



Department Updates

September 2019

Finance

Jodi Busch
Finance Director

Summer has flown by in the Finance Department. We worked with CliftonlarsonAllen to finalize the 2018 audit, which was submitted to the State of WI Dept of Administration on July 31st. The submission for the Federal & State Single Audit is September 15th so finalization on this is expected very soon. We also worked with Sequoia Consulting Group, who was onsite for two days conducting the Indirect Cost Allocation Study. This plan was finalized in early August.

July also brought the start of the annual budget process. Budget Worksheets were distributed to departments the week of July 8th and were due back to Finance on August 9th. Compilation of the first draft of the county-wide budget was completed the week of August 12th. Committee meetings are well underway to review and approve the departmental budgets. The first view of the budget as a whole will be in September at the Executive and County Board meetings.

Because some budget information is still outstanding, September continues to be a busy month making adjustments and tweaks before the October Executive, when the Committee will give a recommendation to the County Board. Based on that recommendation, a Budget Publication will be developed and published in all County newspapers. A Public Hearing will be held on November 4th, with the County Board approving the budget in early November.

After approval, the Finance Director will finalize the budget, file the appropriate reports with the municipalities and the State, and setup the budget in the financial software. About the time this process is completed, the auditors will be here again as they start the 2019 pre-audit in December. All of us in the Finance Department wish you a happy and colorful fall season.

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County Clerk

DeeAnn Cook
County Clerk

Due to the untimely death of Terry Henck, County Board Supervisor in District 27, I sent out a press release seeking an individual who is a minimum of 18 years old and resides in the Town of Crystal Lake, Town of Almena-Ward 2 or City of Cumberland-Ward 1 and is interested in completing the term that goes until April 2020, to send a letter of interest to Chair Okey. Per our County Board Rules and Procedures, the chair appoints and the appointment gets confirmed by County Board. That seat, along with all of the County Board seats, will be up for election in spring of 2020.

Earlier this year, we were predicting that our total number of marriage licenses issued in 2019 was going to be way down but with the insurgence of fall weddings, we are not so far behind anymore! We had a record setting day on Friday, August 30th when we issued ten marriage licenses on one day. The previous record for highest number of marriage licenses issued in one day was seven. A couple years ago, we had a second computer set up at our counter to lessen the wait time for couples applying for marriage licenses or getting timber cutting notices in person. Many times throughout the day, our issuing stations were being utilized simultaneously. Providing excellent customer service is our goal.

With all of the recent storm damage, there has been an increase to the number of timber cutting notices being issued. Our online process for requesting notices to cut timber is working very well. There are occasionally customers who either do not have computer access or are just not comfortable completing the form online so we gladly assist them either in person at our counter or over the phone. Because most permits are delivered to land owner, cutter, County Forester, DNR Foresters, Municipal Chair, Recreational Officer and Land Services etc. via email, we have been able to reduced postage costs significantly thus holding off the implementation of charging a fee for the permits for now. Occasionally we still have to snail mail a permit if a landowner or cutter does not use email but that is becoming less and less frequent.

With the pending resignation of 7th Congressional District Representative Sean Duffy due to health issues with their unborn child, there is likely to be a special election to fill that vacancy. The Governor has not set a date and no information has come from the Wisconsin Election Commission pertaining to a special election.

UPCOMING ELECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2020:

- Spring Primary - Tuesday, February 18, 2020
- Spring General - Tuesday, April 7, 2020
- Partisan Primary - Tuesday, August 11, 2020
- Fall General - Tuesday, November 2, 2020