



2009 Annual Report - Register of Deeds

Ozaukee County's Register of Deeds office performs four important functions for the public as well as internal County operations; Register of Deeds, Property Description, Land Information Systems and Internet Development. Below is a brief description of each function of the Register of Deeds office and what transpired in 2009.

Register of Deeds

Total revenue for this office was \$1,655,061. Of the amount of monies the Land Information office received \$116,880, the state \$849,628 This office once again created surplus monies for Ozaukee County to a tune of \$298,624. 2009 total revenue was the least since 2001. We recorded [23,474](#) real estate documents last year, surprisingly up 22% and the most since 2003. We continue to capture past Subdivision and Condominium plats this year, which at this current rate will take a many years to do. We have a ongoing agreement with a company in Mequon who will capture these large plats when their work load is down and they have given the county a good deal for doing this work on this kind of schedule.

Property Description

The Property Description office maintains over 38,761 (as of 1/1/2010) legal property descriptions, including owner name and address, and references to how they acquired the property. This is the fundamental backbone of the assessment role. In addition, the associated mapping of tax parcels is performed. Every deed that is recorded causes a change to the assessment roll.

Land Information

This office creates, compiles, maintains and distributes land information, which includes more than maps, but information associated with land in

Ozaukee County. This office works with all county municipalities, State and Federal government, as well as the regional planning commission. The office is totally self-funded, by statute, through revenue generated specifically for this function collected through the Register of Deeds Office. No property levy is applied.

Internet Development

This function of the office not only develops and maintains the Ozaukee County website, but also develops and maintains websites for the following:

1. [Building Inspectors Association of South East Wisconsin](#) *
2. [City of Port Washington](#) *
3. [Milwaukee Audubon Society](#) *
4. [Ozaukee Chorus](#) *
5. [Ozaukee County 4-H](#) *
6. [Ozaukee County Historical Society](#) *
7. [Ozaukee Interurban Trail](#) *
8. [Ozaukee Tourism](#) *
9. [Ozaukee/Washington Collective Bargaining Agreements](#) *
10. [Town of Fredonia](#) *
11. [Town of Grafton](#) *
12. [Ulao Creek Partnership](#) *
13. [Village of Belgium](#) *
14. [Village of Fredonia](#) *
15. [Village of Newburg](#) *
16. [Village of Saukville](#) *
17. [Wisconsin Association of County Officers](#) *
18. [Wisconsin County Clerks' Association](#) *
19. [Wisconsin County Treasurers' Association](#) *
20. [Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association](#) *

Sincerely

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