

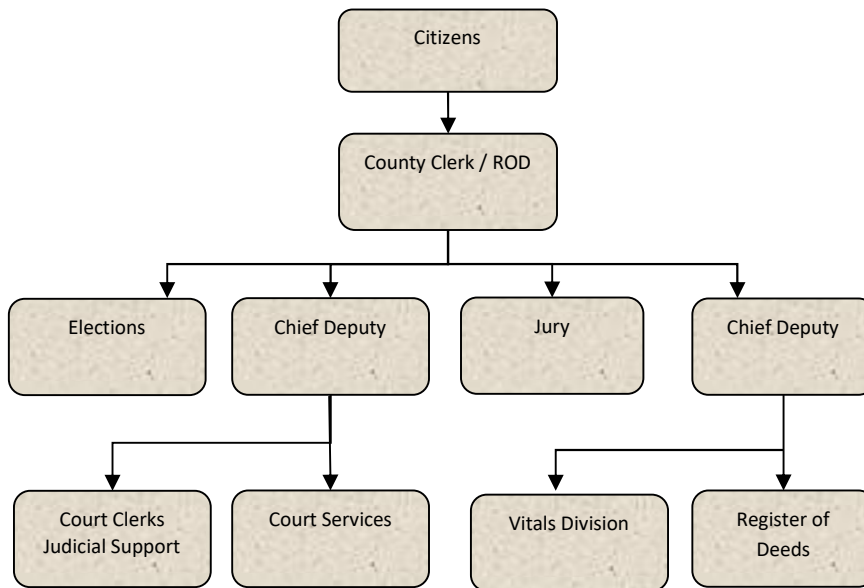
County Clerk

Activities

Vital Statistics: Birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, DBA's, military discharges, concealed pistol licenses, notary public, and genealogy.

Court Services: Accepts filings and processes paperwork in all Circuit Court cases, including filing fees, fines, court costs, restitution, docketing, preparing and monitoring orders, and submitting reports to the State Court Administrator's Office (SCAO).

Court Clerks: digitally record all court proceedings, docket court events, create a register of actions, swear in all witnesses and jurors, submit abstracts to SOS, prepare and mail orders, and submit reports to SCAO.



Mission Statement

To improve and promote cooperation between the citizen and the courts which will enhance a more positive attitude of the public toward the court system in particular and the county government in general

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County Clerk

Strategic Plan Impact

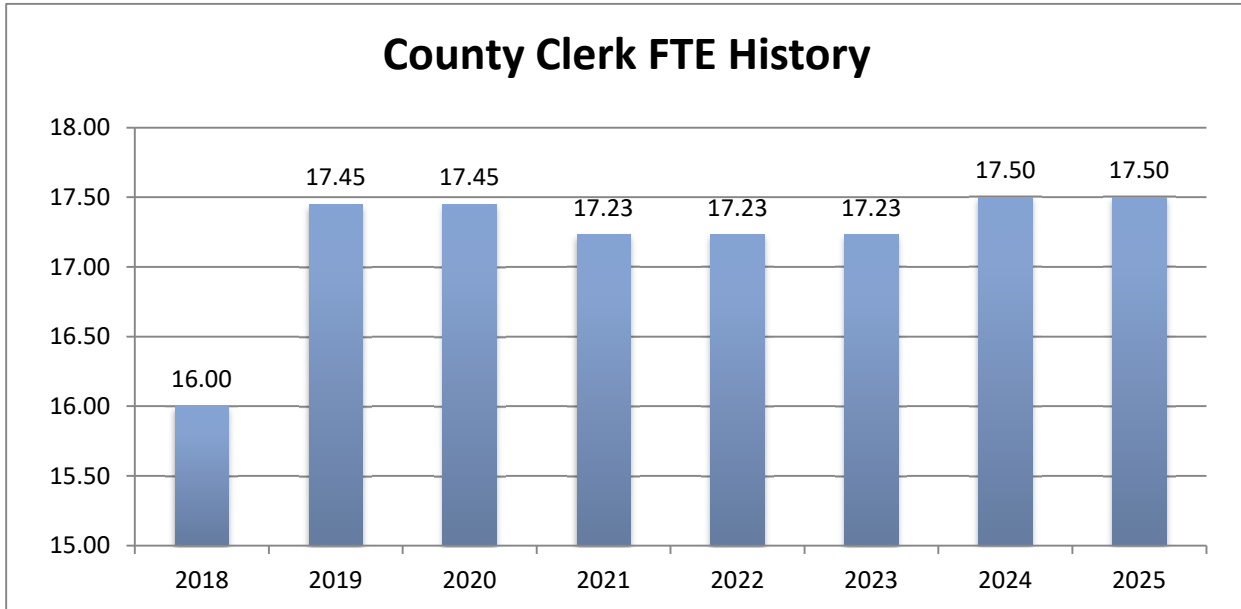
- ✓ Safe Community
The Clerk's Office supports the court system in creating a safe community.
- ✓ Economic Development
The Clerk's Office tends to be the initial point of contact for citizens opening a new business; whether it is to file a DBA, or to get direction on what agencies to contact relating to their specific needs.
- ✓ Healthy Community
The Clerk's office provides outside agencies with death-related statistics to advance the overall goal of healthy community.

