

COUNTY COURTS AT LAW

MISSION

The mission of the four Courts at Law is to administer justice for major criminal cases, major civil action, juvenile detention, probate and mental health.

GOALS

GOAL 1

Address increase in caseload due to increase in population

- Objective 1** Add staff to handle the additional work so that backlog growth is prevented or significantly reduced.
- Objective 2** Seek additional space to accommodate staff as well as litigants/lawyers and the general public.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	2009 ACTUAL	2010 ACTUAL	2011 PROJECTED
Because of the difficulty in deriving meaningful performance measures for all courts, no measures will be reported until important and meaningful measures can be derived.			



COUNTY COURT AT LAW #1

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To expedite court business and administer justice in a fair, efficient, effective manner. It is the goal of this court to have resolution of 40% of the current caseload within six to nine months of the filing of the case.

OBJECTIVE

To provide an environment conducive to the quick resolution of matters before this court in accordance with the standards set by the Supreme Court of the State of Texas.

Fort Bend County's continued growth impacts this court's facilities and staff. While the court activity has increased dramatically over the past nineteen years, the number of court personnel has remained the same. With growth comes an increased filing of criminal and juvenile matters by the State of Texas, an increased filing of civil and probate matters. The current economic downfall has brought an increase in civil pro se litigation mainly due to forcible detainers (evictions), repossessions and default on credit card debt.

As the designated Misdemeanor Criminal Health Court, we have experienced and increase in costs due to competency and psychological evaluations. Measurable results in the mental health cases are sometimes difficult due to defendants relapsing or mediation changes. Therefore, these cases cannot be set on the same time standards as regular criminal cases.

FUND: 100 General

ACCOUNTING UNIT: 100426100 County Court at Law #1

EXPENSE BUDGET

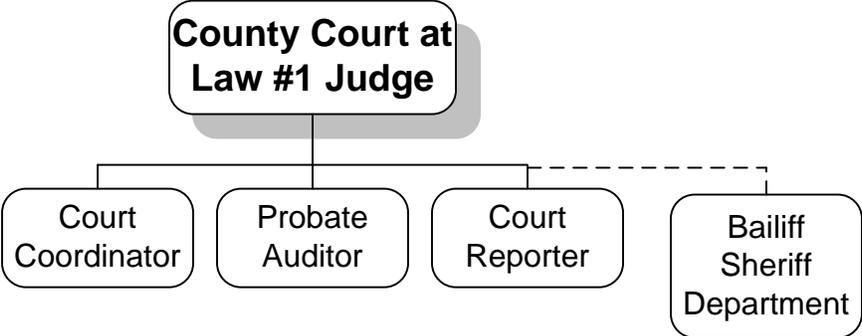
CATEGORY	2009 ACTUAL	2010 ADOPTED	2011 ADOPTED
Salaries & Personnel Costs	\$ 449,525	\$ 456,499	\$ 437,466
Operating & Training Costs	\$ 303,570	\$ 282,651	\$ 262,510
Information Technology Costs	\$ 918	\$ 135	\$ 1,985
Capital Acquisition	\$ 1,860	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 755,873	\$ 739,285	\$ 701,961

2011 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS

Job Title	Job Code	Grade	Count
County Court at Law Judge	J00015	G00	1
Court Reporter	J00055	G00	1
Court Coordinator	J11015	G11	1
Probate Auditor	J11077	G11	1
Total Authorized Positions			4

COUNTY COURT AT LAW #1

ORGANIZATION CHART



COUNTY COURT AT LAW #2

MISSION

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Fort Bend County has and is experiencing tremendous growth and this growth impacts the Court facilities and staff. This growth brings with it an increase in filing of criminal and juvenile matters as well as civil and probate matters. With the economic issues that are at hand, there are considerable number of pro se litigants who cannot afford legal representative and chose to represent themselves in Court. The number of Courts and Court personnel in each Court has remained the same although Court activity has significantly increased due to the increase in filings.

