

Refreshed Records Room Reopens



The Public Terminal, Scan-Pro Machine, and Docket Books in the newly re-furnished Records Room at Probate-Juvenile Court

February 22, 2024 was a typical Thursday at the Court of Common Pleas, Probate and Juvenile Division, located at 426 Main Street in Coshocton. Morning Rounds indicated that all was normal throughout the building, and the Public Records Room was opened: pumps and alarms were checked as usual as they are each morning prior to opening to the public. A normal day would have minimal traffic to the basement, and occasional staff runs and check-ins happen a few times during the day. On this day, the normal traffic pattern was less than normal and at approximately 3:00pm, all changed when it was discovered that a Sewage Pump Station had burst a pipe in the storage room adjacent to the Court's Public Records Room. County Maintenance Cleaning Staff made the discovery, and quickly alerted the Maintenance Department and Court Staff.

Electronic Equipment, records, etc., were quickly moved while the cleanup began. While nothing in the room regarding equipment and records was damaged, all items stored in the Pump Station Room, which consisted of Boxes of Christmas decorations, a pallet that contained posters, and miscellaneous tables, chairs and a few other items were all deemed a total loss. In addition, all carpet needed removed and drywall and pump station repairs were made.

Equipment, microfilm and indexes were temporarily relocated and limited to staff use for the next couple weeks; but the rooms received paint, new flooring and necessary repairs to allow all to be re-stored to full public use by Monday March 11.

Thanks to the Coshocton County Maintenance Department for overseeing this "unplanned disaster" that was limited and only a minor disruption to the court operations. We were fortunate that the event occurred on a work day and not a weekend, or results may have been much worse!