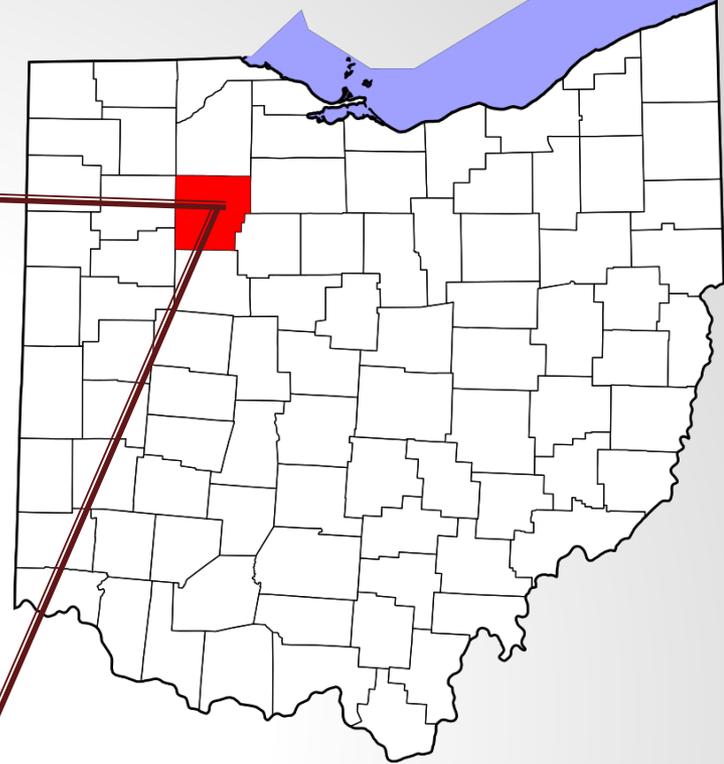
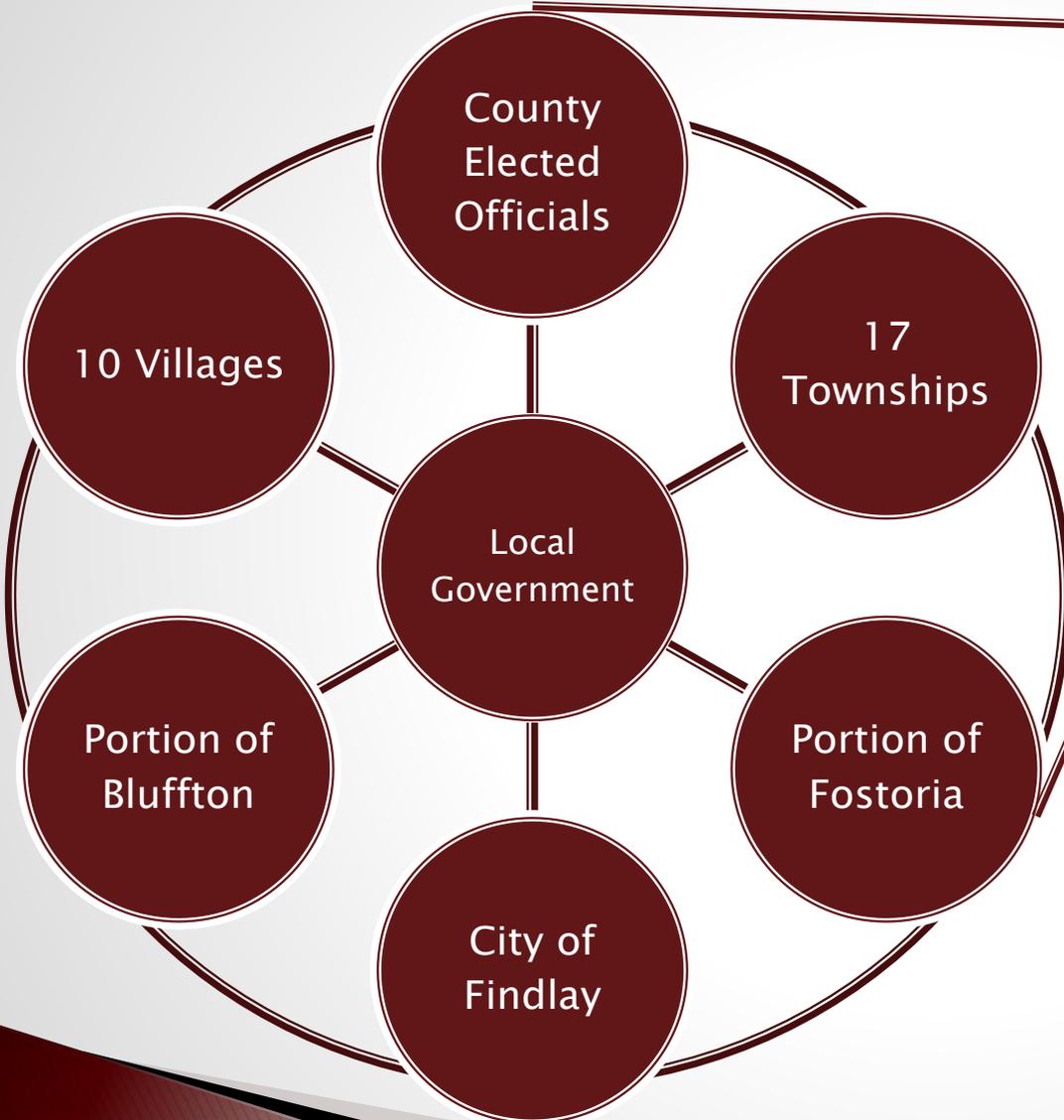


