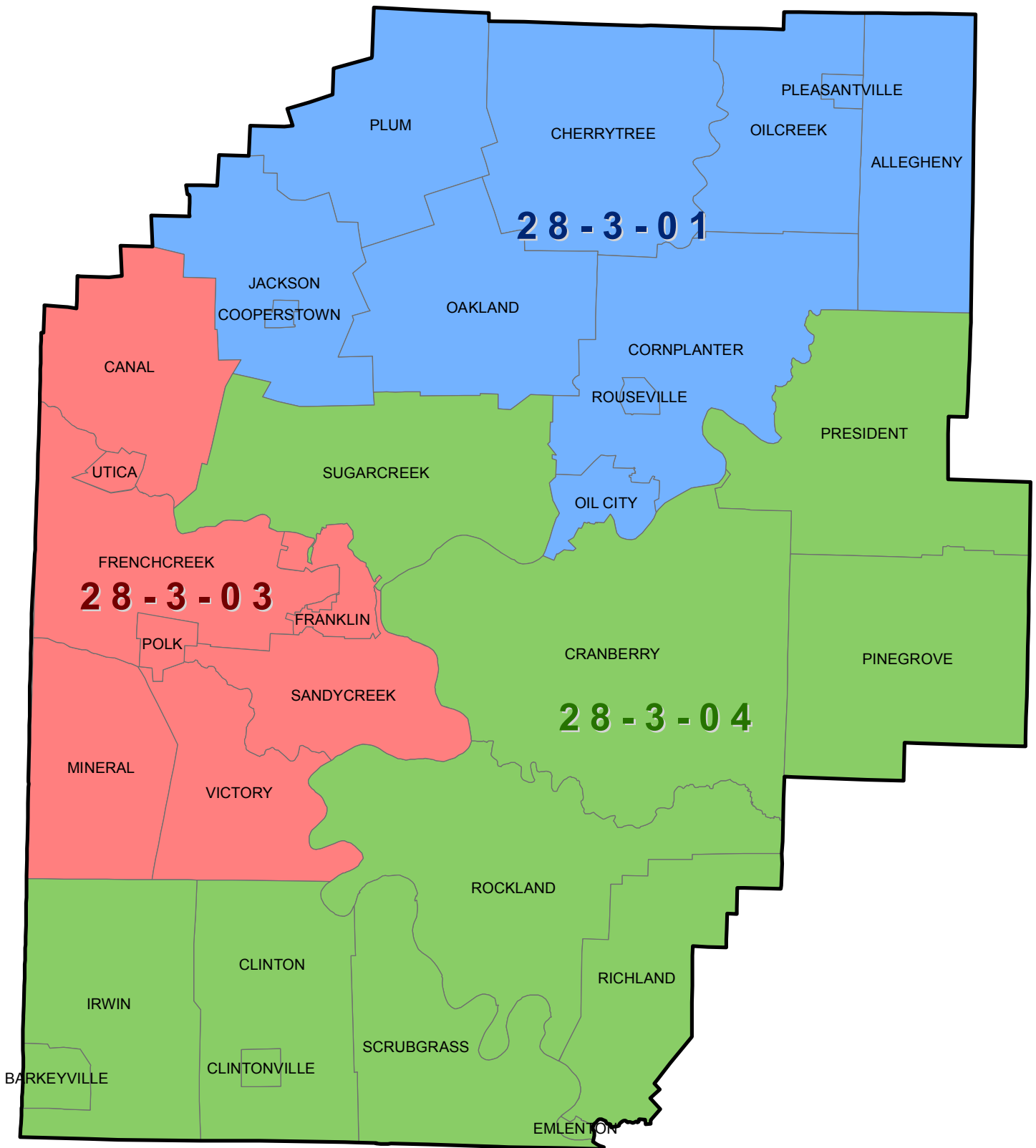
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Judicial District Number:	28	County:	Venango	Class of County:	6
<p>1. List the existing magisterial districts in your judicial district (##-#-##):</p> <p>28-3-01 28-3-03 28-3-04</p>					
Caseload Analysis					
2. Average total caseloads:		<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>		<i>Avg for Class of County</i>	
		A. 3,629	B. 3,230		
3. Compare the difference between the caseload average of your judicial district to the class of county.		<i>Difference (2A - 2B)</i>		<i>Ranking Total</i>	
		399	7th out of 24		
4. Is your judicial district caseload average at the lower end of the caseload range when compared to the other judicial districts in your class of county?				No	
Proposed Actions					
5. Are any magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment? If YES , list the magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment (no changes).					No
6. Are any magisterial district proposed for realignment? If YES , list the magisterial districts proposed for realignment (changes). 28-3-01 28-3-03 28-3-04					Yes
7. Are any magisterial districts proposed for elimination? If YES , list the magisterial districts proposed for elimination.					No