Accomplishments

- ✓ Provided de-escalation training to staff to better serve the public.
- ✓ Successfully managed the updated Court Software called TCS.
- ✓ Moved Vital Statistics and Election Services to the Tower Building to provide better customer service.

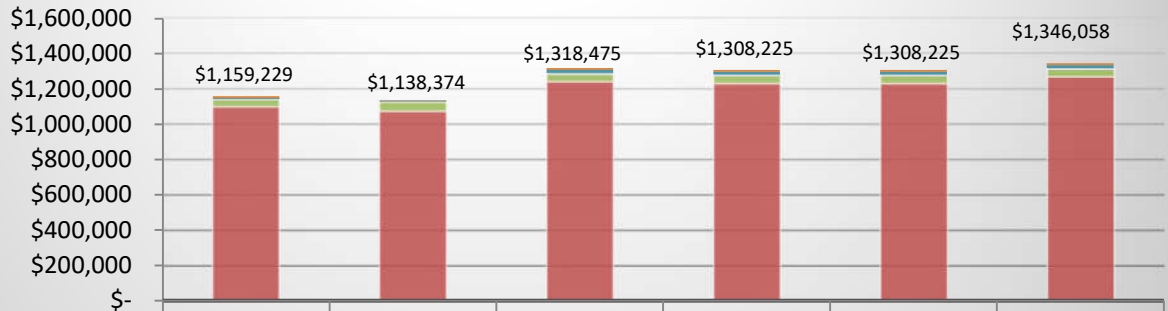
Budget Adjustments

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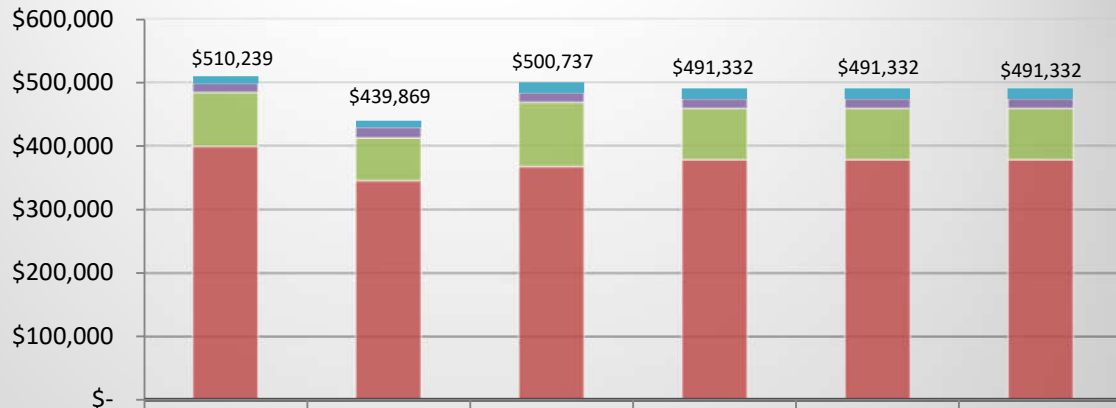
County Clerk

