

**TRUMBULL COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE**

**Dennis Watkins, Prosecutor**

**Repeat Violent Offenders**

**UPDATE: July 7, 2026**

## **Supreme court refuses to hear appeal of ex- Vienna clerk**

Former Vienna fiscal officer Linda McCullough has exhausted all her appeals as the Ohio Supreme Court on July 7, 2026, denied jurisdiction of her case, affirming her conviction and 96-month prison sentence.



On March 23, 2026, McCullough lost her appeal as Ohio's 11<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals affirmed her prison term on convictions of two counts of theft in office, one count of telecommunications fraud and seven counts of tampering with records. The Supreme Court declined to hear any arguments against the 11<sup>th</sup> District decision.

McCullough, 56, will continue to serve her eight-year consecutive prison term in the Ohio Reformatory for Women in Marysville.

McCullough was convicted of making 127 fraudulent electronic transfers with more than \$120,000 of public money stolen, abuse of public office with Vienna Township ending up in fiscal emergency.

In her appeal, defense attorney Corey Grimm argued the trial court erred when it failed to make findings for imposing consecutive sentences under Ohio law. Trumbull County Assistant Prosecutor Charles Morrow argued for the state saying the court made the necessary findings. 11<sup>th</sup> District Judges Scott Lynch, Matt Lynch and Eugene A. Lucci agreed

with the state's position and upheld the conviction and prison sentence given by Trumbull County Common Pleas Judge Cynthia Westcott.

11<sup>th</sup> District Judge Matt Lynch wrote that after a review of the sentencing hearing and judgment of sentence; the appellate judges found the trial court made all the findings required by state law to impose consecutive sentences. The judges ruled that McCullough's sole assignment of error is without merit.

As part of the sentence, Judge Rice ordered McCullough to pay \$120,371 in restitution to the township and \$11,746 to reimburse the state auditor's office for the investigation into the missing money in the township funds.

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