

## COUNTY CLERK

### 2022 QUARTER 1 - SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES

January 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022

**Election-Related:** We had a February primary election that had two supervisory district races on the ballot along with the Eau Claire school district. There will be 21 of 29 supervisory district races contested on the April ballot. All of the election information had to be re-programmed to reflect the new supervisory district boundaries and outlying municipal wards. The City of Eau Claire also drew up new ward maps and new polling places were assigned to many voters. A lot of database work was done to assure that the voters were all assigned the proper districts and representatives.

**Marriage Licenses:** We did approximately 69 marriage licenses in the first quarter of 2022. This is an increase over the 45 we had in first quarter last year. We anticipate this year being more of a “normal” year with approximately 600 licenses being issued.

**Tax Deed:** We started working on tax delinquent properties for the year 2018. We are starting discussion with the Treasurer about their office taking over the tax deed process. They would like to explore other methods of dealing with tax-delinquent properties.

**Budget:** Expenses so far have stayed on budget.

**Staffing:** Our full-time office associate left for another position on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Our half time office associate left on March 17<sup>th</sup>. So our office of 4 was suddenly down to 2. Janet Loomis, the former County Clerk, stepped up and has been working as an LTE for us. We have been in discussions with the Register of Deeds office about our office possibly moving down to share their space on first floor. That would allow us to share staff as we are all having a hard time hiring and retaining staff.

**In-house Directory:** Our annual in-house telephone directory was completed and distributed

**Official Directory:** Work has begun on the annual official directory that will be published in June.

### GOALS FOR NEXT QUARTER

- Get office fully staffed.
- Finalize all April election work and prepare for fall elections.
- Complete making changes to districts based on new state senate and assembly lines
- Work on educating all new office staff on duties and timeline of office tasks.