County Clerk Expenditures



	2022 ACTUAL	2023 ACTUAL	2024 AMENDED BUDGET	2025 DEPT REQUESTED	2025 BUDGET	DRAFT 2026 BUDGET
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$9,977	\$3,732	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
OTHER EXPENSES	\$5,249	\$6,610	\$16,180	\$16,180	\$16,180	\$16,180
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$5,263	\$3,428	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	\$41,247	\$52,720	\$44,005	\$44,050	\$44,050	\$44,050
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$1,097,493	\$1,071,884	\$1,239,290	\$1,228,995	\$1,228,995	\$1,266,828
TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS	\$1,159,229	\$1,138,374	\$1,318,475	\$1,308,225	\$1,308,225	\$1,346,058

County Clerk Revenues



	2022 ACTUAL	2023 ACTUAL	2024 AMENDED BUDGET	2025 DEPT REQUESTED	2025 BUDGET	DRAFT 2026 BUDGET
LICENSES & PERMITS	\$11,400	\$10,510	\$16,695	\$16,790	\$16,790	\$16,790
OTHER	\$14,874	\$17,049	\$15,600	\$15,600	\$15,600	\$15,600
FINES/FORFEITURES	\$84,536	\$67,277	\$101,000	\$81,000	\$81,000	\$81,000
CHARGES/FEES	\$399,429	\$345,033	\$367,442	\$377,942	\$377,942	\$377,942
TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUE	\$510,239	\$439,869	\$500,737	\$491,332	\$491,332	\$491,332

County Clerk

Other Key Indicators

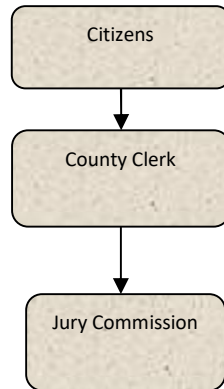
Indicator	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Target
Circuit Court/Juvenile Cases Initiated *	4274	4344	3468	3755	3821	4294	4000
Circuit Court/Juvenile Cases Disposed *	4028	4161	3458	3713	3723	3862	4000
Vitals/Public Services Registrations/ Applications Processed	7538	7371	8809	8209	7287	7193	7500
Number of Court Service Clerks Processing Cases	4.75	4.75	5.75	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75
Number of Court Clerks Handling Cases for Judges	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Number of Vital Statistic Clerks Processing Registrations/Applications	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75
Number of cases handled per clerk	900	755	603	556	566	636	593
Number of cases handled per court clerk	806	832	692	743	764	858	800
Number of registrations/applications handled per clerk	2741	2680	3203	2985	2650	2616	2727

*Totals do not include Abuse and Neglect cases/petitions.



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Jury Commission



Activities

Maintain and coordinate jury information from the Michigan Department of State and Jackson County database of potential jurors.

Provide information to county residents, court officials, attorneys, employers and other government units on all aspects of the jury process. Orientate jurors when they report to serve their jury duty. Prepare, print and mail all juror correspondence, including qualification questionnaires, summons, postponements and excusal letters, failure to appear letters, show cause orders and bench warrants.

Qualify and disqualify prospective jurors according to the law.

Coordinate Jury Board meetings, secure room for questionnaire review and serve as clerk to maintain their attendance records, minutes, and reimbursement pay. Inform and update Jury Board Members with statute changes for juror procedures.



