

Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Budget Highlights and Goals

County Clerk - Elections

FY2008 Highlights

- We have continued to do extensive, hands on, training on the laptop computers and the touch screen voting machines used by the Judges of Election. We continue to see the benefits of offering this training prior to each election. The judges are becoming much more comfortable and confident in using the equipment. We are receiving fewer phone calls and problems in both of these areas on election day.
- We have continued to use the State Board of Elections "Vista" Program to purge duplicate voters throughout the State.
- We have created PDF files for past elections, and continue to work to make this information available on our website.
- The purchase of "GEMS" software continues to save this office time and the County money as we are able to create our own election data base.
- The County Clerk's office has started using the County GIS to implement precinct lines and other voter registration information. This has become a much larger project than anticipated, due to the necessity of placing grid lines and such.
- We added 3 more "Early Voting" sites in "08" and plan to extend the hours for the November 2008 Presidential Election.

FY2009 Goals

- The April Consolidated Election will include most units of government that elect their officers (this will include Townships). The Consolidated Election is the most complex election that is held. We will chart the hundreds of ballot combinations in the most accurate and efficient manner possible
- With no major elections from April 2009 until February 2010, this office will concentrate on the purging of voters, that no longer reside at the address of their registration. We will use NCOA files for this project.
- We will continue to work on precinct lines, with GIS, so that we are able to produce precinct maps, in house, that are as current as possible.
- This office will begin to prepare for elections occurring after the 2010 census. At that time McHenry County will certainly be required to print all election publications and ballots in both English and Spanish. We will also be required to have bi-lingual Judges of Elections.