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McHenry County Circuit Clerk adds features to Website

WOODSTOCK, IL – The McHenry County Circuit Clerk's Office is pleased to announce the addition of public court case information search capabilities to its website. Cases which are open to the public can be searched by case number, ticket number, or party name. Searchable information includes: basic case details, including charges/sentences, next court date, parties to the case, summons information, and balance due on financial sentences.

Circuit Clerk Kathy Keefe explained, “public access has long been a major goal for the Circuit Clerk’s Office and we are thrilled to now be able to provide this service...we will continue to look for ways to use technology to make court information more accessible and dealing with our office more convenient...”

In addition to the public court case information search, the Circuit Clerk’s Office now has the ability for individuals to request electronic copies by email. After a request is received, the Circuit Clerk’s Office researches the number of pages in the requested court documents and the fee for the copies is sent back to the requester. After payment has been received (which can be made online), the document copies are emailed in .pdf format. The charge for electronic copies is the same as paper copies, \$2.00 for the first page, \$.50 per page for the next 19 pages, and \$.25 per page for additional pages. Unfortunately, the Circuit Clerk’s Office cannot email certified copies at this time. They hope add that feature within the next few months.

Circuit Clerk Keefe continued, “...we believe these new service will improve our level of customer service by eliminating unnecessary trips to the Courthouse and allowing for a much quicker return of documents, rather than waiting for copies to arrive by mail. The fees for electronic documents are consistent with our normal copy fees pursuant to state statute. At this time we are unable to offer certified copies, but hope to also be able to offer certified copies electronically in the near future.”

For more information, please visit the McHenry County Circuit Clerk’s website at www.mchenrycircuitclerk.org.

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