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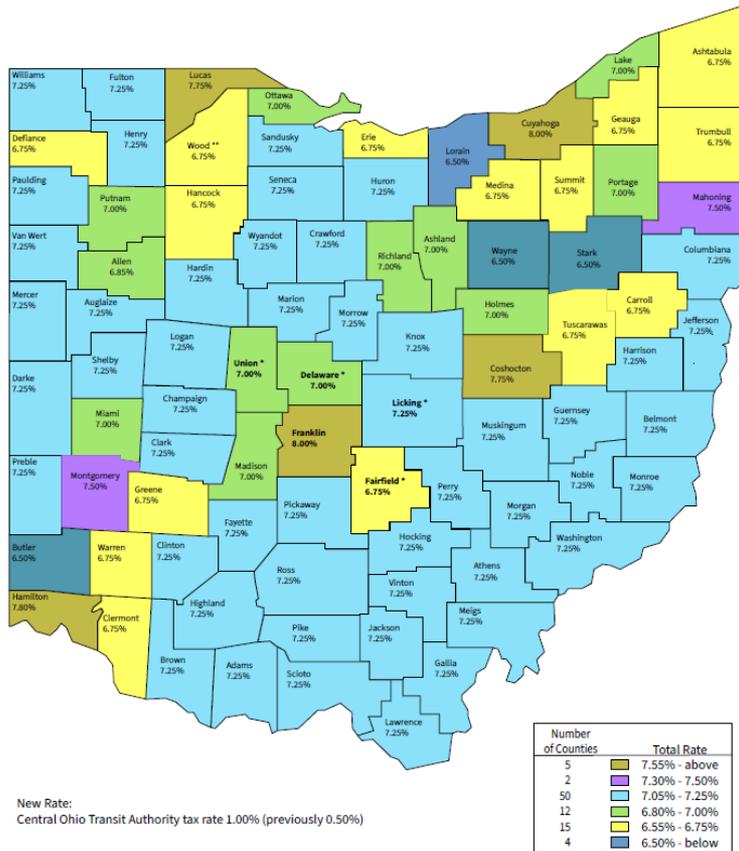


Hancock County Elected Officials



SALES TAX

**Total State and Local Sales Tax Rates,
by County,
Effective April 2025**



New Rate:
Central Ohio Transit Authority tax rate 1.00% (previously 0.50%)

* Portions of Delaware, Fairfield, Licking & Union counties assess a transit authority sales tax levy of 1.00% (not reflected on this map.)
** The City of Rossford in Wood County assesses a 0.50% transit tax effective April 1, 2022; the total sales and use tax rate for that municipality is 7.25% (not reflected on this map).

