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COUNTY CLERK RELEASES REVENUE REPORTS

Promoting Free and Open Access to Government Records

County Clerk Timothy Tyler released eleven years of revenue data to the public this morning. "In this tight economy, people want to know where their money is going and that government is working for the people," said Tyler. "It is in the best interest of the people to provide open and free access to government that I have decided to release this information for everyone to see." The data clearly delineates document recording volume and the resulting revenues from the office's primary function of recording the county's land records. The function of recording such documents appeared for the first time in colonial New Jersey in 1676, and was clearly conferred to the elected County Clerk in the Constitution of 1844. The recording and realty transfer fees, which make up the majority of the office revenues, are set by the Legislature and such revenues are turned over to both the State of New Jersey and to Burlington County to provide tax relief to the residents.

The reports also delineate the service revenues of the office derived from a broad range of other services including the processing of U.S. Passport applications, filing trade name registrations and assisting individuals seeking to become Notaries Public. Such services are offered in the main Mount Holly Office, the County Corner in the Moorestown Mall, and in the Bordentown, Pemberton and Willingboro libraries. "The people of this county need to be able to access these services. With the addition of the part-time library services, we have taken the office to the four corners of Burlington County," said Clerk Tyler. "The hundreds of thousands in service revenues received show that demand is widespread. In a tight economic year like 2009, over \$70,000 in passport photos were taken in the County Corner where more than 35,000 people sought a variety of county services."

Finally, the report demonstrates the positive tax impact of the Clerk's Office by delineating just how much revenue is turned over to the Treasurer's Office. "The people need to see that the staff is working hard every day to reduce the tax burden on residents," says Tyler. "We pay for ourselves, and then some, every single day." The revenue reports may be found on the Clerk's web page at www.co.burlington.nj.us/countyclerk

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