

# Press Release

## Clerk of Courts and Board of County Commissioners Reach Funding Agreement

Dwight E. Brock, Clerk of the Circuit Court, and Donna Fiala, Chair of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC), issued a joint statement announcing an agreement to fund the Clerk's operation in FY 2010.

On Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, the Board of County Commissioners voted 5-0 to fund the Clerk's office with \$5.2M. The agreed upon funding level of \$5.2M is higher than the \$3.7M that had been originally approved for the Clerk's office by the BCC on July 28<sup>th</sup> but lower than Mr. Brock's original request of \$6.1M.

Mr. Brock stated that he will provide a level of service to Board of County Commissioners commensurate with the new funding agreement. In the next few days, Dwight will review his decision to close all of the Clerk's satellite offices and reinstate those satellites that are most cost effective. He will also consider rehiring some of the staff that were recently let go due to the original funding approved by the BCC. "Going forward, I am committed to developing a positive and collaborative working relationship with members of the BCC and the new County Manager" said Dwight.

"I'm pleased that the Board of County Commissioners and the Clerk of Courts could agree on a funding level that supports those services the Clerk will provide on the BCC's behalf in FY 10," said BCC Chair Donna Fiala. "I believe that both parties want to move beyond the acrimony that has existed in the past and enter into a new era of cooperation. I'm optimistic that the interlocal agreement that will be negotiated over the next six months will establish a permanent framework for the efficient and effective operations of both organizations as we strive collectively to meet the needs of our citizens in these most difficult economic times."

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