- ❖ 2024: \$19,246,044
 - This includes 4 monthly payments of \$43,038.88 for the Tax Holiday Refund
- ❖ 2023: \$18,778,196
- ❖ 2022: \$18,263,000
- ❖ 2021: \$17,863,000
- ❖ 2020: \$15,904,000
- ❖ 2019: \$15,914,000
- ❖ 2018: \$15,431,000
- ❖ 2017: \$14,928,000
- ❖ 2016: \$14,828,000

❖ Hancock County Sales Tax rate is 6.75%

AUDITOR



Renew Dog License	
Renew License	
2025 1 Yr Dog License, Late - Base Fee: \$20.00 - Late Penalty: \$20.00 - Online Fee: \$3.40 - Total: \$43.40	
Late Registration (After January 31st)	
2025 1 Yr Dog License, Late - Base Fee: \$20.00 - Late Penalty: \$20.00 - Online Fee: \$3.40 - Total: \$43.40	
New Dog Registration (within 30 days of ownership)	
New Dog Registrations after January 31st are subject to review.	
2025 1 Yr Dog License - Base Fee: \$20.00 - Online Fee: \$2.50 - Total: \$22.50	



- ❖ Dog Tags Sold
 - 1-year tag – 11,772
 - 3-year tag – 197
 - Permanent tag – 23
- ❖ Most Common Dog Names
 - Female Dog: Bella
 - Male Dog: Charlie
- ❖ Top Breeds in Hancock County
 1. Labrador Retriever – 6.6%
 2. German Shepherd – 5.6%
 3. Australian Shepherd – 4.3%
 4. Chihuahua – 3.7%
 5. Golden Retriever – 3.5%

TREASURER

❖ Total real estate taxes settled

- 2024 - \$106,438,205.19
- 2023 - \$104,427,556.79
- 2022 - \$ 96,608,008.16
- 2021 - \$ 95,432,029.45

❖ Total manufactured homes taxes settled

- 2024 - \$201,874.26
- 2023 - \$202,277.87
- 2022 - \$280,066.00
- 2021 - \$293,699.92

❖ Bills processed

- 2024 - 73,712
- 2023 - 72,394
- 2022 - 72,576
- 2021 - 72,848

❖ Miscellaneous Funds Collected

- \$3,236,124.16 interest earned on investments (\$1,658,757.86 in 2023)
- \$1,150.00 NSF fees
- \$531.00 Duplicate Bill fees
- \$8,295.15 Cigarette License fees
- \$4,175.00 Vendor's License fees
- \$1.10 Copy fees



FLOOD MITIGATION

❖ 2024 Activities

- Purchase of properties using ¼% Sales Tax
 - 118 N. Main St (Huntington Bank parking lot)
 - Performance R & D property with financial assistance from the City of Findlay
- Completed remediation of chromium contamination at 119 Clinton Court (Ra-Nik)
- Completed relocation of AEP and other overhead utilities in the additional benching area
- Removed an Underground Storage Tank at 120 N. Main Street

❖ 2025 Plan

- Coordinate Brownfield remediation grant for removal of lead contaminated soil south of Clinton Court and East of Main Street with the Additional Bench project

FLOOD MITIGATION

County Flood Mitigation Fund	
As of 12/31/2024	
Cash Balance	\$6,154,105
Encumbrances	\$ 463,178
Free Cash Balance	\$5,690,927

2024 Expenses	
Stantec agreements	\$ 182,050.00
King Environmental (Ra-nik)	\$ 70,453.00
CEC (UST removal 120 N Main St)	\$ 27,900.00
MWCD Administration	\$ 59,374.00
NS review	\$ 98,111.00
Property acquisition, demolition & maintenance	\$ 253,699.00
Local Admin (Prosecutor, HRPC, Manager)	\$ 48,761.00
Total 2024 Expenses	\$ 740,348.00