FUND: 100 General

ACCOUNTING UNIT: 100426200 County Court at Law #2

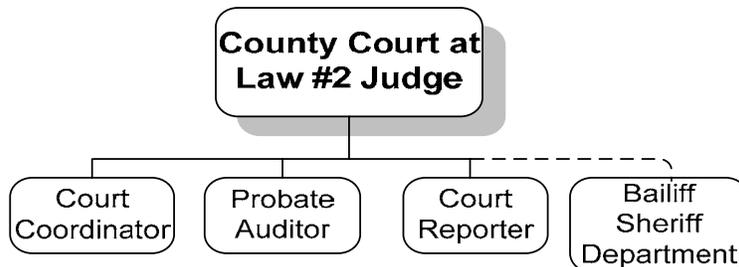
EXPENSE BUDGET

CATEGORY	2009 ACTUAL	2010 ADOPTED	2011 ADOPTED
Salaries & Personnel Costs	\$ 454,007	\$ 463,225	\$ 458,315
Operating & Training Costs	\$ 338,776	\$ 235,150	\$ 221,900
Information Technology Costs	\$ 1,915	\$ 2,940	\$ 2,977
Capital Acquisitions	\$ 6,500	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 801,198	\$ 701,315	\$ 683,192

2011 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS

Job Title	Job Code	Grade	Count
County Court at Law Judge	J00015	G00	1
Court Reporter	J00055	G00	1
Court Coordinator	J11015	G11	1
Probate Auditor	J11077	G11	1
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COUNTY COURT AT LAW #3

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OBJECTIVE

Fort Bend County's continued growth along with our current economic issues impacts this court's facilities and staff. While court activity has increased dramatically over the past four years, the number of court personnel and the number of courts have remained the same. With growth comes an increased filing of criminal and juvenile matters by the State of Texas, an increased filing of civil and probate matters, and an increase of pro se litigants. All of which require hearings and the court's attention.

FUND: 100 General

ACCOUNTING UNIT: 100426300 County Court at Law #3

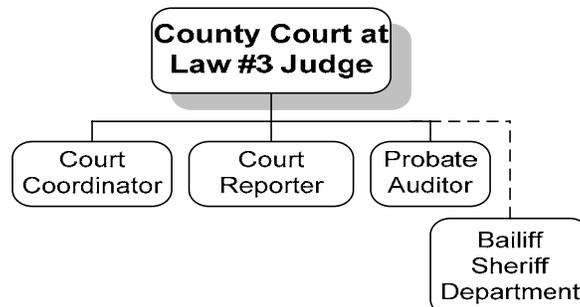
EXPENSE BUDGET

CATEGORY	2009 ACTUAL	2010 ADOPTED	2011 ADOPTED
Salaries & Personnel Costs	\$ 451,952	\$ 455,731	\$ 452,316
Operating & Training Costs	\$ 458,434	\$ 225,750	\$ 204,140
Information Technology Costs	\$ 2,687	\$ 500	\$ 0
Capital Acquisitions	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 6,800
TOTAL	\$ 913,073	\$ 681,981	\$ 663,256

2011 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS

Job Title	Job Code	Grade	Count
County Court at Law Judge	J00015	G00	1
Court Reporter	J00055	G00	1
Court Coordinator	J11015	G11	1
Probate Auditor	J11077	G11	1
Total Authorized Positions			4

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COUNTY COURT AT LAW #4

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FUND: 100 General

ACCOUNTING UNIT: 100426400 County Court at Law #4

EXPENSE BUDGET

CATEGORY	2009 ACTUAL	2010 ADOPTED	2011 ADOPTED
Salaries & Personnel Costs	\$ 447,640	\$ 457,158	\$ 454,218
Operating & Training Costs	\$ 619,795	\$ 233,600	\$ 210,590
Information Technology Costs	\$ 2,308	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 1,069,744	\$ 690,758	\$ 664,808

2011 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS

Job Title	Job Code	Grade	Count
County Court at Law Judge	J00015	G00	1
Court Reporter	J00055	G00	1
Court Coordinator	J11015	G11	1
Probate Auditor	J11077	G11	1
Total Authorized Positions			4

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