



COUNTY CLERK ANNUAL UPDATE

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

County Clerk Anthony Vega | June 5,
2025

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Department Overview



Leadership

- **9 member leadership team**



Staffing

- **54 staff members**



FY25 Budget

- **\$5,313,981 in expenditures**
- **\$4,163,375 in projected revenue**



Statutory Authority

Chief Election Authority for Lake County

- Election Administration
- 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 Recordings
- 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

Land and Vital Records

- In **2024**, the Clerk's Office processed **39,472** vital records requests.
- In the **first quarter of FY 2025**, there was a **23% increase in vital records requests** compared to the same period in the previous year.
- The **go-live date** for new land records system is projected to be in June 2025.

Q1 FY2025:

23% Increase for Vital Records Requests

Previous 12 Months

2024 Presidential Election

- The Emergency Management Agency (**EMA**) was activated to provide monitoring support to our election operations.
- Proactively requested assistance from law enforcement.
- During early voting, **five record-breaking single-day turnout records** were set, and **over 1,000 staffing shifts** were successfully filled.



9,878

9,994

10,102

10,187

12,846

Previous 12 Months

2025 Consolidated Election

- In 2025, Lake County transitioned to a **vote center model for Election Day voting**.
- On Election Day, **15%** of voters chose to vote at a site other than their originally assigned location.
- The Clerk's Office achieved approximately **\$42,000 in Election Day payroll savings** in 2025 compared to the 2023 election cycle.
- An approximate total of **115,000 ballots were printed for the April 2025 election**, compared to over 310,000 preprinted ballots for the April 2023 election.

310,000: April 2023 Pre-Printed Ballots

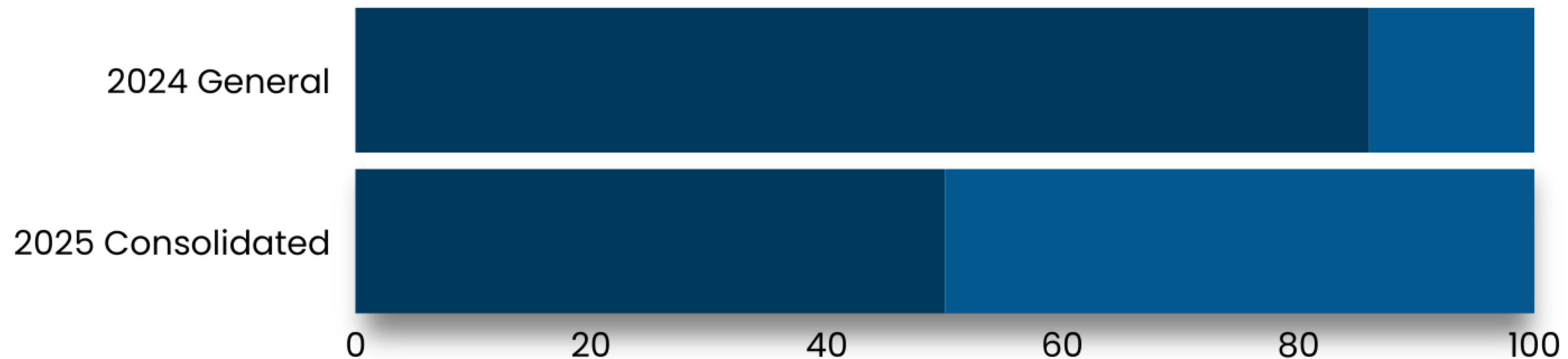
115,000: April 2025 Ballots Printed On-Demand



Previous 12 Months

Vote by Mail Processing Center

- For the November **2024 General Election**, the Clerk's Office issued **81,457 vote-by-mail ballots**, resulting in an **88% return rate**.
- Lake County implemented TXT2CURE for ballot curing and became the first jurisdiction in Illinois to adopt this tool.
- For the **April 2025 Consolidated Election**, **63,000 vote-by-mail ballots were issued**, with a return rate of **46%**.



Previous 12 Months

Tax Extension

- The **Tax Year 2024** rate calculation was completed ahead of schedule, involving **213 taxing districts** and extending approximately **\$2.9 billion** in value before adjustments.



Challenges & Opportunities

Staff

- Professional Development
- Prioritize healthy work-life balance

Safety & Security

- Continue to strengthen resiliency of infrastructure
- Secure proper warehouse for election equipment and staging

Legislative Impact

- Presidential Executive Order on Elections
- SAVE Act in Congress
- IL Election Omnibus bill
- Unfunded Mandates & loss of funding

Modernization

- GovOS Go-Live
- Continue to leverage technology to increase accessibility

Community Partnerships

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



QUESTIONS?