MAUMEE WATERSHED CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

❖ 2024 Activities

- Hydraulic Improvements
 - Phase 1 construction 100% complete
- NS Bridge Replacement
 - Continued working with FRA on \$7.1 million grant agreement
 - 100% design plans approved by NS
 - NS continues to review the specifications and bid documents
- Phase 2 Benching
 - Completed 100% design along the north side of the Blanchard River between the NS & CSX railroads
 - Assisted the City of Findlay with submittal of a Flood Mitigation Assistant grant application to FEMA requesting funds for construction
- Eagle Creek Flood Basin
 - Acquired 42 acres of farmland and 5.9 acres of residential property

❖ 2025 Plan

- Assist the City of Findlay with submittal of Letter of Map Revision to FEMA
- Execute a grant agreement with the FRA and construction agreement with NS
- Bid and construct the new NS railroad bridge
- Seek bids for Phase 2 benching following FEMA approval
- Complete land and flowage easement acquisitions for the Eagle Creek Flood Basin
- Complete bidding documents and seek bids for Eagle Creek Flood following FEMA approval



RECORDER

❖ Recording fees collected

- 2024 – \$564,214.25
- 2023 – \$553,994.55
- 2022 – \$697,013.95
- 2021 – \$961,209.50

❖ Number of deed recorded

- 2024 – 2,396
- 2023 – 2,445
- 2022 – 3,726
- 2021 – 3,968

❖ Number of mortgages recorded

- 2024 – 3,326
- 2023 – 2,279
- 2022 – 3,566
- 2021 – 4,622

❖ Miscellaneous Information

- Completed phase 1 of the scanning project that is being funded with ARPA funds
- 38 deeds from 1936–1990 and 13 Leases from 1902–1990 indexed to Historical Indexes Tab of records management system for online search availability



JUVENILE COURT

- ❖ 33% increase in Juvenile Felony Charges
- ❖ Slight decrease in total number of Juvenile Court cases
- ❖ SAFETY Program
 - Program to intervene cases where the youth was likely to enter both the child welfare system and the Juvenile Justice System
 - Program has had great results
- ❖ Juvenile Probation
 - Successfully implemented Growth Focused Case Management
 - Incentivizes youth by encouraging them to look to their future goals and align their behavior with their goals
- ❖ Costs
 - Publication costs increased 110% from 2022
 - Psychological Evaluation costs increased 58% from 2022
 - Most of these cost increases come in cases that it cannot be recouped through court costs such as abuse, neglect and dependency cases

PROBATE COURT

- ❖ Creation of a Great Lakes Service Board
 - Hancock County Probate Court along with two other counties came together to create this board
 - Total Guardianships in Hancock County remain consistent in the mid 400 range
 - New Guardianships have increased – this is expected to continue as the Baby Boon generation ages

- ❖ All other types of cases remained consistent with past years

SHERIFF

- ❖ Sheriff Heldman retired at the end of his term after serving 28 years as Sheriff, with 52 years of service in law enforcement
- ❖ Technology
 - Communications tower removed from downtown to allow for construction of the new Judicial Center
 - New tower being constructed on County Road 140 which will incorporate newer technology and allow for better reception throughout the county
 - Connectivity should be completed in 2025, pending installation of a fiber loop
- ❖ Jail Upgrade
 - Grant approved in late 2023 for \$246,000 to upgrade door controls and inmate intercom system. Work began in 2024 with completion to be in early 2025
- ❖ Staffing
 - Sent 2 employees through the new cadet program to aid in becoming qualified to become a peace officer
 - Continued recruitment efforts to attract more applicants
 - Almost all vacant positions have been filled

SHERIFF

❖ Corrections

- Booked – 1,579 inmates
- Released – 1,577 inmates
- Average daily population – 70 inmates

❖ Enforcement

- Detectives
 - 127 Cases assigned
 - 78 Cases cleared
- Communications
 - 63,146 total phone calls received
- Concealed Carry Permits
 - 93 new permits issued
 - 379 renewals issued
- Drone Usage
 - Recorded video/pictures for multiple crash scenes, tornado damage, eclipse, hazmat events, National Night Out demo, Hancock County Fair security, driver fleeing from accident scene, US 68 roundabout construction, Juvenile Court Building project documentation, SRT training and demos