Additional Workload Factors	
8. Do you have a night court operating within the judicial district?	No
9. Do you have a central court within your judicial district?	Yes
10. Do you have any special programs that will entail effort by the MDJs such as truancy programs or drug, DUI, veteran, or mental health diversion programs? If YES , briefly explain the types of programs.	No
Final Checklist	
11. Was a request for public comment posted?	Yes
12. Method of posting - electronic, physical copy, or both?	Both
13. Were media outlets notified?	Yes
14. Were public comments received?	No
15. Did you include a copy of the posting and public comments in your submission?	Yes
16. Did you complete summary worksheets for all magisterial districts?	Yes
17. Did you include your petition and all supporting documentation, if applicable?	Yes
18. Did you confer with the MDJs in your county?	Yes
19. Additional Remarks	
<p>The request for comments was posted, along with maps of the proposed changes, at each of the MDJ offices as well as at the Sugarcreek Borough Building and at the Courthouse and Courthouse Annex building. The proposed changes were the subject of a front page article in the Oil City Derrick, a local newspaper of record.</p>	
Verification of Submission	
20. Date submitted to AOPC:	FEB. 7 TH , 2022
21. President Judge Name:	Thomas K. Kistler
Signature	

County of Venango

Magisterial Districts of the 28th Judicial District



Magistrate Areas - January 2021

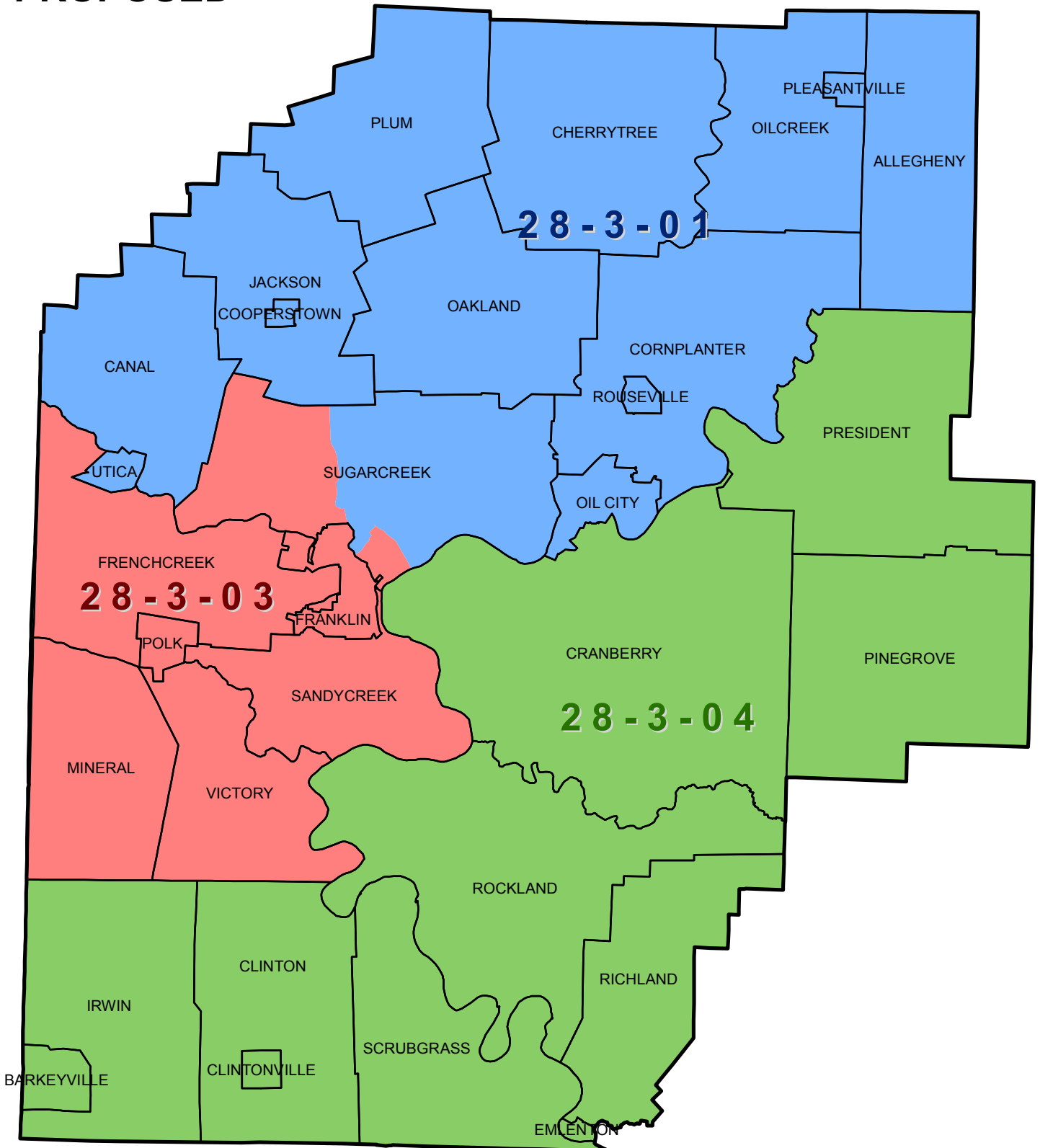
- Andrew J. Fish - District 28-3-01
- Matthew T. Kirtland - District 28-3-03
- Patrick E. Lowrey - District 28-3-04



County of Venango

Magisterial Districts of the 28th Judicial District

PROPOSED



Proposed Magisterial Districts
December 2021

- Andrew J. Fish - District 28-3-01
- Matthew T. Kirtland - District 28-3-03
- Patrick E. Lowrey - District 28-3-04



Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022

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Magisterial District Court Number:	28-3-01	County:	Venango
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign		2. Effective date:	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 3,374	B. 3,629	C. 3,230
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	<i>Ranking Total</i>
		-255	3rd out of 3
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		144	4.4 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	
	A. 31,141	B. 27,282	
