

## **Press Release**

### **Clerk to Reopen Satellites, Rehire staff**

Dwight Brock, Clerk of the Circuit Court in Collier County, announced that he will reopen two Clerk's satellite offices and rehire staff as a result of the \$ 5.2M funding agreement reached this week with the Board of County Commissioners. The Clerk will continue to evaluate staffing requirements throughout the year and make any necessary adjustments.

The satellite offices that will be reopened are located at the North Collier Government Services Center at 2335 Orange Blossom Drive and in Golden Gate City at 4715 Golden Gate Parkway. These offices will be reopened for business effective Wednesday, October 7, 2009. The Clerk's services will also be available at Everglades City Hall as a result of a cooperative arrangement with the Tax Collector. In addition, the Clerk's main offices in the Courthouse Annex at the Government Center Complex at 3301 Tamiami Trail E. and at the Immokalee Courthouse at 106 South First Street will continue their regular hours of operation.

"The Orange Blossom and Golden Gate locations are two of the busiest Clerk's satellite offices plus they are geographically dispersed to serve a large number of citizens in Collier County" stated Dwight Brock. These two satellites are co-located with the other government services which include the Tax Collector, Department of Motor Vehicles, Supervisor of Elections and Property Appraiser to provide "one stop shopping" for the convenience of citizens.

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 funding request of \$6.1M. The Clerks' office, like all government agencies, will adjust spending to ensure a balanced budget for the fiscal year which began on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2009.

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