SANITARY LANDFILL

- ❖ Revenue – \$5,987,000.00
- ❖ Operating Expenses – \$5,102,000.00
- ❖ Equipment Purchases– \$517,000.00
- ❖ 164,547 tons of waste received
- ❖ Continued placing waste in Cell 2 of Lateral Expansion
- ❖ Construction started on Unit 2, Phase 3



Recycling

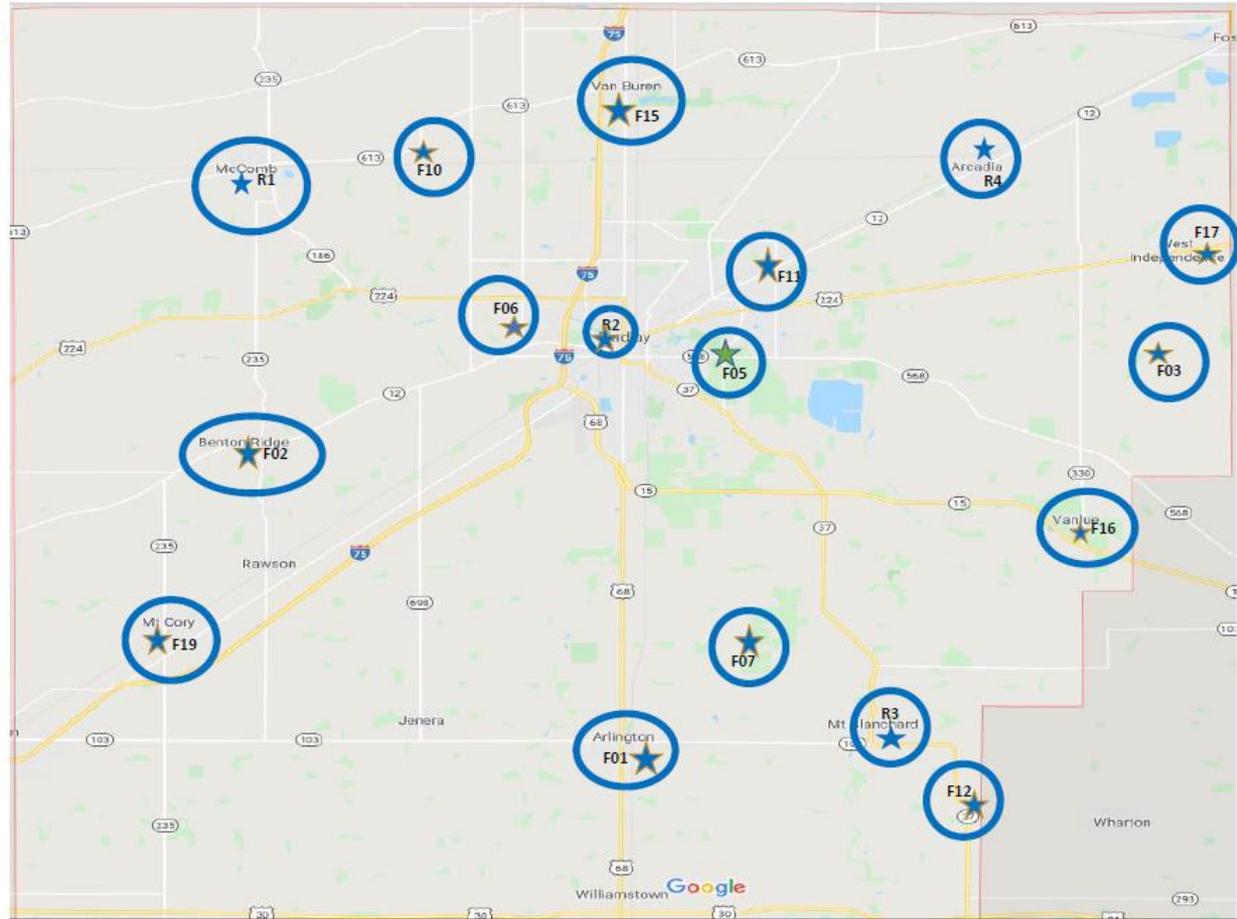
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Waste & Recycling

