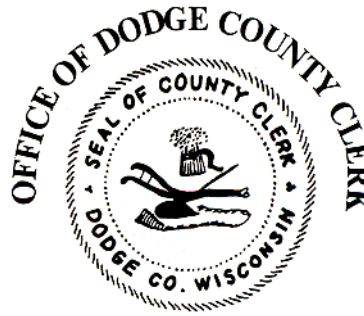


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2021 ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DODGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN MEMBERS:

I, Karen J. Gibson, Dodge County Clerk, report the fees collected in my office, from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, inclusive as follows:

481 Marriage Licenses @ \$100.00 Each	\$48,100.00
24 Five-Day Waiting Period Waivers @ \$10.00 Each	\$240.00
102 Marriage Ceremonies at Justice Facility @ \$25.00 Each	\$2,550.00
27 Work Permits @ \$10.00 Each	\$270.00
Elections – Statewide Voter Registration System Fee	\$16,110.00
Elections – billings to municipalities and schools	\$23,574.67
Directory Sales & Record Copying	\$42.78

The above amounts have been paid to the County Treasurer, and for which I hold the receipts. Of the above total for marriage licenses, \$20.00 goes to Family Court Counseling; \$25.00 goes to the State of Wisconsin, and \$55.00 remains with the County Clerk's Office, and of the above total for work permits \$7.50 goes to the State of Wisconsin and \$2.50 remains with the County Clerk's Office.

The following is a breakdown of marriage application statistics for the last three years:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Number of Marriage Applications	403	446	481
Parental Consent Required – Male	0	0	0
Parental Consent Required – Female	1	1	1

The County Clerk's Office is custodian of many records, first and foremost of which are those of the County Board of Supervisors. During the year 2021 there were a total of 20 County Board meetings, of which 18 were evening meetings. Of the 20 County Board meetings, 7 were for strategic planning. A total of 101 Resolutions were presented to the Board for their consideration through the December meeting, as well as 25 Reports and Ordinances. The County Clerk is responsible for the official minutes from the Board meetings.

Dog Licenses are distributed by the County Clerk to the local treasurers for them to sell. During 2021, a total of 7,024 tags were issued for 587 males, 2,853 neutered males, 495 females and 3,089 spayed females. Kennel licenses were issued to 44 individuals for a total of 385 kennel tags.

In 2021, the County Clerk's Office issued 27 work permits compared to 45 in 2020. The State Legislators changed the work permit law in 2017 requiring only youth age 15 and under to obtain a work permit. The fee for a work permit continues to be \$10.00; the County keeps \$2.50 and the State gets \$7.50 per permit.

The Spring Primary Election in 2021 was held on February 16, 2021 and contained a Special Partisan Election for State Senate District 13, seven candidates for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, three candidates for Alderperson for the City of Hartford and five candidates for the Hartford Union High School Board. There were 6,560 ballots cast in Dodge County. The Spring Election was held on April 6, 2021 and consisted of the Special Election for State Senate District 13, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Municipal Offices, and School District Offices as well as a number of referendums. It had a total of 14,983 ballots cast. Dodge County had a Special Primary Election in June for Representative to the Assembly, District 37 which involved ten municipalities and had 1,768 ballots cast. The Special Election for Assembly District 37 and an election for the recall of a County Board Supervisor was held on July 13th. This election had a total of 2,764 ballots cast.

The County Clerk's Office provides WisVote (voter registration system) services to 22 municipalities in Dodge County. Some of the services provided include entering voter registration applications, recording votes, reconciling poll lists, updating address ranges, printing reports and poll lists, entering contests and candidates, entering office holders, and providing maintenance of voter records. The municipalities that rely on the County for this service, pay a fee to the County Clerk's Office based on population. The total collected in 2021 was \$16,110. The other 20 municipalities are self-providers; however, the County Clerk's Office continues to provide guidance and help with any questions they have.

2021 also brought the redistricting process that is done every ten years. The Land Resources and Parks Department staff, Corporation Counsel staff, Redistricting Committee and my office worked closely to finish the redistricting process using a compressed time-frame. The redistricting process was a lot of work for all involved in 2021, and I am proud that Dodge County was able to accomplish the task with the short time-frame.

Despite the continuation of the pandemic, the County Clerk's Office remained open and staffed to provide services to both internal and external customers during 2021. Chief Deputy County Clerk, Danielle Van Egtern and Deputy Clerk, Chris Kjornes and I try to provide prompt and courteous information and services to the citizens of Dodge County and general public as best we can. If we can be of help to you at any time, please stop at the County Clerk's Office. We are always happy to see you.

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