Strategic Plan Impact

- ✓ Safe Community

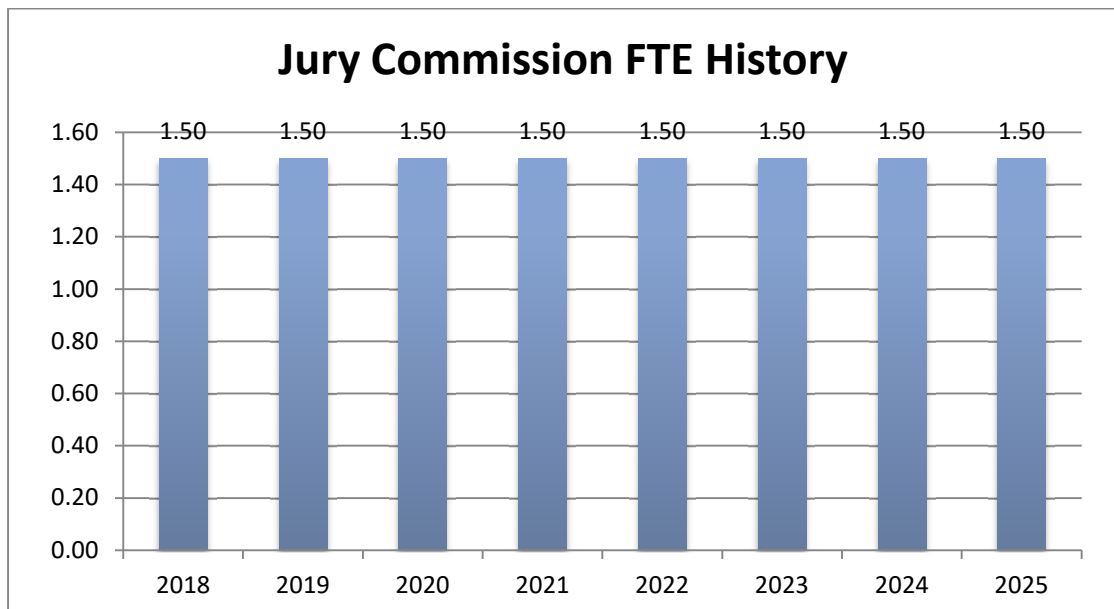
The Jury Commission contributes to the safe community strategy by ensuring the constitutional right to trial by jury.

Accomplishments

- ✓ Successfully transitioned to online questionnaires for potential jurors, allowing our Jury Department to run more efficiently while being more cost effective.
- ✓ Successfully implemented an upgraded jury management system with updated reports allowing for a more efficient, user friendly option for Jackson County residents.

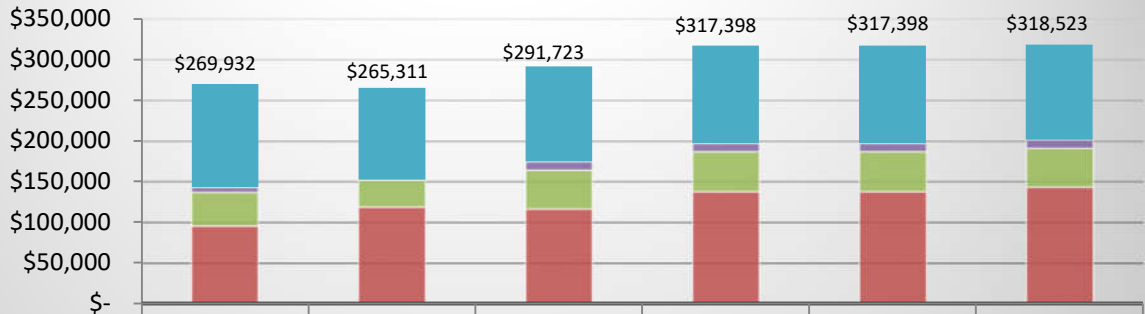
Budget Adjustments

- ✓ There were no significant budget adjustments.



County Clerk

Jury Commission Expenditures



	2022 ACTUAL	2023 ACTUAL	2024 AMENDED BUDGET	2025 DEPT REQUESTED	2025 BUDGET	DRAFT 2026 BUDGET
OTHER EXPENSES	\$126,741	\$112,997	\$117,225	\$120,225	\$120,225	\$117,225
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$6,173	\$60	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	\$41,236	\$33,304	\$48,000	\$49,250	\$49,250	\$48,000
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$95,782	\$118,950	\$116,498	\$137,923	\$137,923	\$143,298
TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS	\$269,932	\$265,311	\$291,723	\$317,398	\$317,398	\$318,523

