

Agenda Items



City of Billings
Parks and
Recreation
Department

Michael Whitaker
Director

MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council
CC: Tina Volek, City Administrator
From: Michael Whitaker, Director *mw*
Date: June 3, 2016
Re: FY2016 Projects Deferred From Previous Years

FY2014 projects moved to FY2015 and FY2016

South Park Sprayground- Original Budget	\$500,000
FY15 Expenditures -	\$100,000
FY16 Projected Expenditures	\$420,036

FY2015 projects moved to FY2016

Stewart Park Irrigation Upgrades	\$300,000
Stewart Park Traffic and Parking Study	\$75,000
5 Playground Fall Protection	\$100,000
Yellowstone Kelly's Grave Site	\$50,000
Amend Park Irrigation Upgrades	<u>\$250,000</u>
FY2016 Deferred Total	\$1,175,000
FY2016 Project Total (Year 1)	<u>\$1,404,964</u>

FY2016 GRAND TOTAL **\$2,600,000**

Note: Most Park District #1 projects are not completed in the year they are funded because we don't receive the 2nd half of the assessments until the middle of June.

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Municipal Court Judge

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor & City Council
 Date: Thursday, June 4, 2015
 Subject: Courtroom Remodel
 From: Court Administrator

RE:

This memorandum is in response to an email from Council Member Cimmino who requested information in regards to caseload differences. This memo includes caseload and hearing statistics from FY 2011 to FY 2015 YTD, reduction in charges impact statement, pending schedule improvements, and FY 15 Jury Trial statistics.

Court Caseloads:

Table 1.1 includes the total number of case charges and hearings held for the Billings Municipal Court. Table 2.2 includes the percentage changes. Data information was pulled from Full Court Case Management System and is available per request.

Table 1.1

FY	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 YTD
Charges	20,899	24,350	21,996	20,103	14,993
Hearings	28,186	30,799	28,531	29,959	28,989

Table Terms Defined:

FY Fiscal Year of Charges/Hearings.
Charges Charges filed in the Billings Municipal Court.
Court Hearings A proceeding in which a defendant is scheduled to appear before the Court.

Table 2.2 Caseload Percentage Difference

FY	Charges	Court Hearings
2011-2012	16.5%	9.27%
2012-2013	-9.6%	-7.36%
2013-2014	-8.6%	5.0%
2014-2015	-25.4%	-3.23%
YTD		

Reduction in charges impact:



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The court has seen a decrease in charges FY 15, but as you can see in table 1.1 that court charges fluctuate year to year.

Court hearings have seen a slight decrease of 3.23%. The slight decrease has not had an impact on open court dates, which the court sees and average of 90 people for open court.

The court did address crowd pressure concerns in Summer of 2013, when the problem was first addressed. Since 2013, court numbers have gone from an average of 180 to an average of 90.

Pending Improvements:

Starting August 2015 Billings Municipal Court will hold an additional open court arraignment date every Wednesday of the month at 1 PM.

This will be a three month trial run. During this time, the Court will look at: personal overtime increases, open court arraignment numbers, and caseload management.

The Municipal Court will also look into conducting a case management review to determine the amount of staff needed to accommodate the caseload of the Billings Municipal Court.

Jury Trials

During FY 15 (June not included) 1762 cases were set for a potential Jury Trial. 91 Jury Trials were scheduled from the 1762 cases.

Status of the 91 Jury Trials:

15	Continued
32	Change of Plea
29	Dismissed
15	Went to trial

Other Items



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June 4, 2015

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL (FOR FRIDAY PACKET)

THRU: TINA VOLEK, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: CHIEF RICH ST. JOHN 

SUBJ: ANNUAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FOR 2015 REQUIREMENT OF 30 DAY NOTICE TO GOVERNING BODY

We have confirmed on-line that the City will receive \$77,820 from the annual 2015 JAG Grant. We will be sharing \$11,075 of our allocation with the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) for purchase of a thermal imaging camera, A Honda EU2000I generator, an enclosed single axle trailer, Quadrapod camera copy stand, waterproof parkas, Motorola CDM radion, and 200' water rescue ropes. The City and the County will submit a joint application, but the City will retain administration of the 2015 JAG Grant.

This year the Billings Police Department plans on purchasing interior patrol car equipment, patrol rifle ammunition, 5 radar units, 5 Glock 22 pistols, NIK Drug Kits, and 3 Tait radios. We also plan on purchasing uniforms.

This grant requires the governing body be notified of the grant 30 days prior to submission of the application.

The submittal of the application and approval of the award will be scheduled as an agenda item for your approval at the July 13, 2015, City Council meeting. Applications will be processed by Bureau of Justice Assistance and a special condition will be placed on each award related to the 30-day notification requirement. This special condition will be released once the award has been accepted and the 30-day review period has been satisfied.