



# Weslaco Municipal Court Collection

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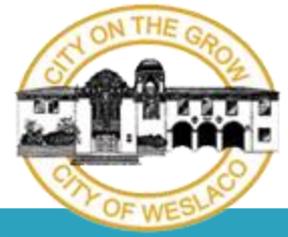
- In 2006 the commission contracted American Financial Bureau (AFB) as the Municipal Court Collection Agency for outstanding warrant.
- Municipal Court would forward cases to AFB after 60 days after warrant being issued.
- The Municipal Court would add a 30% fee to the overall amount due of each warrant sent to AFB.



- AFB was authorized to take pleas from defendants and money transaction at their place of business for outstanding warrants.
- Municipal Court would informed AFB of all cases that were taken care at Court via telephone and AFB would also notify us of transaction done at their place of business.
- AFB would remit an invoice the 10th of every month for the amount collected for all warrant for the prior month and a check for amount that was processed at their business.



# Number of Warrant Sent to AFB



Year	# Warrant Sent	Dollar Value
2006	2,772	\$ 460,370.46
2007	3,156	\$ 745,616.28
2008	4,210	\$ 907,763.40
2009	9,368	\$2,252,566.95
2010	448	\$ 78,515.50
Total	10,586	\$4,444,832.59

# Collections from AFB



Year	Collections	Fees
2007	\$ 390,645.45	\$ 90,355.65
2008	\$ 380,877.11	\$ 87,890.81
2009	\$ 534,654.73	\$122,924.38
2010	\$ 27,121.20	\$ 6,258.06
Total	\$1,333,298.49	\$307,428.90

# Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP

- In February 2010 the commission approved collection services of LGB& S, LLP for the collection of delinquent fines and fee of the Municipal Court.
- A collection module was integrated to our Incode System for LGB & S, LLP.
- Collection module was set up to transmit Warrants, Payments, and Fee Report via email to LGB & S, LLP. (Paperless)



- LGB & S, LLP has established the following:
  - Notifies defendant of outstanding via telephone and letter of outstanding warrant.
  - Will refer defendant to Municipal Court if they have any questions.
  - Does not take any pleas or any money transaction at their place of business.



# LGB & S, LLP is willing to strive to increase collection by:

- Weslaco Day – assigned several employees to dedicate their time to collect on solely Weslaco cases.
- Offered several suggestions in-house collections
- Willing to lead us a printer



# Number of Warrants Sent to LGB & S, LLP

Year	# Warrant Sent	Dollar Value
2010	5,467	\$1,300,854.36
2011	1,524	\$ 406,012.77
Total	6,991	\$1,706,867.13



# Collection from LGB & S, LLP

Year	Collections	Fees
2010	\$ 44,139.84	\$ 7,551.00
2011	\$ 80,120.66	\$13,786.38
Total	\$124,260.50	\$21,337.38



# Decrease in Revenue

- Financial Situation of the City for the past two years
  - set priorities for daily production of the department, conserve resources.
- Economy
- Community Service/Jail Credit



- Dismissals – compliance or interest of justice
- In house collection
- Citation have decreased
- Since July 2011 no printer available due to the accident.