Jury Commission Revenues



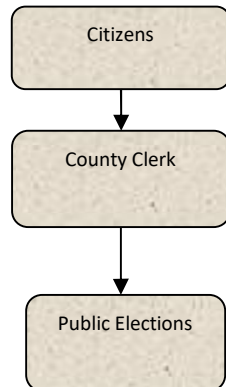
	2022 ACTUAL	2023 ACTUAL	2024 AMENDED BUDGET	2025 DEPT REQUESTED	2025 BUDGET	DRAFT 2026 BUDGET
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$49,018	\$57,748	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUE	\$49,018	\$57,748	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000

County Clerk

Other Key Indicators

Indicator	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Target	2025 Target
Number of Cases per year	42	6	22	61	47	60	60
Summons mailed per year	12,500	15,000	22,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	16,800
Juror voice-mail calls returned per year	4,000	6,000	6,000	6,500	6,800	6,500	7,000
Total dollars paid out to jurors per year	80,201	17,526	44,442	129,635.90	112,953.46	115,000	120,000
Jury Coordinator & Admin. Asst. (shared w/Elections Dept.)	1.375	1.375	1.375	1.375	1.5	1.5	1.5
Number of Jurors Failed to Appear	671	89	606	1,191	850	1,000	900
Number of Jurors Postponed, Excused, or FTA letters mailed	4,256	3,115	3,699	4,709	7,336	5,000	5000
Jurors Show Caused (Not appearing when Summoned)	284	0	0	0	1,091	754	500
Bench warrants issued	104	0	0	0	435	305	150

Public Elections



Activities

Coordinates and administers Federal, State, township, village and school elections conducted in Jackson County of Jackson

Responsibilities include but are not limited to: ordering proofing and distribution of ballots and election supplies; training and certifying election inspectors; clerk for the Board of County Canvassers; compiling election returns; contact for petition and recall drives; and maintaining the state mandated Qualified Voter File (QVF)

Act as a liaison between the State Bureau of Elections and Local Township, city, village and school election officials.

Assists local jurisdiction with maintaining voter registration, voter history, precinct lists and street index.

Monitors candidates for compliance with Campaign Finance Laws and eligibility to be placed on the ballot

Coordinates two Early Voting sites for participating local jurisdictions before all state and federal elections



Strategic Plan Impact

- ✓ Intergovernmental Cooperation

The public elections function is a necessary and state mandated function of county government. The county elections office provides for the democratic election of all elected offices within Jackson County, which include local governments, school districts, and other special districts.

Accomplishments

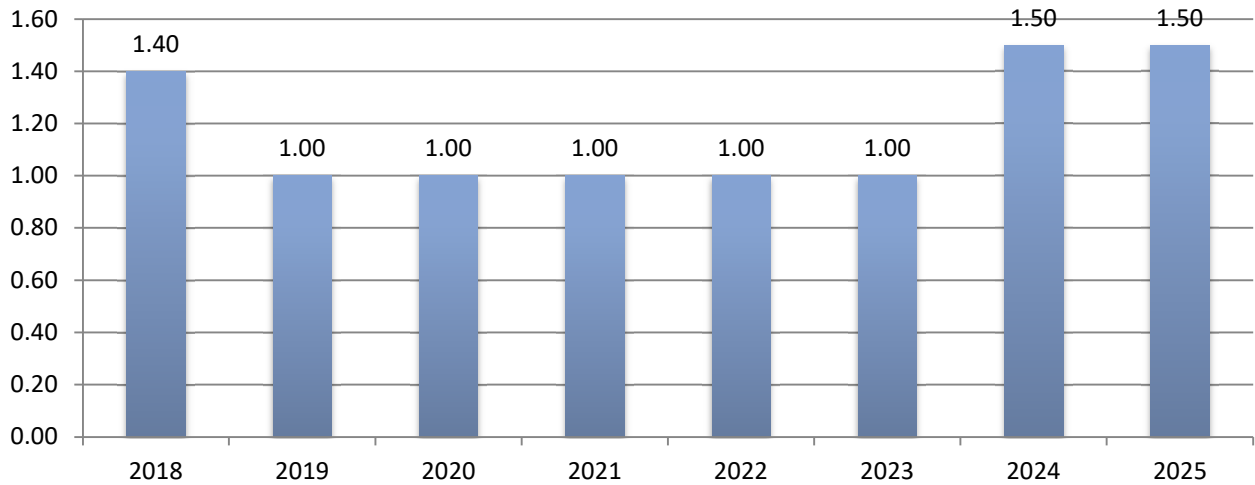
- ✓ Successfully administered three elections.
- ✓ Held in-person training sessions for precinct inspectors in April, June, July, , October, and November. 55 precinct inspectors were certified.
- ✓ Post-election process audits of randomly selected precincts occurred in January, May, and December. Each process audit included a hand-count of a race on the ballot. Each hand-count confirmed that the Dominion Voting Machines performed accurately. The audits also showed the successes and opportunities for our jurisdictions.
- ✓ Continually expanding local Clerk and Precinct Inspector training programs.
- ✓ Successfully hosted two Early Voting Sites for 16 of the 20 Jurisdictions in Jackson County.
- ✓ The Elections Division hosted three Counties for a partial recount of Proposal 2022-3 in December. Three Jackson County Townships participated and the results of the recounts were as expected.

