### Office of Policy and Budgetary Affairs

### **Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade County**

#### **Constitutional Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Courts**

As Miami-Dade County prepares for the implementation of Amendment 10, the Board of County Commissioners has directed the Office of Policy and Budgetary Affairs to study the functions, responsibilities and operations of the County Clerk for the ten (10) largest counties in Florida.

The questions included below will serve as the basis for the conversation between our office and the appropriate representatives from your Clerk's Office.

**County:** Broward

## Office of the Clerk

# **Staffing & Personnel**

**Total Budgeted Full-Time Employees: 650** 

Total Budgeted Part-Time Employees: 0

Are Clerk's Office employees considered County employees? If not, please explain: No, the County does not fund any salary or benefits for Clerk of Court employees.

**Do Clerk employees belong to a bargaining unit(s)? if so, please explain:** Yes, the Federation of Public Employees since approximately 1988.

# **Funding & Administrative Support**

Total Adopted Budget: \$38,928,487

Please describe the funding sources that fund your office: Clerks of Court Operations Corporation (aka CCOC)

Is the cost of employees distributed based on their duties? (i.e. are employees partially funded by the County, State and/or other source). Please explain: Employees are fully funded by the CCOC.

Support Functions Received from the County (IT, Human Resources, Financial Administration, etc.): We receive no support functions from the County.

Support Functions Provided to the County by the Clerk (Parking Enforcement, Passport Services, etc.): The Clerk processes parking citations and performs passport functions.

#### **Facilities**

Number of Satellite/Regional Offices: 3

Explain the ownership of these facilities (owned by the County, owned by the Clerk, or privately leased) and their uses: Owned by the County

Who is responsible, operationally and financially, for the maintenance of these facilities? The County is responsible for the maintenance of all facilities.

Which entity/entities perform security and law enforcement functions at Clerk facilities? The Broward Sheriff's Office performs law enforcement functions and G4S provides security screening at the entrances to all courthouses.

#### **Clerk of the Circuit Court Functions**

Please describe any agreements, if any, with the County or municipalities in place to collect and disburse fines, fees and other charges: Click or tap here to enter text.

## **Recorder of Deeds Functions**

Are the fees collected through Recorder of Deeds functions retained solely by the Clerk? Please explain: No.

### **Clerk of the Board Functions**

Are the Clerk of the Board functions separately managed? (i.e., an ex-officio Clerk of the Board or are these functions under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners). Please explain: The Board of County Commissioners appoints a "County Administrator" position that oversees the Board functions.

### **Accountant and Custodian of County Funds Functions**

Have any of these functions been delegated to the County? Please explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Does the Clerk provide accounting services to any of the elected Constitutional Officers? Please explain: No.

What functions does the Clerk perform that directly supports County services (i.e., County Recorder, Clerk of the Board, and County Records Custodian)? Effective 10/1/22, the Clerk will be the County Recorder.

How are investments of County funds managed? (i.e., is the Board or the County Administration consulted, either formally or informally) Please explain: The appointed County Administrator and Board of County Commissioners manage this function.

Is there an agreement in place with the County to process accounts payable or is the work perform solely by Clerk staff? The Clerk only processes accounts payable specific to clerk purchases. The County has its own finance division to handle their accounts payable.

Is there an agreement in place with the County to process payroll or is the work perform solely by Clerk staff? The Clerk only processes payroll specific to clerk employees. The County has its own finance division to handle their payroll functions.

Does the Clerk manage the financial system(s) used by the County? No.

Do the other constitutional officers utilize these same financial system(s) for their operations? No.

## **County Auditor Functions**

Have any of these functions been delegated to the County? Please explain: All county auditor functions are the responsibility of the County.

Are there other County entities, departments or offices that perform auditor-like functions? Please explain: You would need to check with Broward County representatives.

### **Additional Functions**

If any, List Additional Functions Performed Beyond Statutory Duties: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact Person (Name, Title, E-Mail, Phone Number): Dian Diaz, Chief Operating Officer, ddiaz@browardclerk.org, 954-831-6504.

## If available, please attach the following documents with your response:

- Table of Organization
- Any Service Agreement(s) with the County
- If applicable, any agreements with other Constitutional Offices
- If applicable, any agreements with other Jurisdictions