Recycling

Rumpke / Hancock County SWMD Recycling Unit Location

# KEY	Location	Community	Unit Serviced
F01	Arlington Village Park 428 Mill St. (near soccer fields)	Arlington	M / TH
F02	Benton Ridge Comm. Park 159 State Route 235	Benton Ridge	T
F03	Biglick Twp. House 8273 Twp Rd 258	Alvada	W
F05	Recycling HUB (Former LL) 1720 E. Sandusky St	Findlay	M / W / F
F06	Ag Service Center (next to) 7814 CR140	Findlay	T / F
F07	Jackson Twp House 16006 CR 8	Houcktown	W
F10	Portage Twp House 8037 SR 613	Mc Comb	M / TH
F11	Legacy Farmers 6566 CR 236	Findlay	M / W / F
F12	Riverdale School 20613 SR 37	Mt. Blanchard	W
F15	Van Buren School 217 S. Main - Bus Garage Alley	Van Buren	M / TH
F16	Vanlue Grain 309 Main Cross St	Vanlue	W
F17	West Independence Church US 224/CR 23	Fostoria	W
F19	Legacy Grain Elevator 400 S. Main St / State Route 235	Mt. Cory	T
R1	McComb Maintenance Bldg. 444 Maple St.	Mc Comb	Monthly
R3	Hurricane Park 310 S. Main St	Mt. Blanchard	EO Wed
R2	University of Findlay – Spring St. Parking lot behind 1310 N. Main St	Findlay	T
R4	Arcadia Village (Compost Area) 0 East Street, Arcadia	Arcadia	W



*Note: Collection days may be affected without notice due to weather, holidays or other unforeseen circumstances – Please be patient while we service your community needs. Please do not leave items outside of the unit.

Updated as of 11/26/24

SOIL & WATER

- ❖ Successful tree and fish sale
- ❖ Hired two new employees
- ❖ Had a booth at the fair to interact with community
- ❖ Handed out soil survey books at schools
- ❖ Presentation done at LB High School on soil erosion and H2Ohio
- ❖ H2Ohio
 - Paid over 2 million dollars back to producers in Hancock County
 - 124 producers signed up for 24/25 contract year
 - 80,825.70 total acres are enrolled in the Nutrient Management Program

SOIL & WATER

❖ Drainage Maintenance

- 92.28 miles of ditch banks sprayed
- 40,000 feet of brush chopped
- Hardy and Western Meadows dipped out
- Blanchard River Log Jam Removal in Hancock County
 - 170 leaning trees taken out
 - 342 log jams taken out
- Plans for 2025
 - Spray 97.28 ditch banks
 - Chop 72,822 foot of brush
 - Dip out 11.18 miles of ditches



Before



After

OSU EXTENSION OFFICE

❖ Agriculture

- Lead Source of County Ag Info
 - Daily radio programs (1,000) and newspaper ag articles (82)
 - 64 ag programs with 3,985 participants
 - Author of Ohio Agronomy Guide, Manage Hancock County Ag Hall of Fame, Assist Hancock Leadership Agriculture Day and Famers' Share Breakfast
- Protecting the Environment by Educating Farmers
 - Pesticide license recertification Training – 400 Participants
 - Fertilizer recertification training – 257 participants
 - Local applied research in sulfur and nitrogen management
- Local research source for fighting new pests
 - Tar spot, mycotoxins, cutworm, and waterhemp in crops
 - Boxwood blight, biburnum leaf beetle, and spotted lanternfly

❖ 4-H Youth Development

- Engaging Youth in Life Experiences
 - 735 Families enrolled in 4-H
 - 146 Volunteers/Advisors and 36 Clubs
 - 6 County Schools
- Education of 4-H Leadership
 - Volunteer/Advisor Kickoff Training
 - Club Officers Training
 - Youth Camps
 - Community Contests
 - In-School Programming
- Promotion of the 4-H Program
 - Bi-monthly radio segments
 - Local newspaper articles
 - 4-H open house
 - Social Media