Budget Adjustments

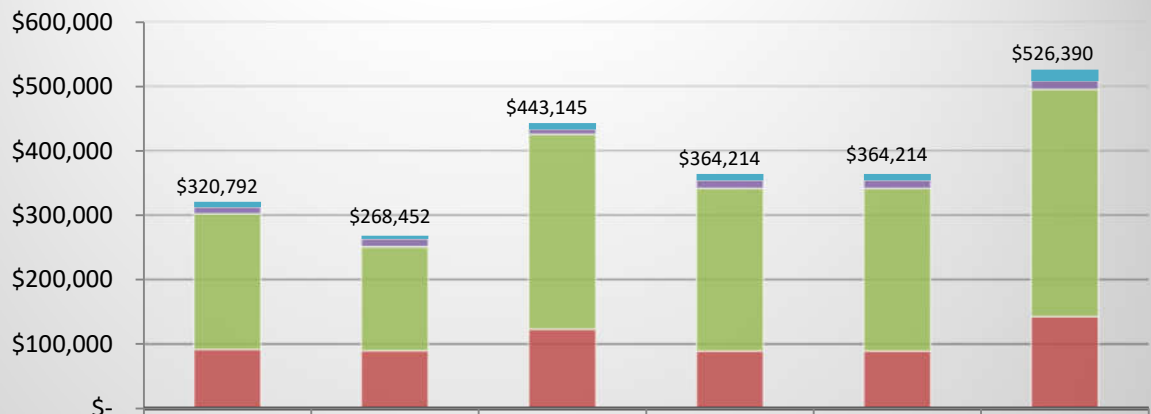
There were no significant budget adjustments.

County Clerk

Public Elections FTE History



Public Elections Expenditures



	2022 ACTUAL	2023 ACTUAL	2024 AMENDED BUDGET	2025 DEPT REQUESTED	2025 BUDGET	DRAFT 2026 BUDGET
OTHER EXPENSES	\$8,121	\$5,113	\$9,800	\$9,800	\$9,800	\$17,800
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$10,600	\$12,423	\$8,200	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$13,700
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	\$210,346	\$161,350	\$302,200	\$252,200	\$252,200	\$352,700
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$91,725	\$89,566	\$122,945	\$89,014	\$89,014	\$142,190
TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS	\$320,792	\$268,452	\$443,145	\$364,214	\$364,214	\$526,390

County Clerk

Public Elections Revenues



	2022 ACTUAL	2023 ACTUAL	2024 AMENDED BUDGET	2025 DEPT REQUESTED	2025 BUDGET	DRAFT 2026 BUDGET
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$-	\$-	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
OTHER REVENUE	\$13,305	\$96,602	\$85,900	\$85,900	\$85,900	\$85,900
TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUE	\$13,305	\$96,602	\$86,000	\$86,000	\$86,000	\$86,000

Strategic Outcomes

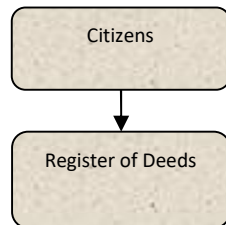
Indicator	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Target	2025
Number of elections held per year	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	4	3

