

County Clerk Annual Update

Finance & Administrative Committee

County Clerk Anthony Vega | June 27, 2024

Department Overview





Leadership

 66% are people of color



• 55% are women

Staffing

• 54 Staff



FY24 Budget

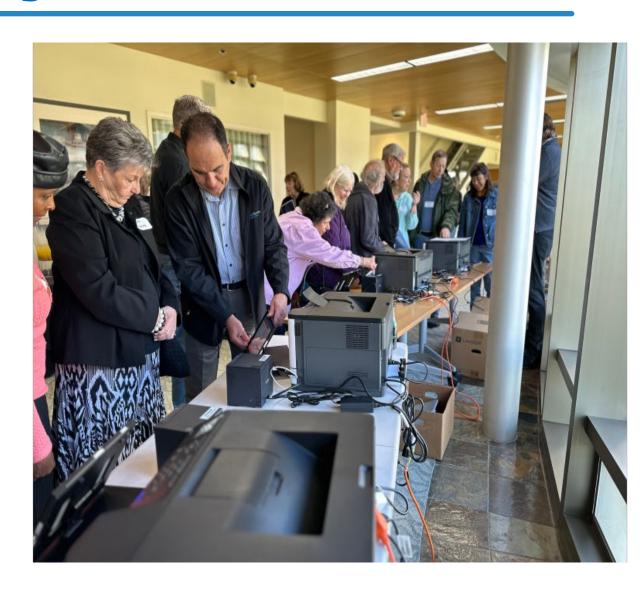
- \$5,889,700 in expenditures
- \$5,099,425 in revenue
- \$2,818,578 Actual YTD Revenue 6/5/24



Statutory Authority



- Chief Election Authority for Lake County
 - Election Administration
 - Candidate and Voter Services
 - Election Judge Recruitment & Training
 - Chair of the Electoral Board
- Land & Vital Records
 - Birth & Death Records
 - Marriage & Civil Union Records/Licenses
 - Assumed Business Name Filings
 - Solicitor's Licenses
 - Deed/Land Transfer Recording
 - Military Discharge Records (DD214)
- Tax Extension & Redemption
 - Calculates ("extends") property tax rates for all taxing districts
 - Collects ("redeems") delinquent property taxes
 - Statement of Economic Interest Filings



Previous 12 Months



Integrated record management system for Recording and Vital Records

- Increased accessibility
- Crosstrain staff
- Digitizing 1.4 million+ images from microfilm

Increased compensation for election judges

- Fully staffed Primary Election
- 382 were returning judges, 118 first time judges, 128 were high school students

Vote by Mail Processing Center

- Assemble 1,200 vote by mail ballots per hour
- Pre-sort outgoing mail for USPS saving on postage
- Increased efficiency in processing returned vote by mail ballots

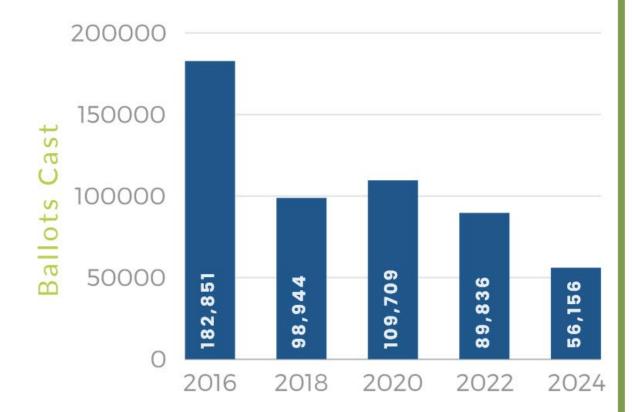
Successfully implemented our new ePollbooks and ballot-on-demand printing system

- Saving approximately 431,844 unused ballots from being pre-printed
- Ease of use for our judges, easier voting experience for voters

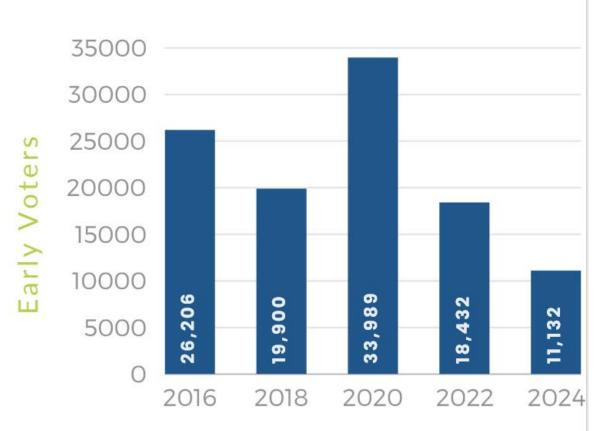
Partnered with Mundelein Transition Center for an interactive voting simulation

