

The Municipal Court strives to provide timely, professional and respectful service to the citizens of Tupelo.

However, 2011 was a landmark year personnel-wise for the Tupelo Municipal Court.

The election of City Prosecutor Trent Kelly to the position of District Attorney for the 1st Judicial District created a domino effect in court personnel.

Openings were created by Judge John Weddle becoming one of Kelly's Assistant District Attorneys along with two Deputy Court Clerks joining Kelly's staff.

The Mayor spent many hours conducting interviews and seeking trusted advice before naming the replacement for both Prosecutor and Associate Judge.

Even with these distractions, the effectiveness of the Court to transact business in it's a timely and professional manner has gone virtually un-noticed.

A "team spirit" and "business as usual" attitude by court personnel has made the transition as seamless as possible.

The most visible party of our court system is our Community Work Program. This program is where individuals provide community service to the City in lieu of incarceration.

It is noteworthy that we are continually receiving positive compliments on how neat and clean our city is from many "first time visitors".

This is directly related to the services provided by the Court Work Program and our own Public Works Department.

2011 saw the Work Program assign 770 workers that produced a "whopping" 7634 bags of refuse. Another 2782 bags of trash was picked up along "state aid right of way" under our MDOT agreement and netted the City of Tupelo a refund of \$2258.00 for our general fund. Our work program workers also provided 29,531 man hours to other city departments at a labor cost savings of \$214,099.75.