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Press Release

Honorable Dianne Miller, Lampasas County Clerk Digitization and Online Access to Real Property Records From 1994 to Present <u>Date</u>

On March 25, 2024 Honorable Randall J. Hoyer, Lampasas County Judge signed an agreement with Kofile Technologies to image, index, and digitize the County Clerk's Land Records. The project includes Deeds, Deeds of Trust, Abstracts of Judgment, Lien Records, & Lis Pendens dating from 1994 to 2024. The contract services, for this exciting project, will be paid from revenue collected through the County Clerk Records Management and Preservation Fund. The County Clerk Records Management and Preservation Fund was established by the Texas Legislature enabling County Clerks to preserve, digitize, and automate their record archives.

Honorable Dianne Miller, Lampasas County Clerk, shared that the focus of this project is to digitize the County Clerk's records and provide online access to the images and indices for searching, viewing, and purchase of real property records for the public. Digitization and online access will enhance and ensure disaster recovery, and business continuity. To date, access to these paper records has required in person interaction at the County Annex during county business hours. It will reduce time, travel, and cost to access paper records in person. Online access to the records will now be available 24/7/365 which will ensure the private sector's ability to access real estate records during any health and national emergency issues including pandemics and natural disasters.

This access will provide transparency, increase the productivity of the Lampasas County Staff, the public it serves, and build on the County Clerk's current Land & Vitals' Platform Infrastructure. Online access includes an ecommerce capability for purchase of certified and non- certified record copies.

The project cost estimate is \$558,000 and includes 748 record volumes with an estimated 175,000 individual recordings.

Today is the first step of this project; Kofile will be picking up 643 Deed/Deed of Trust volumes and Index Volumes for a total of 748 books. There will be a scheduled pick-up June 10, 2024 to begin this project with an estimated completion of 8-10 months.

Please note that these records will be UNAVAILABLE at the County Clerk's office starting June 10, 2024; however, a copy request from the County Clerk's Office to our vendor will be provided electronically and fulfilled promptly.

The project listed above will be implemented in phases over the next several months with the goal of –

"Providing electronic access and transparency for land records for the public."

Thank you in advance for your patience while we modernize our offerings and improve our services to you.

Sincerely,

Hon. Dianne Miller

Lampasas County Clerk

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