OSU EXTENSION OFFICE

❖ Family & Consumer Science

➤ Promoting Healthier People through

- Spring and Fall Wellness challenges to engage employees and residents in healthy behaviors
- Dining With Diabetes classes, diabetes support group, Diabetes Awareness Month webinars and heart-healthy food/nutrition series to prevent and manage chronic disease.
- Power of Produce farmers market program to increase access to fresh produce.
- Cooking and nutrition classes equipping low-income adults and youth (SNAP-Ed), special needs youth and adults (Cutting up in the Kitchen) and the public (Eat Well/Live Well) to make healthier food choices and meals,
- Traditional/social media and webinars to increase awareness of wellness topics

➤ Promoting Healthier Finances through

- Rent Smart classes to increase housing opportunities for risk adults/families
- Money 101 courses, Consumer Protection Week and fair programming w/Ohio Consumers Counsel to improve budgeting skills and scam prevention
- Real Money Real World classes w/spending to improve student financial literacy

➤ Promoting Healthier Relationships and Aging through

- Mental Health First Aid training
- Planning & supporting No Wrong Door events twice per year for local leaders and organizations
- Providing free family-friendly activities at the Hancock County Fair and other community-wide events



JOB & FAMILY SERVICES

❖ SNAP Benefits

- 2024 – \$13,635,325.00
- 2023 – \$13,689,624.00
- 2022 – \$17,846,856.00
- 2021 – \$16,023,090.00
- 2020 – \$12,040,324.00

❖ TANF Assistance

- 2024 – \$974,013.00
- 2023 – \$915,017.00
- 2022 – \$854,090.00
- 2021 – \$811,879.00
- 2020 – \$843,837.00

❖ Medicaid Expenditures

- 2024 – \$146,266,071.00
- 2023 – \$ 84,481,571.20
- 2022 – \$120,776,872.00
- 2021 – \$119,822,393.00
- 2020 – \$112,503,628.38

❖ Non-Emergency Transportation Services

- Provides transportation assistance to access Medicaid coverable services to any individual with full Medicaid eligibility
- Provided 19,007 one-way trips in 2024
 - 863 trip increase from 2023

JOB & FAMILY SERVICES – CHILDREN’S PROTECTIVE SERVICES

- ❖ Alleged child abuse/neglect
 - 1,761 referrals in 2024
 - 31 referral increase from 2023
 - 436 reports were screened in
 - Monthly average of children serviced was 80
- ❖ Alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of older adults
 - 202 reports in 2024
 - 5 referral decrease from 2022
 - 107 referrals required ongoing services
- ❖ Children in Foster Care
 - 77 children were in foster care at the end of 2024
 - 9 child decrease from the end of 2023
 - 6 licensed foster families in Hancock County
- ❖ Permanent Custody/Adoption
 - At year-end 10 adoptions were finalized

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

❖ Veteran Population

- 4,694
- 6.28% of the Hancock County Population

❖ Provides services to living veterans in the county and surviving family members

❖ Returned \$80,103.77 to the county's General Fund

❖ Local Benefits/Services

- Transported 869 veterans to VA medical appointments
- Provided 65 veterans with a total of \$63,523 in financial assistance for rent, food, utilities, fuel, school supplies and car repairs
- Provided 84 State Veterans ID cards

❖ Federal Benefits

- \$34.8 Million total in federal benefits for 2024
 - \$18.9 million paid to veterans
 - \$14.5 million paid in medical care
 - \$1.3 million paid for education
- Submitted VA healthcare applications for 145 local veterans
- Secured \$3.8 million in new federal benefits (this is in addition to the above mentioned \$34.8 million)
- Filed 278 disability claims
- 17 claims for pension & death benefits for family members
- \$641,819 retroactive payments to veterans

