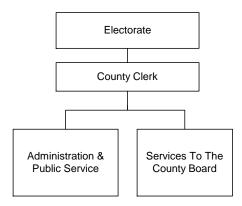
# **COUNTY CLERK (3270)**



### **MISSION**

The mission of the Office of the County Clerk is to support the legislative activities of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and the general operations of County government, and to provide the highest quality services to the public at the lowest cost to the taxpayers.

# **Budget Summary**

	2013	2012/2013 Change
Expenditures	818,617	23,993
Revenue	475,325	4,825
Levy	343,292	19,168
FTE's	7.0	0.0

# **Major Programmatic Focus**

- Continue to implement and administer the on-line legislative workflow and public access system – County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).
- Implement "paperless" procedure for processing claims, court summons, and complaints naming Milwaukee County.

### **OBJECTIVES**

- Maintain accurate and up-to-date records of County Board actions and County Ordinances.
- Issue marriage licenses and domestic partnership declarations in an accurate and timely manner.
- Regulate lobbyists and lobbying activity pursuant to Chapter 14 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances.
- Process passport applications in an accurate and timely manner.
- Increase revenue by increasing sales of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources licenses and Milwaukee County Transit System tickets.
- Strengthen county government by providing quality administrative support to county government departments and prompt and accurate information and services to the public.
- Improve public access to county legislative activities by implementing and administering the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).

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UNIT NO. 3270

FUND: General - 0001

### DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Pursuant to Section 59.23 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Section 56.09 of the Milwaukee County Code of Ordinances, the independently elected County Clerk records the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisors, maintains all legislative files, updates existing ordinances and publishes new ordinances online.

The County Clerk issues marriage licenses and domestic partnership declarations pursuant to Chapters 765 and 770 of the Wisconsin Statutes. In accordance with Chapter 14 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, the County Clerk registers all lobbyists and lobbying principals and reports lobbying registrations and expenditures to the County Board, County Executive, and the public.

The Office of the County Clerk serves as an information clearing house for corporate Milwaukee County by: receiving and processing claims and court summons and complaints naming Milwaukee County; maintaining the central file of county deeds, contracts, insurance policies, agreements, leases, easements, and certificates of title for all county-owned vehicles; administering oaths of office and maintaining record of such oaths; receiving and publicly opening all sealed bids for County public improvement projects; and maintaining a file of qualified public improvement contractors.

The County Clerk accepts and processes passport applications and sells Milwaukee County Transit System tickets and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources licenses and permits. The County Clerk also processes lien notices and actions against contractors performing County public improvements.

The County Clerk assists the County Board and County departments with the implementation of the legislative workflow and public access system, County Legislative Information Center (CLIC), and utilizes the system for tracking County Board files and recording Board proceedings and county ordinances.

The County Clerk continuously improves access to the office website and updates information and forms for services provided by the Office of the County Clerk using existing web-based technology and the Department of Administrative Services – Information Management Services Division expertise.

#### **2013 BUDGET**

#### Approach and Priorities

- Utilize the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC) to reduce costs and increase the productivity and efficiency of legislative services and improve public access to County Board actions.
- Improve customer service through the use of internet transactions.
- Continually update the County Clerk website to provide more information to the public in a user-friendly manner.
- Implement "paperless" procedure for processing claims, and court summons and complaints naming Milwaukee County.
- Continue to scan County Board files, domestic partnership applications, and marriage license applications to digital media.

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## **Budget Highlights**

## Increase Marriage License and Domestic Partnership Fees and Revenues

(\$8,925)

Revenue from the issuance of marriage licenses and domestic partnership declarations is increased by \$8,925, or 3 percent, to \$308,425 due to an increase in the marriage license and domestic partnership declaration fee from \$105 to \$110.

Advertising Costs \$6,000

• Advertising costs for proposed ordinance changes in newspapers, and costs to update the County's online ordinance database (Municode.com) are increased by \$6,000, to \$10,000, based on increased activity and per-unit costs in 2012.