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.		<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		3,859	14 %
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.			

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Andrew F. Fish

Magisterial District Judge Name



1/24/26

Term Expiration Date

12/31/51

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

1052-B Grandview Road, Oil City, PA 16301

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?

Yes

15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If **YES**, please summarize your response below.

No/Not Sure

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

Oil City Police, PA State Police

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

PA 227, PA 8, PA 417

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

Allegheny Township, Cherrytree Township, Cooperstown Borough, Cornplanter Township, Jackson Township, Oakland Township, Oil City, Oil Creek Township, Pleasantville Borough, Plum Township, Rouseville Borough

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above? If **NO**, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

No

Allegheny Township, Canal Township, Cherrytree Township, Cooperstown Borough, Cornplanter Township, Jackson Township, Oakland Township, Oil City, Oil Creek Township, Pleasantville Borough, Plum Township, Rouseville Borough, Sugarcreek Borough, voting district 2, Sugarcreek Borough, voting district 5

20. Additional Comments:

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Magisterial District Court Number:	28-3-03	County:	Venango
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign		2. Effective date:	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 3,599	B. 3,629	C. 3,230
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	<i>Ranking Total</i>
		-30	1st out of 3
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		369	11 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	
	A. 28,674	B. 27,282	
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.		<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		1,392	5 %
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.			

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Matthew T. Kirtland

Magisterial District Judge Name



1/2/28

Term Expiration Date

12/31/57

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

217 Thirteenth Street, Franklin, PA 16323

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?