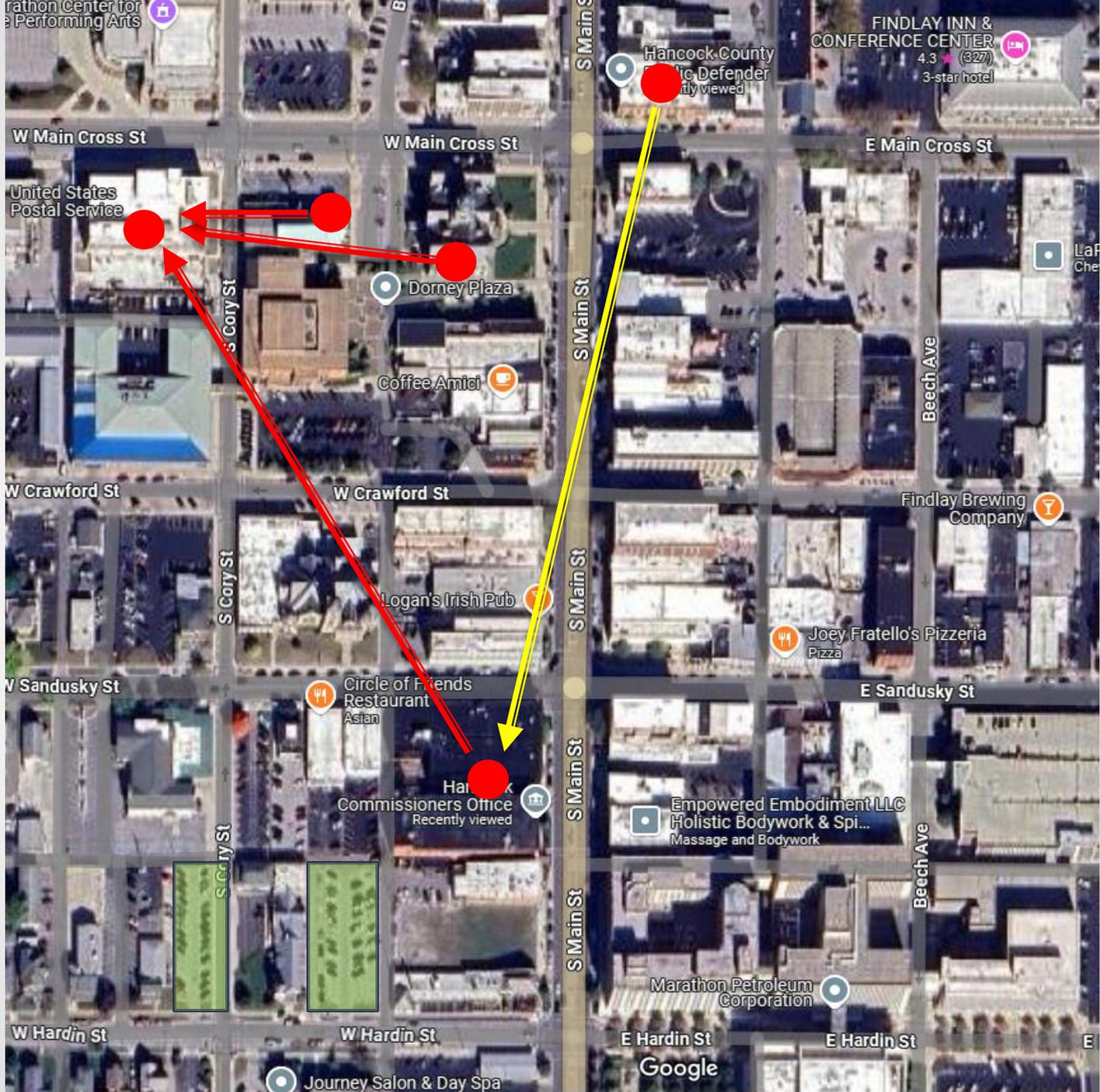


CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

- ❖ 351,313 rooms sold
 - Less than 1% decrease from 2023
- ❖ Bed Tax Collected \$843,899
 - 1.5% increase from 2023
- ❖ Projects to note
 - 2024 was the year of the Solar Eclipse
 - Brought together new partnerships amongst government associations and non-profit partners
 - Saw a small increase in visitations during the month of April

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Marathon Center for the Performing Arts

FINDLAY INN & CONFERENCE CENTER
4.3 (327)
3-star hotel

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COUNTY PROPERTY TRANSFER TO THE CITY



	County-owned properties
	City-owned properties

COMMUNICATIONS TOWER



BMV ROOF REPLACEMENT



JUSTICE CENTER ROOF RECOATING



401 OLIVE STREET