County Clerk

Other Key Indicators									
Indicator	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Target	2025 Target
Total number of elected office positions on the ballot(including nominations from primary elections)	5	872	5	1,114	5	977	6	1,114	5
Total number of candidates(filings) appearing on the ballot	14	333	11	634	9	219	12	634	20
Total number of ballot issues	12	28	12	20	14	25	14	25	15
*Total number of voter registrations processed by the County Elections Department	5,503	3,753	3,747	3,769	974	99	81	500	100
Election Director	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Assistant (part-time employee shared with Jury)	.375	.375	.375	.375	.375	.375	.5	.5	.5
*Voter registrations processed by the Assistant shared w/ Vitals	5,503	3,753	3,747	3,769	5,500	99	81	150	100
*Voter registrations processed by Election Coordinator due to COVID-19 Layoff of PT Assistant or other absence of PT Assistant	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0

*Note: this number has gone down significantly due to the SOS branches transmitting registration information directly to local clerks and due to automatic voter registration at SOS branches. 500 is a high estimation.

Register of Deeds



Activities

The register of deeds office is responsible for recording all documents pertaining to real property within Jackson County. These recordings become permanent record of the history of ownership of all real estate in the county. Recordings include deeds, mortgages, discharges, assignments, death certificates, court orders, tax liens, releases, affidavits, land contract and other miscellaneous documents.

Responsible for collecting state and county transfer tax.

Plats, condominiums, corners and surveys are recorded.

Service includes searches of state and federal tax liens and providing copies and certified copies of documents (for a fee).

Assisting customers with researching recorded documents by either name or legal description.



Strategic Plan Impact

✓ **Mandated Service**

The registering of deeds and maintenance of land records is a mandated function of county government. In 1835, the 1st Constitution of the State of Michigan was adopted by the Congress of the United States which established the Register of Deeds as the official recording office for all legal instruments pertaining to the transfer and encumbrances of properties in each County.

✓ **Economic Development**

The recording and maintenance of real property records supports the economic development vision to promote a diverse and vibrant economy.

Accomplishments

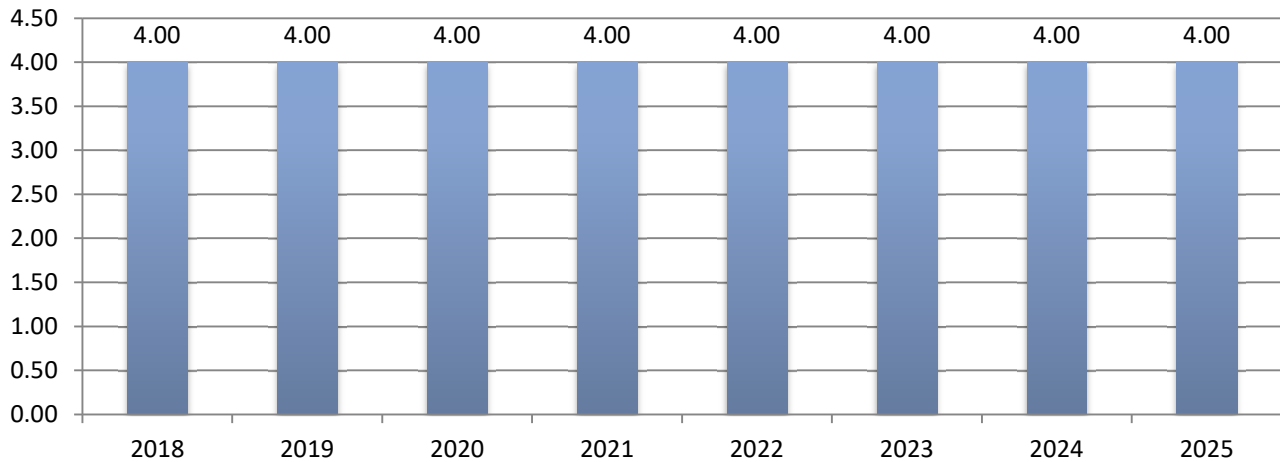
- ✓ Tract book scanning project is now completed. At the present, a customer can do a search by legal description back to 1965. Our goal is to upload the images from our tract index to our software system allowing them to search by legal description back to the 1800s. This will also help preserve the historical books and be a means of disaster recovery.
- ✓ Drain maps are being scanned using Automation funds. When the scanning is complete, the images will be uploaded to our system for online access. This will preserve the drain maps and be a means of disaster recovery.
- ✓ Upgrading the current version of FraudSlueth for public to be able to set up an account to receive notification regarding any documents that have been recorded within a specified criteria.
- ✓ Cleaning and restoration of historical recorded Plat Maps and Tract Index.