Yes

15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If **YES**, please summarize your response below.

No/Not Sure

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

City of Franklin, Polk Borough, PA State Police

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

US 322, PA 8, PA 62

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

Canal Township, City of Franklin, Frenchcreek Township, Mineral Township, Polk Borough, Sandycreek Township, Utica Borough, Victory Township

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above? If **NO**, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

No

City of Franklin, Frenchcreek Township, Mineral Township, Polk Borough, Sandycreek Township, Sugarcreek Borough, voting district 1, Sugarcreek Borough, voting district 3, Victory Township

20. Additional Comments:

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Magisterial District Court Number:	28-3-04	County:	Venango
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign		2. Effective date:	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 3,385	B. 3,629	C. 3,230
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	<i>Ranking Total</i>
		-244	2nd out of 3
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		155	4.8 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	
	A. 22,033	B. 27,282	
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.		<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		-5,249	-19 %
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.			
<p>With 4 polling places in Sugarcreek Borough, moving polling places 2 and 5 to 28-3-01 and polling places 1 and 3 to 28-3-03 was as close as we could make the workload totals to the average. The three MDJs were OK with that because of our use of Central Court to share the criminal case workload.</p>			

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Patrick E. Lowrey

Magisterial District Judge Name

██████████
██████████

12/31/23

Term Expiration Date

12/31/45

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

3156 State Route 257, Seneca, PA 16346

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?

Yes

15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If **YES**, please summarize your response below.

No/Not Sure

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

Sugarcreek Borough, PA State Police, Emlenton Borough, Polk Borough

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

I-80, US 322, PA 257, PA 157, PA 38, PA 8

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

Barkeyville Borough, Clinton Township, Clintonville Borough, Cranberry Township, Emlenton Borough, Irwin Township, Pinegrove Township, President Township, Richland Township, Rockland Township, Scrubgrass Township, Sugarcreek Borough

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above? If **NO**, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

No

Barkeyville Borough, Clinton Township, Clintonville Borough, Cranberry Township, Emlenton Borough, Irwin Township, Pinegrove Township, President Township, Richland Township, Rockland Township, Scrubgrass Township

20. Additional Comments:

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Shifts planned for judge districts

Sugarcreek, Canal, Utica would move in effort to balance workloads

BY KARA O'NEIL
Staff writer

Venango County is in a once in a decade process of reconfiguring its magisterial judge districts as required by state law.

"The goal is to balance the judges' workloads, though it is impossible for them to be exactly the same," acting Venango County president Judge Thomas Kistler said.

He explained that there are four more populated areas in the county — Oil City, Franklin, Cranberry Township and Sugarcreek Borough — and three magisterial judge districts.

To make the districts about equal, something must be done with Sugarcreek Borough, which sits in the middle of the three districts, Kistler said.

The best way to accomplish the goal of having roughly equal districts was to split Sugarcreek Borough be-

tween the districts that include Oil City and Franklin, Kistler said. He added that if a municipality is divided, it must be divided along voter precinct lines.

Under the current setup, Andrew Fish's district is comprised of Oil City along with Rouseville, Coopers town and Pleasantville boroughs and Complanter, Oakland, Jackson, Plum, Cherryree, Oilcreek and Allegheny townships.

