

# Arlington General District Court (GDC) Judiciary and Clerk's Office

COUNTY MANAGER'S  
PROPOSED FY 2022 BUDGET

County Board Work Session

Thursday, March 18, 2021, 3:00 pm





**R. Frances O'Brien, Judge**  
**Daniel T. Lopez, Judge**  
**Jason S. Rucker, Judge**

**Brian P. Henshaw, Clerk**  
**Tarrah Piper, Court Administrator**



# Department Overview

- Criminal/Traffic – Traffic Infractions, Misdemeanors, and felony preliminary hearings
- Civil – up to \$25,000 damage claim with exceptions
- Involuntary mental commitment hearings
- Clerk process and maintain records





# Arlington GDC in the COVID-19 Pandemic

- Courtroom Closures and Resuming Operations with Safety Protocols
- Daily Trial Dockets with Staggered Docket Start Times
- Video/Virtual Hearings
- Liberal Continuance Policy and Efficient Use of Available Space
- Clerk's Office Pandemic Protocols



# Focus on Equity

- **Behavioral Healthcare Docket (BHD).**
  - Judge O'Brien presides over the BHD
  - Multiple stakeholders
  - Diversion of eligible defendants out of the criminal docket
- **Outreach** to Legal Aid agencies to provide tenant guidance

# FY 2022 Budget Summary

	FY 2021 Adopted	FY 2022 Proposed	Change	% Change
<b>Expenses</b>	\$406,355	\$408,793	+\$2,438	+1.0%
<b>Revenue</b>	\$134,574	\$155,795	+\$21,221	-
<b>Funded FTEs</b>	1.0 FTEs	1.0 FTEs	-	-

- This budget proposal covers the staff's supplements and the everyday expenses associated with running the General District Court.

# Key Budget Considerations

- As the need arises, courtroom technology improvements and equipment
- Expenditures appear reduced because of the court closure and reduced cases
- Employee supplement
- Courthouse renovations

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