

CHEYENNE MUNICIPAL COURT

BUDGET PRESENTATION

SENIOR JUDGE DAVID E. SINGLETON

MUNICIPAL COURT OVERVIEW

- By state statute, Municipal Court has jx over all violations of municipal code
- By state statute, Municipal Court has jx to sentence up to 6 mos. or \$750.00
- Municipal Court functions procedurally like other courts in Wyoming
- The Municipal Court must always be ready for and proceed as if each case is going to trial to protect a defendant's rights

COURT HISTORICAL COMPARISON

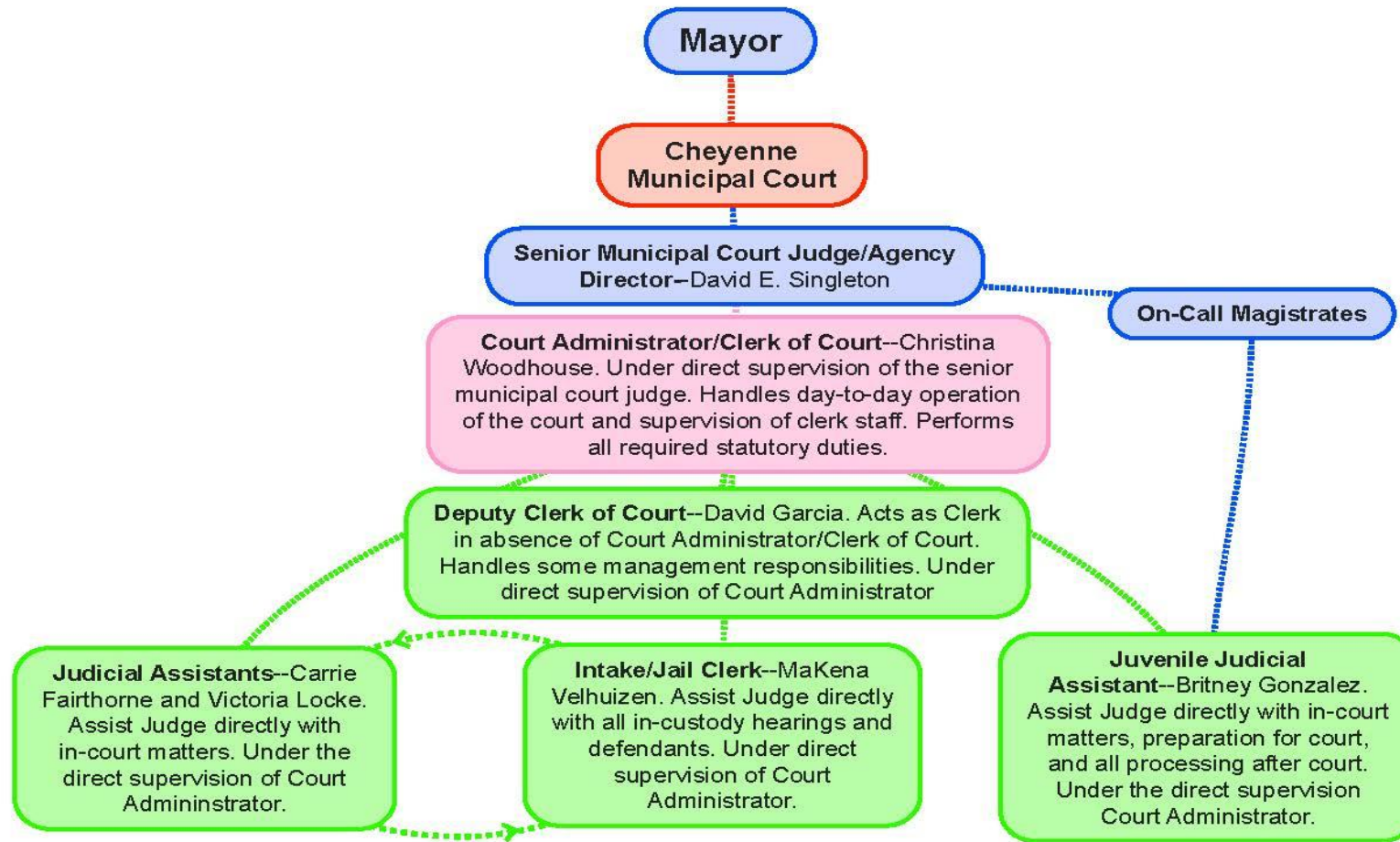
- **Pre-2021**

- Court had upward of 8 staff
- 2 full-time judges
- 1 part-time judge
- Less than 5,000 cases
- No jury trials
- Very few bench trials

- **Current**

- 6 staff
- 1 full-time judge
- 2 part-time magistrates
- More than 7,000 cases
- ~5 bench trials per week
- Averaging a jury trial once every other month

ORGANIZATIONAL FLOW CHART



NUMBERS

- 2024—over **6,500** cases
- 2025—over **7,300** cases
- 2026 to date—over **3,000** cases (almost 1,000 cases more than this same time last year)
- Over 200 active cases heading toward trial
- About 2/3 of the cases are some form of traffic; 1/3 criminal. Both result in trial settings.
- Handled over 150 bench trials during the calendar year 2025
- 4 Appeals. Increased trials = more appeals.
- Jury trial numbers continue to rise—third one this year, this week.
- Numerous cases on warrants/summons awaiting service on defendants.

BUDGET REQUESTS

INCREASES

- **\$161,915.00** for full-time judge
 - Off-set by departure of Ronn Jeffrey
 - Off-set by ending one magistrate contract
- **\$1,248.00** for overtime line item
- **General increases year-to-year**

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- Stand for any questions