• 6 school districts and 70+ participants



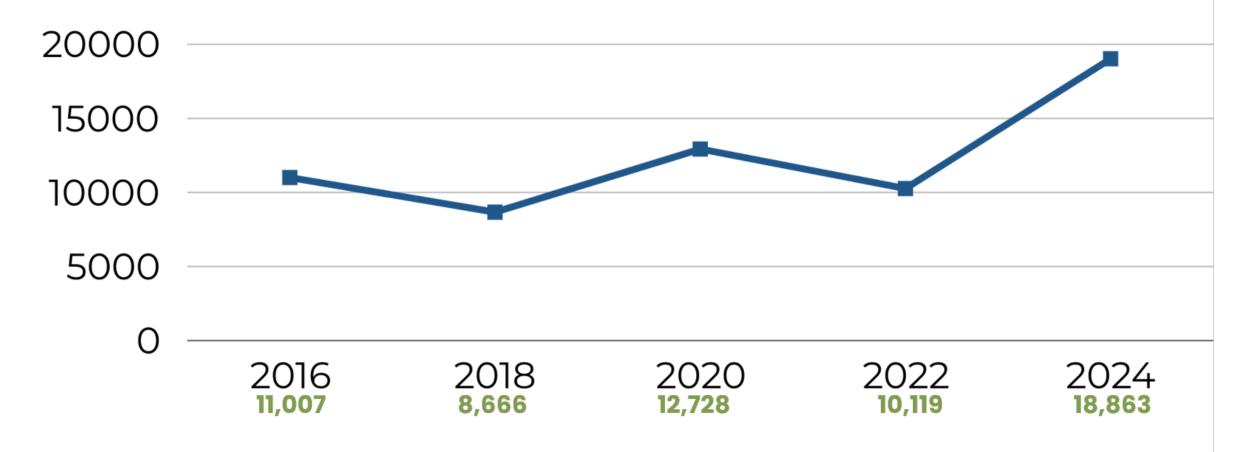






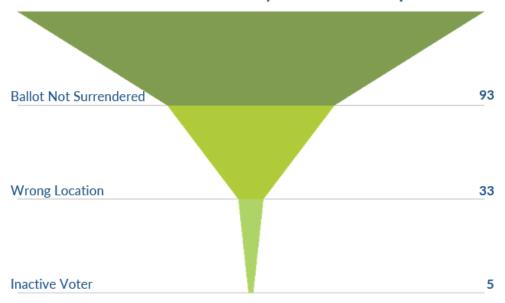
Number of early voters each

General Primary Election from 2016 to 2024



Number of vote-by-mail ballots returned in each General Primary Election from 2016 to 2024

Provisional Totals by Reason - Top 3

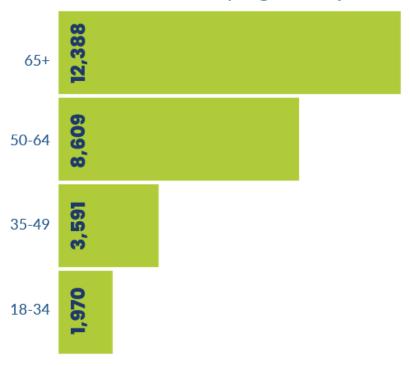


"Ballot Not Surrendered" refers to voters who requested, and received, a vote by mail ballot but chose to vote in person instead and did not have their vote by mail ballot to surrender.

"Wrong Location" describes voters who showed up to the wrong polling site and opted to vote instead of going to their assigned Election Day polling site.

"Inactive Voter" refers to voters who had mail returned as undeliverable by the United States Postal service and who did not return an address confirmation letter to our office.

Check-Ins by Age Group



Average Check-In Time



from the start of check-in to the ballot being printed and handed to the voter

Challenges & Opportunities



Staff

- Professional Development
- Prioritize healthy worklife balance
- Uplift talent with proper compensation

Safety & Security

- Increased coordination with local LEA's & EMA
- Continue to strengthen our cybersecurity infrastructure
- Polling place safety
- Proper secure warehouse for election equipment and staging

Unfunded Mandates

- Audit of voter rolls (July 2024)
- Permanent vote by mail notice (August 2024)
- Postage is set to increase
- Ranked Choice Voting

Elections

- Aggressive digital voter outreach & voter education for November
- Consolidated Primary and Consolidated General in 2025
- Election Judge recruitment

Modernization

- GovOS Go-Live (end of 2024)
- Co-location of Recording and Vital Records

Community Partnerships

- Strengthen collaboration with our township and municipal partners
- Increase civic engagement efforts to improve constituent experience



Questions?