

SIERRA

Population: 3,049 • Authorized Judges: 2 • Staff: 6 FTE

Civil Filings: 38 • Criminal Filings: 747 • Family/Juvenile Filings: 39 • Other Filings: 11

OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES

Restore local court services and reopen courtrooms.

- **This court struggles with meeting the needs of family court services. Although partnered with Nevada Superior Court for mediation services, the commute to another county for assistance can be costly to parties often enduring inclement winter weather.**

Availability of court clerks.

- **Sierra Superior Court has a need to recruit and retain staff given our isolated location and limited staff members, we find serving the filing window and often other agencies difficult if someone is on vacation or out ill. Additionally, with an extremely small staff it can be extremely difficult to cross train which again results in providing thorough counter filing assistance and courtroom clerks.**

Record Retention and disaster planning.

- **The court needs to address record retention and disaster recovery in order to comply with statutes and provide services to the public when requests are made for records, expungement or in the event of an emergency or disaster.**

Security for the public, judicial officers and staff.

- **This court currently has no screening operations at the entrance to the shared building or courtrooms. The court is in great need of screening staff and improved security measures. The sheriff is limited on staffing as well and at times this becomes a concern regarding transportation of incarcerated individuals, safety of the public, judicial officers and court staff within the office area and courtroom.**

PRIORITIES FOR REINVESTMENT

Assuming an additional investment in operations funds, we intend to...

- Hire perimeter security as this Court has no entry door security to the main courthouse building (a historic courthouse shared with Sierra County).
- Implement a Disaster Recovery information system and relocation plan for an alternative worksite should the Court be lost to fire or flood.