LAKE COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS OPENS NEW RECORDS CENTER

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The Lake County Clerk of Courts proudly announces the grand opening of its new Records Center, a significant milestone in the preservation and accessibility of historical and contemporary court records.

The newly inaugurated Records Center, containing court records dating back to the 1800s, encompasses 14 different case types, including civil, criminal, domestic, foreclosures and other real estate matters, murder cases, and sealed records. This initiative marks a transformative step in consolidating records previously housed in four external locations in downtown Painesville. The centralization of these records into one location streamlines the retrieval process enhancing efficiency for the deputy clerks and accessibility for the people.

Records have been meticulously organized in chronological order by case type and year ensuring precise and quick access. This reorganization is especially crucial for our historical records, which are all handwritten and often requested for naturalization purposes aiding in genealogical research and applications for dual citizenship.

The consolidation of court records into a single, comprehensive Records Center facility also provides a cost-savings benefit by eliminating the need to lease three separate spaces to house records and the Digitization Operation.

The Lake County Clerk of Courts' Public Records Department spearheaded this project with commendable dedication and skill. Once planning was complete and the space was secured, it took only 90 days to consolidate and organize the records. The timely, successful completion of this very important project stands as a testament to their commitment to serving the community and preserving our history.