

Dear Committee,

My concern is that the Deputy Register of Deeds position remain full time for the following reasons:

Last year my revenues were \$357,838.50 and my expenses were \$137,709.65. My budget was \$138, 746.00. Why are you cutting a small office that is making money for the County?

I have not increased my office hours and am giving back \$20,000 to the County out of my redaction fund. I do not believe any other small office has given back more to the County.

There is enough work for two full time people in the Register of Deeds office.

There is not another Register of Deeds Office in the State without a full- time deputy.

Wisconsin Statutes state the office shall be open 35 hours a week and that I shall have a Deputy.

Wisconsin is a Race Notice state and all documents must be processed daily and in the order they are received. Documents not processed in a timely manner may be the difference in the sale of property, qualifying for a loan, and the best interest rate. Without a full- time deputy there will be days this might not be possible.

You have just given the Register in Probate office a full-time deputy position that has never had one. For the very same reasons I ask that you keep my deputy position full-time.

It will be hard to recruit and retain a deputy if only part time. I already had one person decline the position when they heard it might not be full time.

The people we serve are Banks, Title Companies, Attorneys, Realtors, Surveyors, Department of Motor Vehicle customers, Funeral Homes and the public.

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