

Office of the Magistrate

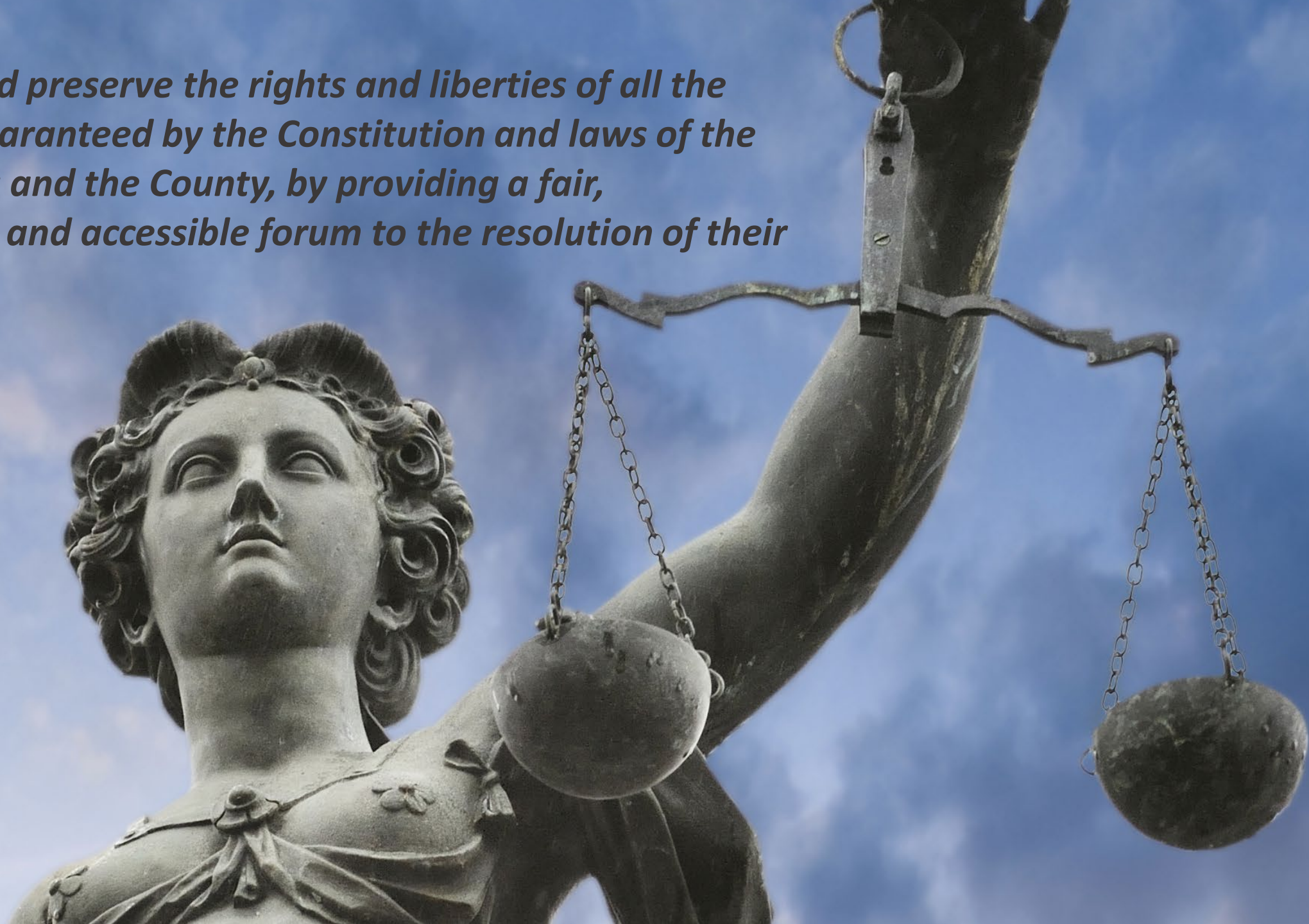
COUNTY MANAGER'S
PROPOSED FY 2022 BUDGET

County Board Work Session

Thursday, March 18, 2021, 3:00 p.m.



To protect and preserve the rights and liberties of all the people, as guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of the United States and the County, by providing a fair, independent, and accessible forum to the resolution of their legal rights.



Department Overview

- Only Judicial Officers in Arlington County that operate 365/24/7; we are always on duty
- Comprised of 8 ½ state-funded positions with County supplement for some staff
- Issues warrants for the arrest of violators of state law and County ordinances
- Issues Emergency Protective Orders; mental health and medical Emergency Custody Orders and Temporary Detention Orders
- Admits to bail or commits to jail all persons charged with offenses
- Administers oaths, takes acknowledgements, and acts as conservators for the peace

Magistrate in the COVID-19 Pandemic

- Still on duty; still on-site 365/24/7
 - Schedule modified to limit the number of staff in the office at the same time.
 - Significantly limiting office access
 - Purchased pandemic cleaning equipment (blue lights and air filters) and perform frequent cleanings
- Closed the hearing room office to face to face hearings
 - Only doing video hearings currently
 - Holding all hearings through glass.
 - Tension between pandemic precautions conflict with other law enforcement and defendant needs

Focus on Equity

- By being the only judicial officers that operate 365/24/7, the Office ensures that all people have access to the legal system at all times.
- 365/24/7 coverage also ensures a prompt review process of the circumstances of the arrest of defendants and detaining of persons in mental health crisis to determine if and under what circumstances their right to liberty may be returned to them.
- The Office serves a diverse population including stakeholders dealing with mental health and criminal matters in particular.

FY 2022 Budget Summary

	FY 2021 Adopted	FY 2022 Proposed	Change	% Change
Expenses	\$29,986	\$29,986	-	-
Revenue	\$809	\$1,489	+\$680	+84%
Funded FTEs	0.0 FTEs	0.0 FTEs	-	-

Key Measures

Critical Measures	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Estimate	FY 2022 Estimate
Bond hearings initially determined	10,104	10,140	9,895	7,863	9,900	9,900
Miscellaneous processes	N/A	3,799	6,855	5,992	6,500	6,500
Probable cause hearings	6,379	8,152	8,454	8,472	8,600	8,600

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