County Clerk

<u>Mission</u>: The Sedgwick County Clerk's Office strives to promote public confidence by consistently serving each customer with courtesy, respect, and professionalism.

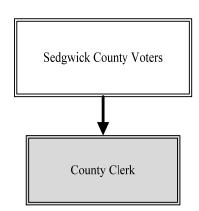
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Overview

The Clerk's Office works with a diverse cross-section of the county's population. Staff routinely interacts with local public officials, business owners, realtors, developers, home owners, citizens, and visitors. The County Clerk serves as the official secretary for Board of County Commissioners (BOCC); maintains and updates real property records throughout the county; prepares and certifies the tax roll to the County Treasurer to levy taxes on taxable real and personal property to fund local governments throughout Sedgwick County; issues and accounts for certain licenses required by Kansas law or Sedgwick County code, including hunting, fishing, and other recreational licenses; and provides assistance to citizens with limited financial resources in preparing Homestead Property Tax refunds.



Strategic Goals:

- Develop and maintain a strong, qualified staff; promote from within by cross-training
- Transition paper documents into electronic format
- Accurately complete the tax roll and required abstracts by Statemandated deadlines
- Monitor/maintain statutory duties and implement new legislative changes
- Forge strong partnerships with internal and external stakeholders

Highlights

- Provide quality public service through individual efforts and collaboration with other County departments and governmental agencies
- Promote transparency by transitioning paper documents into electronic format suitable for online access
- Increase public access to and awareness of the services, licenses, and permits available through the Clerk's Office
- Support and encourage other local government functions by assisting townships and other district officials with budget preparation services



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Accomplishments and Strategic Results

Accomplishments

To address coronavirus disease (COVID-19) protocols, the County Clerk secured Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funding to improve employees' work environment and provide team setting space for collaborative projects; provide updated public kiosk space for the public to view online real property records; and install a large monitor and work table for employee and citizen interactions.

Although most records are now stored and utilized in electronic format, the County Clerk's Office still strives to offer quality, efficient customer service in a convenient, friendly atmosphere, and office staff continue to personally answer the telephone and greet every citizen who walks through the door.

Strategic Results

	2021	2022	2023
Department Metric:	Actual	Estimated	Projected
Number of real estate records and tax roll changes processed	92,687	80,000	80,000
Number of pages of BOCC minutes produced	2,186	2,000	2,000
Total dollar of city and county special assessments spread to tax rolls	\$33,540,938	\$32,000,000	\$32,000,000
Number of phone calls answered	14,621	14,000	14,000



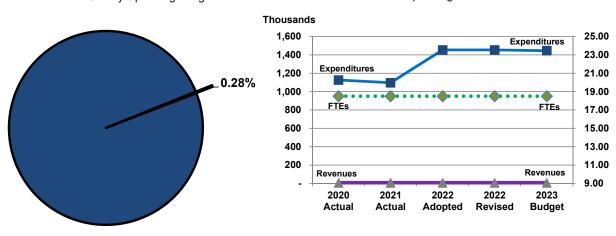
Significant Budget Adjustments

There are no significant adjustments to the County Clerk's 2023 budget.

Departmental Graphical Summary

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Expenditures, Program Revenue & FTEs All Operating Funds



Budget Summary by Cate	gory						
Expenditures	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Adopted	2022 Revised	2023 Budget	Amount Chg '22 Rev'23	% Chg '22 Rev'23
Personnel	1,090,985	1,084,453	1,275,930	1,275,930	1,268,530	(7,400)	-0.58%
Contractual Services	9,364	7,036	167,599	17,599	166,750	149,151	847.50%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Commodities	25,165	5,224	9,460	159,460	10,309	(149,151)	-93.54%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Interfund Transfers	-	_	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures	1,125,515	1,096,713	1,452,989	1,452,989	1,445,589	(7,400)	-0.51%
Revenues							
Tax Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Licenses and Permits	6,045	5,790	6,077	6,077	5,642	(435)	-7.16%
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Charges for Services	329	774	470	470	774	304	64.68%
All Other Revenue	-	5	-	-	-	-	
Total Revenues	6,374	6,569	6,547	6,547	6,416	(131)	-2.00%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs))						
Property Tax Funded	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	-	0.00%
Non-Property Tax Funded	-	=	-	-	-	-	
Total FTEs	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	-	0.00%

Budget Summary by Fund							
Fund	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Adopted	2022 Revised	2023 Budget	Amount Chg	% Chg
General Fund	1,125,515	1,096,713	1,452,989	1,452,989	1,445,589	(7,400)	-0.51%
Total Expenditures	1,125,515	1,096,713	1,452,989	1,452,989	1,445,589	(7,400)	-0.51%

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Significant Budget Adjustments from Prior Year Revised Budget

Expenditures Revenues FTEs

Total - - -

Program	Fund	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Adopted	2022 Revised	2023 Budget	% Chg '22 Rev'23	22'-23' FTEs
Administration	110	333,476	327,770	401,035	401,035	382,182	-4.70%	5.00
Tax Administration	110	792,038	768,943	901,954	901,954	913,407	1.27%	13.50
Tax Administration Truth in Taxation	110 110	792,038	768,943	901,954 150,000	901,954 150,000	913,407 150,000	1.27% 0.00%	13.50

