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| REQUEST FOR AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM Submission Deadline - Tuesday, 12:00 PM before Court Dates  |  |
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| SUBMITTED BY: Becky Ivey TODAY'S DATE: 9/1/2020   |  |
| <u>DEPARTMENT</u> : <u>SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT HEAD</u> : <u>REQUESTED AGENDA DATE</u> :  | X County Clerk X Becky Ivey X 9/14/2020          |
| SPECIFIC AGENDA WORDING:  1) Consideration to conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment and approval of the Johnson County Clerk's Preservation, Restoration and Records Archive Five Year Plan 2) Approval of the Johnson County Clerk's Preservation, Restoration and Records Archive Five Year Plan-County Clerk  PERSON(S) TO PRESENT ITEM: Becky Ivey - County Clerk  SUPPORT MATERIAL: (Must enclose supporting documentation) |  |
| TIME: 10 min.  (Anticipated number of minutes needed to discuss item  | ACTION ITEM:XX WORKSHOP:  a) CONSENT: EXECUTIVE: |
|   | EXECUTIVE:                                       |
| STAFF NOTICE:  COUNTY ATTORNEY:XX IT DEPARTMENT: AUDITOR:XX PURCHASING DEPARTMENT: PERSONNEL: PUBLIC WORKS: BUDGET COORDINATOR:XX OTHER:  *******************************   |  |
| ASSIGNED AGENDA DATE:   |  |
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| COURT MEMBER APPROVAL   | Date   |

# Becky Ivey Johnson County Clerk

# Preservation, Restoration and Records Archive Five Year Plan FY 2017 – FY 2021

### **Plan Summary**

The purpose of this document is to define the restoration and preservation plans of the County Clerk's Office for the next fiscal year. The scope of work is ongoing in order to preserve documents and conduct restoration activities when necessary. The ultimate goal of these efforts is to digitize permanent documents and make them readily available and useable to the public online, thus protecting the original documents. The plan is designed to comply specifically with the requirements and is the intent of Texas Local Government Code Section 118.011 (f) and 118.025, HB 1513-83(R). This document addresses the restoration and preservation needs of the County Clerk's records archive.

## Responsibility

The responsibility for implementing the preservation and restoration of records maintained by the County Clerk's Office will be the County Clerk and the delegated employees selected to assist the County Clerk. Final decision regarding the funding and expenditures of the plan shall be made by the County Clerk with Commissioners' Court approval.

## **Budget and Expenditures**

Records preservation and restoration efforts are funded by revenue generated by the County Clerk's Archival Fee. The plan may be adopted by the Johnson County Commissioners Court as approved by the Amendments to Texas Loc. Govt. Code 118.001 and Section 118.025 — Amendment 51.305 (b) as set by HB 1513 of the 83rd (R) Legislature. The fee amount is approved by the Johnson County Commissioners' Court, and itemized as part of Johnson County's annual budget process.

The funds generated from the collection of this fee are expended only for preservation and restoration, document indexing and records storage. It is our intent to designate all funding carried over from a previous fiscal year for expenditures to the above.

#### Overview

An elaborate inventory of all records in possession of the County Clerk's Office has been conducted. The inventory identified the current record type (book, paper and film) with the desired digitized format and retention period. Records with a short retention period will not be preserved. They will be destroyed in accordance with guidelines set by the Texas State Library and Archive Commission.

The projects' focus is to unbind, clean, humidify, de-acidify, mend and encapsulate records in an archival polyester pocket, and rebind them in Disaster Safe County Binders which meet or exceed the NFPA Operating Practices ~6.12.2. All pages will be digitally scanned and captured via Kodak Digital Science Scanners and Kodak High-Volume Capture Software and then formatted in a multi-page or single page Group 4 TIFF files as needed. All images are to be saved in duplicate to Kodak Preservation Gold DVD-Rs as needed.

It is intended for all preservation and restoration work to be done in the most effective techniques and practical location. Johnson County will have the right to make periodic visits to the location where the records are being preserved and restored. Unsatisfactory conditions or methods will result in all work being suspended until procedures and techniques satisfactory to the County Clerk are implemented and adhered to. The cost for the books and pages to be restored and preserved will adhere to all procurement statutes and/ or bidding processes.

#### **Preservation Project 2015-2016**

The 2015-2016 preservation project included 18 Volumes of Commissioners' Court Minutes and Index Books: Index to Commissioners- Volume 1-3; Court Minutes- Volume A, B transcribed C, D; Original E and Transcribed E; Volume 1-9; Probate Case No. 1-2517 and Probate Minutes-A-G. (Completed)

Birth and Death-Birth and Death Record Vol. A; Register of Death 1885-1917; Register of Births 1888-1933 and 1917-1928. (*Completed*)

NOTE: The 2015-2016 project completed the restoration and preservation of all hand written Commissioners' Court Records. The County Clerk received delivery of this entire project on April 5, 2016.

#### **Preservation Project 2016-2017**

The 2016-2017 preservation projects included Probate Case No. 2518-6527. (Completed)

NOTE: The 2016-2017 project completed the preservation of all Historical Probate Case Records through 1950.

#### **Preservation Project 2017-2019**

The 2017-2019 preservation project includes: Death Record 1-6, A-3, A-5, A-6 (1903-1956); Deed Record A (original); A (transcribed); B-E; F (original), F (transcribed); G-I; K-W; 23-82, 84-90; Direct Index to Deeds 1, 3 & 4; Reverse Index to Deeds 1 (original), 1 (transcribed); 2-4; Records of Marks and Brands Book Vol. 1 from 1854 to approx. 1943. (Completed)

NOTE: The County Clerk received delivery of this entire project on September 6, 2019.

#### **Preservation Project 2019-2021**

The 2019-2021 preservation project includes:

#### Phase 1:

Birth Record Vol. A-1, A-2, A-5, A-6 (1903-1928); Record of Births Vol. A-3 (1909); Birth & Death Record. Vol. A-4 (1910-1917); Death Record Vol. 7 (1956-1958); Marriage Record Vol. 1, 3-30; Deed Record Vol. 91-205 (1900-1918); Direct Index to Deed Vol. 2 (1883-1890); Direct Index to Deeds Vol. 5-7 (1902-1911), A-Z (1910-1914), A-Z (1914-1929); Reverse Index to Deeds Vol. 5-7 (1902-1911), A-Z (1910-1914), A-Z (1914-1929); Marks and Brands Vol. 2 & 3 (1943-1981); General Index - County Court Vol. 2; and County Court Minutes Vol. A, B, 5-8, 10-13, 15 (these volumes will be PRV/IM). (Completed)

NOTE: The County Clerk received delivery of the Vital Records on 7/31/2020 and the Deed Records, Marks and Brands Records, and the County Court Minutes Records on 8/28/2020. This completes Phase 1 of the 2019-2021 project.

#### Phase 2:

Index to Birth; Index to Probate Minutes Vol. 1-10; Deed Record Vol. 206-377 (1918-1951); Direct Index to Deeds Vol. A-Z (1930-1959); Reverse Index to Deeds Vol A-Z (1930-1959)

#### Phase 3:

Deed of Trust Vol. A, B, 3-51 (These volumes will be PRV/IM); Cross Index to Mortgage Vol. 1-6 (1870-1923); Oil and Gas Lease Vol. 1-9 (1947-1958); Index to Military Discharge Vol. 1 (1918-1972); and Military Discharge Vol. 1-13 (1919-1989).