

COUNTY CLERK

7/12/2021

2021 QUARTER 2 - SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Election-Related: We have received a number of open-records requests from various people/organizations for the November 2020 election. We have compiled information for six requests totaling about 63 hours of our time. There are still ongoing investigations and lawsuits regarding the election so there may be more requests to come.

Marriage Licenses: In the second quarter we have done an additional 198 marriage licenses for a yearly total of 243 so far. Things have definitely picked up and we are into summer weddings full swing. We anticipate the total being close to a normal year.

Tax Deed: We are working hard on tax deed properties. We have worked our way thorough the follow-ups that we didn't get to last year and are right on track with this year's work. We have taken 10 properties so far this year. Municipalities are interested in several of them for municipal purposes. The rest we will put on a tax deed sale in late summer. Appraisals will be more difficult to get because of the active real estate market right now. That might hold up our sale as we seek to put a minimum bid value on the parcels.

Budget: The budget for this year is looking fine. We are in the process of finalizing next year's budget. We anticipate higher election expenses with 4 elections instead of just 2. Otherwise I don't anticipate any changes from this year to next.

Staffing: We are fully staffed and things are going smoothly. We work well together and everyone is willing to help out where needed. Deb is helping out for a few days in July in the Treasurer's office with tax collection. That allowed that office to not have to hire a temp.

Official Directory: The official directory was finished and sent to the printer. It should be distributed by Mid-July.

County Board: We have completed the installation of the new Roll call software for doing agendas, tallying attendance, recording votes, and keeping meeting minutes. We will be using it when the County board is back in-person.

GOALS FOR NEXT QUARTER

- Continue to make headway with the tax deed parcel list. Have a late summer sale.
- Start planning for 2022 elections – begin teaching Andrea more election programming/setup, Gt paperwork ready for Spring candidates who will be filing with us in early December.
- Continue to process marriage licenses and learn more about our duties.