Budget Adjustments

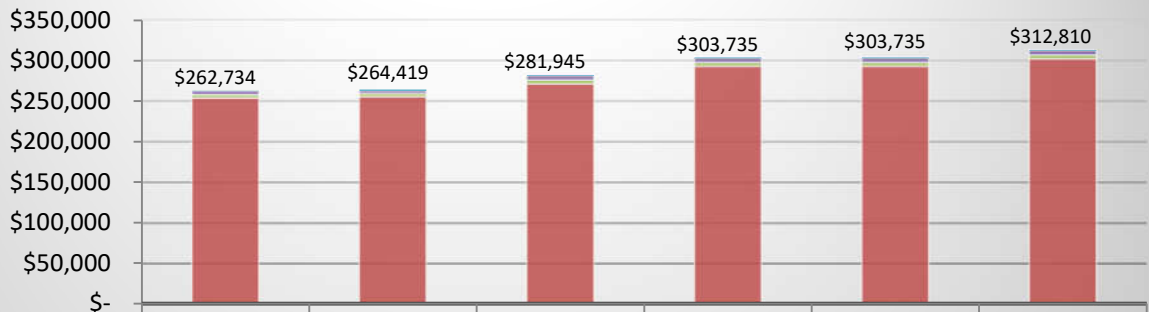
There are no significant budget adjustments

County Clerk

Register of Deeds FTE History



Register of Deeds Expenditures



	2022 ACTUAL	2023 ACTUAL	2024 AMENDED BUDGET	2025 DEPT REQUESTED	2025 BUDGET	DRAFT 2026 BUDGET
OTHER EXPENSES	\$401	\$1,650	\$710	\$710	\$710	\$710
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$4,662	\$3,637	\$5,475	\$5,475	\$5,475	\$5,475
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	\$3,963	\$4,135	\$4,700	\$4,900	\$4,900	\$4,900
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$253,708	\$254,997	\$271,060	\$292,650	\$292,650	\$301,725
TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS	\$262,734	\$264,419	\$281,945	\$303,735	\$303,735	\$312,810

Register of Deeds Revenues



	2022 ACTUAL	2023 ACTUAL	2024 AMENDED BUDGET	2025 DEPT REQUESTED	2025 BUDGET	DRAFT 2026 BUDGET
OTHER	\$1,368	\$1,079	\$1,225	\$1,225	\$1,225	\$1,225
CHARGES/FEES	\$775,084	\$634,006	\$855,000	\$696,000	\$696,000	\$696,000
TAXES	\$833,194	\$732,743	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000
TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUE	\$1,609,646	\$1,367,828	\$1,506,225	\$1,347,225	\$1,347,225	\$1,347,225

County Clerk

Strategic Outcomes

Indicator	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Target</u>
Total number of documents recorded	27,137	29,524	33,974	26,522	21,219	26,522
Total number of documents rejected	890	1,349	1,880	1,265	941	1,265

Other Key Indicators

Indicator	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Target</u>
Total number of documents received-recorded and rejected	28,027	30,873	35,854	27,787	22,160	27,787
Total number of documents verified	27,137	29,524	33,974	26,522	21,219	26,522
Per Employee- recording and rejecting documents	9,342	10,291	11,324	9,262	7,386	9,262
Per Employee -verifying documents	27,137	29,524	33,974	27,787	21,219	27,787
Recording	Same Day	Same Day	Same Day	Same Day	Same Day	Same Day



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