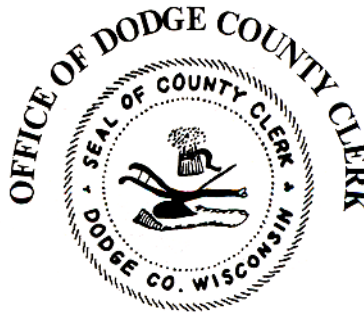


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2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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, 2022 through December 31, 2022, inclusive as follows:

488 Marriage Licenses @ \$100.00 Each	\$48,800.00
13 Three-Day Waiting Period Waivers @ \$10.00 Each	\$130.00
116 Marriage Ceremonies at Justice Facility @ \$25.00 Each	\$2,900.00
77 Work Permits @ \$10.00 Each	\$770.00
Elections – Statewide Voter Registration System Fee	\$16,110.00
Elections – billings to municipalities and schools	\$25,453.51
Directory Sales & Record Copying	\$43.32

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. There was an increase of 7 marriage licenses and 14 ceremonies at the Justice Facility in 2022 from 2021. There was a decrease of 11 couples that needed a waiver of the waiting period due to the fact that the waiting period went from five days to three days, and couples can now apply for their marriage license in any county in Wisconsin.

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

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Number of Marriage Applications	446	481	488
Parental Consent Required – Male	0	0	0
Parental Consent Required – Female	1	1	0

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 2022 there were a total of 18 County Board meetings, of which 16 were evening meetings. The extra meetings in 2022 were for Strategic Planning and American Rescue Plan Act funds. The County Clerk is responsible for the official minutes from the Board meetings and is the record holder for minutes of committees.

Dog Licenses are distributed by the County Clerk to the local treasurers for them to sell. During 2022, a total of 6,824 tags were issued for 586 males, 2,788 neutered males, 495 females and 2,955 spayed females. Kennel licenses were issued to 40 individuals for a total of 361 kennel tags.

In 2022, the County Clerk's Office issued 57 work permits compared to 27 in 2021. I attribute the increase in work permits due to the fact that a number of schools did not issue work permits during the summer. 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 2022 was held on February 15, 2022 and involved 14 municipalities in Dodge County. There were races for two County Board Supervisory districts with three candidates each, and a primary for seats on four different School District Boards. There were 869 ballots cast at the Spring Primary election. The Spring Election was held on April 5, 2022 and consisted of the Court of Appeals Judge, County Board Supervisors, Municipal Offices, and School District Offices as well as a number of referendum questions. It had a total of 11,721 ballots cast. The August Partisan Primary for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, US State Senator, Representatives in Congress, State Senator, Representatives to the Assembly, Sheriff and Clerk of Circuit Court,

had a total of 21,206 ballots cast. Finally, the November Election had 39,325 ballots cast compared to the 2018 Governor Election that had 38,018 ballots cast.

The County Clerk's Office continues to provide 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 2022 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.

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.

Karen J. Gibson

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2/7/2023