

### **Justice of the Peace Duties**

- The Justice of the Peace Courts have jurisdiction over criminal (Class C Misdemeanor with fine only) cases and Justice and Small Claims cases where the amount in controversy does not exceed \$10,000.00.
- The Justice Courts have jurisdiction over all Eviction Suits and Writs of Re-entry.
- Other duties include issuance of warrants for arrest, search and seizure warrants, and conducting administrative and magistrate hearings (bail settings, arraignments, and driver's license suspensions.)
- Justices of the Peace have jurisdiction on school attendance trials, hearings pertaining to mistreated animals, and health regulation violations and littering.
- They also perform marriage ceremonies and preside over coroner inquests.