BUDGET SUMMARY								
Account Summary	2011 Actual		2012 Budget		2013 Budget		2012/2013	
								Change
Personal Services (w/o EFB)	\$	343,232	\$	358,349	\$	364,817	\$	6,468
Employee Fringe Benefits (EFB)		270,139		280,889		284,121		3,232
Services		27,570		22,500		29,060		6,560
Commodities		4,265		6,600		7,600		1,000
Other Charges		0		0		0		0
Debt & Depreciation		0		0		0		0
Capital Outlay		1,076		0		0		0
Capital Contra		0		0		0		0
County Service Charges		141,547		126,286		133,019		6,733
Abatements		0		0		0		0
Total Expenditures	\$	787,829	\$	794,624	\$	818,617	\$	23,993
Direct Revenue		441,062		470,500		475,325		4,825
State & Federal Revenue		0		0		0		0
Indirect Revenue		0		0		0		0
Total Revenue	\$	441,062	\$	470,500	\$	475,325	\$	4,825
Direct Total Tax Levy		346,767		324,124		343,292		19,168

PERSONNEL SUMMARY							
	2011 Actual	2012/2013					
				Change			
Position Equivalent (Funded)*	7.1	7.0	7.0	0.0			
% of Gross Wages Funded*	94.9	100.0	100.0	0.0			
Overtime (Dollars)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0			
Overtime (Equivalent to	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Position)							

<sup>\*</sup> For 2011 Actuals, the Position Equivalent and Percentage of Gross Wages Funded are budgeted amounts.

# **COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S 2013 BUDGET**

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PERSONNEL CHANGES							
Job Title/Classification	Title Code	Action	# of Positions	Total FTE	Division		of Positions alary Only)
110110		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	TOTAL	\$	0

ACTIVITY AND STATISTICAL SUMMARY							
	2011	2011	2012	2013			
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget			
Marriage Licenses Issued	5,000	4,618	4,900	4,650			
Duplicate Marriage Licenses Issued	100	64	100	100			
Marriage License Waivers Issued	340	276	340	340			
Marriage Civil Ceremonies	1,040	1,000	1,040	1,040			
Domestic Partnership Declarations Issued	300	60	100	100			
Open Records Requests Processed	100	101	100	100			
County Board Files Maintained	1,000	875	1,000	900			
County Ordinances Published	25	21	25	25			
County Board Proceedings Published	13	15	13	13			
Contractor Lien Notices/Vendor Levies	90	48	90	60			
Contractor Qualification Statements	200	127	200	150			
Claims Processed	500	281	500	400			
Summons and Complaints Processed	500	180	250	250			
Construction Bid Notices Processed	100	84	100	100			
New Contracts Assigned to Files	50	111	100	100			
Lobbying Registrations	70	54	70	70			
Oaths of Office Administered	100	67	100	100			
Wisconsin DNR Licenses Sold	1,000	325	1,000	1,000			
Passport Applications Processed	1,000	679	1,000	1,000			

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#### **FEE SCHEDULE**

<u>Fee</u>
\$110.00
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\$25.00
\$10.00
\$100.00
\$135.00

Lobbyist Registration \$125.00/principal represented

Lobbying Principal Registration \$125.00

Lobbying Principal Authorization \$125.00/lobbyist retained by principal

Notary Fee \$0.50

Copy Fee \$0.50 per page

All departments are required to operate within their expenditure appropriations and their overall budgets. Pursuant to Section 59.60(12), Wisconsin Statutes, "No payment may be authorized or made and no obligation incurred against the county unless the county has sufficient appropriations for payment. No payment may be made or obligation incurred against an appropriation unless the director first certifies that a sufficient unencumbered balance is or will be available in the appropriation to make the payment or to meet the obligation when it becomes due and payable. An obligation incurred and an authorization of payment in violation of this subsection is void. A county officer who knowingly violates this subsection is jointly and severely liable to the county for the full amount paid. A county employee who knowingly violates this subsection may be removed for cause."