



JUDGE'S CHAMBERS
FORTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
CLEARFIELD COUNTY
230 EAST MARKET STREET
CLEARFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA 16830

FREDRIC J. AMMERMAN
PRESIDENT JUDGE

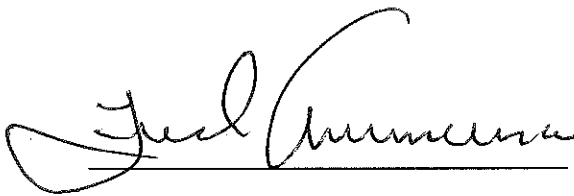
PAUL E. CHERRY
JUDGE

County Jail Warden, Greg Collins, has again voiced his concerns about the many problems caused by the delay in receiving the sentences, parole orders and other necessary paperwork in criminal cases. Without the necessary documents prisoners are not timely paroled, transfer of prisoners to State prison is delayed and taxpayer's money is wasted on jail overcrowding and housing of our prisoners in other counties. This unacceptable delay and up to 60 day backlog in necessary criminal paperwork is caused by the mismanagement of the Clerk of Courts Office by Prothonotary/Clerk Brian Spencer.

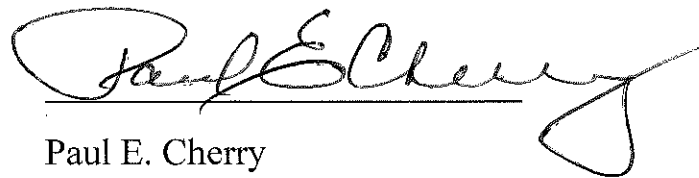
Clearfield County Judges, Fredric J. Ammerman and Paul E. Cherry, agree that the Clerk's office is extremely disorganized. Over the last few months, Judges Cherry and Ammerman have written letters to Brian Spencer pointing out the many difficulties in the Clerks office and the negative effect on the criminal system, public and taxpayers. Mr. Spencer has been asked to provide a written plan to the Court as to how he proposes to fix the problems and eliminate the backlog. Mr. Spencer has refused to provide his proposals to remedy the backlog and instead has claimed all the problems have been caused by the Judges, Court Administrators Office and Court Reporters. Judges Ammerman and Cherry have advised Mr. Spencer that his accusations are "outrageous, nonsensical and false," that he has no legal training and has shown no ability to understand the complexities of the legal system.

Mr. Spencer has been advised by the Court that since he will not provide his input about the problems in his office, the Court will issue Administrative Orders setting schedules and deadlines on necessary criminal paperwork.

Both Judges Ammerman and Cherry have attempted in good faith to work with Mr. Spencer concerning the disorganization and backlog in the Clerk's office; however, Mr. Spencer has consistently refused to cooperate.



Fredric J. Ammerman
President Judge



Paul E. Cherry
Judge

July 11, 2017