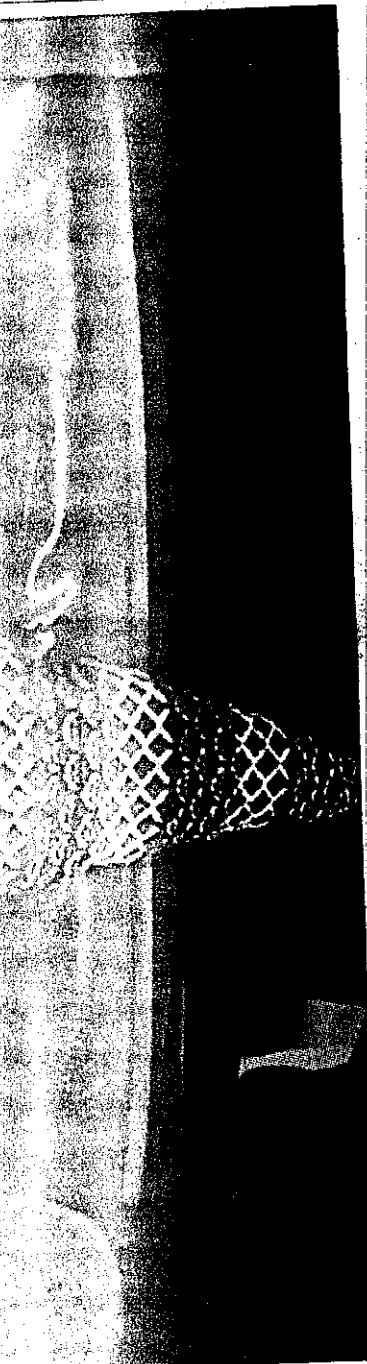
Fish's office is on Grandview Road in the Venango County 911 center building.

Matthew Kirtland's district is made up of Franklin along with Polk and Utica boroughs and Canal, Frenchcreek, Mineral, Victory and Sandy-creek townships.

Kirtland's office is on Thirteenth Street in Franklin.

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That Grinch is a 'mean one'

From staff reports

The Grinch made his annual Christmas appearance Wednesday at Cranberry Elementary School.

The Grinch had camped outside the school and had a suspicious pile of packages, according to Franklin state police trooper Matthew Shiley. The packages were reportedly stolen Christmas

gifts, according to Shiley. After a brief encounter with police, "The Grinch fled on foot, but was apprehended and brought back to the scene," police said. The children told police

the Grinch was a mean one. "The Grinch was given community service in lieu of fines and was ordered to serve hot chocolate to the students for the remainder of the day," police said.

Districts

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Patrick Lowry's district consists of Sugarcreek, Barkeyville, Clintonville and Emlenton boroughs and Cranberry, President, Pinegrove, Rockland, Richland, Scrubgrass, Clinton and Irwin townships.

Lowry's office is located along Route 257 in Seneca.

Sugarcreek Borough would be split between Fish and Kirtland's district under the proposed changes.

Sugarcreek voting precincts one and three would be added to Kirtland's district and Sugarcreek voting precincts two and five would be added to Fish's district, Kistler said. The borough currently doesn't have a voting precinct four.

In addition, Canal Township and Urea Borough would go from Kirtland's district to Fish's district in the new plan.

When redrawing the districts, population trends and the number of cases filed in

each municipality factor into the calculations, Kistler said. "I don't know the future, but I'm expecting the trends to continue.... You have a consistent county population with no big changes we can predict," Kistler said.

Commercial activity, transportation and schools tend to be where many cases filed with the magisterial judges come from, Kistler said.

Interstate 80 that runs through the southern part of the county gives the district judges plenty of work due to traffic tickets and criminals on the road, Kistler said.

He added that areas with stores also tend to be a source of cases due to shoplifting and other offenses.

A few other rules also apply when redrawing the boundaries, Kistler said. The judge's home and his office have to be in the same district and the districts must be contiguous so some po-

ple don't have to drive a long distance to get to the judge's office.

The proposed changes will be on display on the county website, at the Sugarcreek Borough municipal office, at the magisterial district judge offices, and at the courthouse and courthouse annex, Kistler said.

Comments on the proposed changes may be submitted to Jonathan Maddy, the district court administrator, by email at jmaddy@co.yenango.pa.us or by regular mail at 1168 Liberty Street, Franklin, 16323, by Jan. 25.

A plan must be submitted to the state by Feb. 28, Kistler said.

Kara O'Neill, reporter for The Derrick and The News-Herald, can be reached at karaoneil@thederrick@gmail.com or (814) 677-8369.



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The Magistrate Districts involving Sugarcreek Borough, Utica Borough and Canal Township are proposed to be shifted and changed.

Please see the attached existing and proposed maps.

To submit any comments please contact Jonathan Maddy, District Court Administrator by email at jmaddy@co.venango.pa.us or mail at 1168 Liberty Street, Franklin, PA 16323 by January 25, 2022.