

## COUNTY CLERK

### 2022 QUARTER 3 - SUMMARY OF CURRENT ACTIVITIES

July 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022

**Election-Related:** The August Partisan Primary election went smoothly. All of our pre-election work was completed at the beginning of July. Ballots were designed, ordered and delivered along with supplies for the clerks. As soon as the results were final after the election we worked on getting everything prepared for the November election. All of our office's pre-election work for November was done by the end of September.

**Marriage Licenses:** We issued 259 marriage licenses in July, Aug & Sept. Those are our busiest months and account for nearly half of the licenses we issue in a year. We are on track to hit our goal of 600 licenses.

**Tax Deed:** The Help for Homeowner's program has been very successful in helping many of our delinquent property owners help to get payments made and caught up with their property taxes. We are taking bids for the sale of an abandoned house that we took on a tax deed. Things were a little more active with this property as it is in the downtown area and vagrants were squatting there. With the assistance of law enforcement we were able to clear the house and secure it.

**Budget:** Not a lot of activity regarding our budget. Overall our budget should be right on track. We do not anticipate any significant changes in the next year.

**Staffing:** We have been able to manage with three full-time employees since our half-time person left at the end of May. We look forward to sharing space with the Register of Deeds office as was approved by the County Board. We are planning our move to take place late this year or early next year.

#### GOALS FOR NEXT QUARTER

- Get the tax deed / in-rem work process finalized and work transferred to Treasurer.
- Finalize all November election work. We anticipate a possible recount(s) and numerous open records requests after the election. Going forward in this political climate we will always be preparing to provide as much information as possible to show that our election system is not fraudulent but fair and accurate.
- Work on distributing office duties and training staff.