

The City of Portsmouth

"Where the Ohio and Scioto Meet"

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TO: HONORABLE RICHARD T. SCHISLER, JUDGE
HONORABLE RUSSELL D. KEGLEY, JUDGE
LEROY KEGLEY, CLERK OF MUNICIPAL COURT
HONORABLE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: M. TRENT WILLIAMS, AUDITOR

DATE: JUNE 26, 2006

RE: INDIGENT LEGAL FEES

COPY: HONORABLE JAMES D. KALB, MAYOR

Memo

Attached please find a request for reimbursement for Indigent Attorney Fees due Scioto County from the City of Portsmouth for the year 2005 sent by Scioto County Auditor David Green. The account from which this reimbursement is paid annually is #101.119.5232 – Legal Fees. Please note that the billing this year is for 15 months instead of 12 months as in the past several years. Please review these charges and initiate a requisition form at your earliest convenience for processing of reimbursement and approving payment to Scioto County.

Additionally please again note that these charges billed from the Scioto County Auditor's office are for 15 months and still reflect a significant reduction of 5% from the previous 12 month period and an average of approximately 7 ½ % over each of the past two years as shown in the attached annual account summary. You are certainly to be commended for your combined efforts over the past few years in minimizing the increase and actually decreasing the costs of the indigent legal fees. Your cost reducing efforts to the City of Portsmouth are appreciated.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,

M. TRENT WILLIAMS, AUDITOR

Expenditure Account #101.119.5232 - Indigent Legal Fees Annual Account Summary

FY	Paid	Amount	Increase \$	Increase %	
1998	04/22/99	84,441.00	n/a	n/a	
1999	01/26/00	88,633.03	4,192.03	4.96%	
2000	02/07/01	102,614.85	13,981.82	15.77%	
2001	04/09/02	118,595.51	15,980.66	15.57%	
2002	12/31/03	133,472.19	14,876.68	12.54%	An increase of 15% each of the last 3 years
2003	12/22/04	141,195.25	7,723.06	5.79%	
2004	05/11/05	126,528.19	(14,667.06)	-10.39%	
2005		120,148.62	(6,379.57)	-5.04%	A decrease of approximately 7% in each of the last 3 years



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June 19, 2006

M. Trent Williams, Auditor
City of Portsmouth
P.O. Box 1323
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Dear Mr. Williams:

The reimbursement for Indigent Attorney fees due Scioto County from the City of Portsmouth for the period of time covering August 2004 through October 2005 is as follows:

Municipal Court Cases.....	\$240,297.23
50% reimbursement due Scioto County.....	\$120,148.62

Please call with any questions you may have concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

David L. Green

David L. Green
Scioto County Auditor

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Note that this
is for 15 months.*

Dave