Position Titles County Clerk Chief Deputy County Clerk Deputy County Clerk - Office Manager Land Information Manager Deputy County Clerk - Real Estate & Proj	Fund 110 110	Grade	2022 Adopted	2022 Revised	2023	2022	2022	2023
County Clerk Chief Deputy County Clerk Deputy County Clerk - Office Manager Land Information Manager			AUCNICU	Kevisea	Budget	Adopted	Revised	Budget
Chief Deputy County Clerk Deputy County Clerk - Office Manager Land Information Manager		ELECT	94,743	96,638	96,638	1.00	1.00	1.00
Land Information Manager	110	GRADE136	85,938	85,938	85,938	1.00	1.00	1.00
	110	GRADE127	57,814	46,528	46,528	1.00	1.00	1.00
Denuty County Clerk - Real Estate & Proj	110	GRADE127	46,527	45,656	45,656	1.00	1.00	1.00
		GRADE126	45,665	40,851	40,851	1.00	1.00	1.00
Deputy County Clerk - Specials Admin.	110	GRADE125	55,650	56,150	56,150	1.00	1.00	1.00
Deputy County Clerk - Tax Admin Analys Deputy County Clerk IV	110 110	GRADE125 GRADE124	82,361 92,738	82,360	82,360	2.00 2.00	2.00 2.00	2.00 2.00
Deputy County Clerk IV Deputy County Clerk III	110	GRADE 124 GRADE 122	92,736 34,922	93,018 34,029	93,018 34,029	1.00	1.00	1.00
Deputy County Clerk II	110	GRADE122 GRADE120	70,997	62,192	67,225	2.00	2.00	2.00
Deputy County Clerk I	110	GRADE118	139,405	112,195	121,971	4.00	4.00	4.00
HELD - Office Specialist	110	GRADE117	-	-	-	1.00	1.00	1.00
PT Administrative Support	110	EXCEPT	21,767	22,630	22,630	0.50	0.50	0.50
	Subtot	Add: Budgeted	Personnel Savi ation Adjustmen		792,993 - 89,003			

Administration

This program manages the daily operations of the County Clerk's Office. Responsibilities include management and human resource functions, as well as the procurement of equipment and supplies. The Clerk is responsible for swearing in elected and appointed County officials, members of boards and committees appointed by the County Commissioners, and Sheriff's deputies. This fund center maintains and assures the preservation of all County records for internal and public access, serves as the official secretary to the Board of County Commissioners, produces official meeting minutes, and administers contracts for the County. The Clerk's Office serves State and County agencies by assisting residents in preparation of Homestead Property Tax refund applications, and issues hunting and fishing licenses, State park permits, and temporary boat registrations. The County Clerk is an elected official serving a four-year term.

Fund(s):	County	/ General	Fund	110
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Expenditures	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Adopted	2022 Revised	2023 Budget	Amnt. Chg. '22 - '23	% Chg. '22 - '23
Personnel	306,785	320,322	385,369	385,369	369,423	(15,946)	-4.1%
Contractual Services	3,676	3,390	7,899	7,899	6,750	(1,149)	-14.5%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Commodities	23,015	4,058	7,767	7,767	6,009	(1,758)	-22.6%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Interfund Transfers	-	=	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Expenditures	333,476	327,770	401,035	401,035	382,182	(18,853)	-4.7%
Revenues							
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Charges For Service	313	763	362	362	763	401	110.6%
All Other Revenue	6,045	5,795	6,077	6,077	5,642	(435)	-7.2%
Total Revenues	6,358	6,558	6,439	6,439	6,405	(34)	-0.5%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00		0.0%

• Tax Administration

The Clerk is responsible for setting the tax rates for approximately 100 local governments whose budgets are filed with the Clerk's Office annually. Special assessments to pay for infrastructure improvements made by cities and the County may also be levied against real property benefiting from such improvements, as well as adjustments to the tax roll resulting from valuation and/or administrative changes. The Clerk maintains all land records of the county and each transfer of real estate is properly recorded in the transfer record for taxation purposes. Taxpayer names and mailing addresses are also maintained. Boundary changes that result from municipal annexations are updated and tax units are created or changed as required. Real estate parcel changes and new plats are incorporated into the 4,032-quarter section maps that the office maintains. Staff in this program answers more than 100,000 requests for real property information annually.

Fund(s): County General Fund 110

	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	Amnt. Chg.	% Chg.
Expenditures	Actual	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Budget	'22 - '23	'22 - '23
Personnel	784,200	764,131	890,561	890,561	899,107	8,546	1.0%
Contractual Services	5,688	3,646	9,700	9,700	10,000	300	3.1%
Debt Service	=	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Commodities	2,150	1,166	1,693	1,693	4,300	2,607	154.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Expenditures	792,038	768,943	901,954	901,954	913,407	11,453	1.3%
Revenues							
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Charges For Service	16	12	108	108	12	-	-89.4%
All Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Revenues	16	12	108	108	12	-	-89.4%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	-	0.0%

General Government County Clerk

Truth in Taxation

The Clerk is responsible for the revenue neutral rate (a 2021 legislature change which limits tax districts to the previous year's levy amount) for approximately 100 local governments. Beginning in 2022, if a local government finds it necessary to levy dollars in excess of the revenue neutral rate, the County Clerk must prepare and mail notices to all affected taxpayers. These notices will provide the date, time, and place of public hearings for any taxing district who is proposing to consider a tax increase. The notices will also be specific to each property with parcel value and computed tax increase. Monies in the Truth in Taxation fund center are used to pay for the costs associated with producing and mailing required notices. Local governments will be responsible for reimbursing these expenses.

Expenditures	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Adopted	2022 Revised	2023 Budget	Amnt. Chg. '22 - '23	% Chg. '22 - '23
Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Contractual Services	-	-	150,000	-	150,000	150,000	0.0%
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Commodities	-	-	-	150,000	-	(150,000)	-100.0%
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Capital Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Expenditures	-	-	150,000	150,000	150,000	-	0.0%
Revenues							
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
All Other Revenue	=	=	ı	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%