

# Circuit Clerk's Office Update

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#### Lake County's Mission

Deliver exceptional, financially and environmentally responsive/responsible services that promote a safe, affordable, healthy, and resilient community.





#### Primary functions and tasks

- File and maintain official court records for the Circuit Court of the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit
- Process payments for Criminal, Traffic, Child support and other matters and disburse funds
- Process Record searches for immigration/citizenship, employment and other general purposes
- Provide necessary forms, documentation and other general information to attorneys and to the public
- Process passport applications

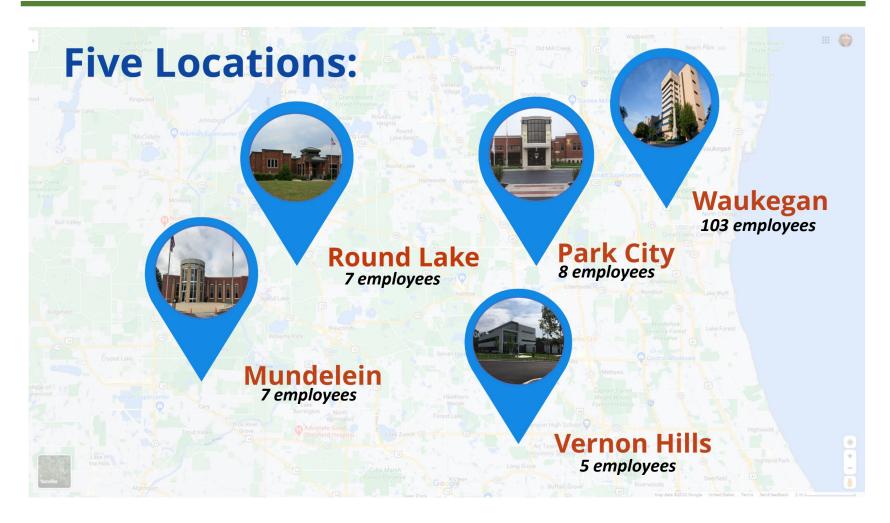




- Staffing
  - 130 filled positions
  - 8 available positions
- Total departmental budget for FY20
  - **\$11,492,309.40**
  - Actual: \$9,667,737.08
- Total departmental budget for FY21
  - **\$11,491,429.59**







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### **Previous 12 Months**



- Worked through new processes and updates to provide a healthy and safe work environment for our employees
- Replaced our employees' computers with laptops
- Working with Journal Technologies along with our justice partners on the Integrated Case Management System
- Released Lake Court Access our new mobile app for attorneys
- Began the digitization of our court records
- Updated our Amnesty Week to allow for online and phone payments
- Partnered with Coalition Legal for a "Virtual" Expungement Week







- Developed in response to need generated by the Covid-19 pandemic
- Funded by Cares Act
- Created to better assist attorneys get access to case information while appearing remotely
- Gives attorneys a fast and more direct access to their cases, calendars, and documents



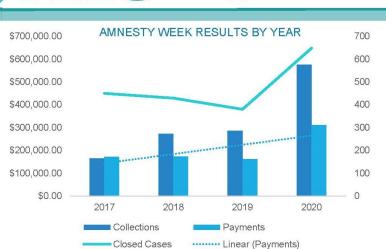




2020 Lake County AMNESTY RESULTS 92%
Increase in Payments

71%
Increase in Closed Cases

Changes in 2020:
Online Payment Options
Direct Mailings
Direct Calls





### **Next 12 Months**



- Complete implementation of ICMS (May 2022)
- Complete the digitization of current records (Feb 2022)
- Continue to digitize new case filings
- Process Cannabis Expungements from the State
- Reinstate Mobile Passport Events
- Amnesty Week: August 23-27
- Expand community outreach programs
  - E-filing training events
  - Expungement events



## **Questions**