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## History of Jefferson County, Wisconsin

In 1836 Wisconsin was made a separate territory. Jefferson County was part of Milwaukee County until in 1839 the territorial council officially recognizes Jefferson County and establishes a county government. Prior to the arrival of European settlers Jefferson County was an important location for the Native American population. The area was prized for hunting, fishing, and abundance of wild rice. In 1832 Jefferson County was pivotal in the Black Hawk War. Many prominent individuals, who would later appear on the national stage, including Abraham Lincoln, found their way to Jefferson County during the effort to relocate the Indian Tribes out of Wisconsin.

Once the area was settled, newcomers cleared the land and began farming. Since wheat was the predominant crop, the first major commercial industry was milling. At one time Wisconsin was considered the second largest wheat producing state in the nation. After a series of natural disasters and lack of crop rotation wheat began to decline and farmers were looking for a new agricultural outlet. In 1872 W.D. Hoard formed the Wisconsin Dairyman Association and brought the dairying industry to Jefferson County and throughout the entire state. In 1888 W.D. Hoard served as governor of Wisconsin.

Jefferson County residents have a strong history serving their Country. Local men and women have served since 1860s in the Civil War and in every conflict to follow including the Middle East Conflicts.

Over the years Jefferson County has maintained its strong agricultural ties while developing vibrant urban areas that support a diverse commercial and economic base. At the same time areas around us have become more and more developed. Jefferson County continues its rural heritage and is known for being the “green hole in the donut” while remaining a short drive from the major metropolitan areas of Milwaukee, Madison, Janesville and Chicago.

In 1838, Jefferson County’s population was under 500. By the 1840 census the population had almost doubled to 914. Now in 2014 the population is .

## Administration

The County Administrator’s Office was established in 1969 by the County Board of Supervisors to provide full-time administrative support to the Board and to perform the duties assigned under the general supervision of the Board’s Administrative and Rules Committee. The office consists of the County Administrator and an Administrative Assistant. The Assistant provides support to both the Administrator and to County Board members as needed. Primary responsibilities of the office include: Prepare and submit the annual budget to the County Board; appoint certain department heads and members of certain boards and commissions subject to County Board confirmation; serve as the County’s chief labor negotiator and purchasing agent; coordinate and direct all administrative and management functions of County government not vested by law in boards; and approve the hiring, promotion and discipline of most county employees.

## **Central Services**

This department functions under the direction of the Maintenance Manager, who is appointed by the County Administrator. Policy guidance for capital projects is provided by the Infrastructure Committee. The department is charged with the responsibility of the care and maintenance of all mechanical operations of the County Courthouse, MIS facility, County Jail and Sheriff Department buildings. The sorting, dispatching and delivery of mail and the operation of the postage meter are provided by this department.

The department also provides snow removal and building maintenance services; handles fundamental repair; carpentry and electrical services to buildings under its care; arranges and equips conference rooms with needed chairs, tables, etc.; issues keys for rooms and buildings under established policies; requisitions needed supplies necessary to carry out proper maintenance of buildings; and maintains telephone communications systems for Courthouse.

## **Child Support**

The Jefferson County Child Support Agency makes the following services available to the families of Jefferson County: Establishment of court orders requiring parents to pay child support and to provide health care coverage for their child(ren); establishment of paternity (legal fatherhood); location of absent parents and assets as necessary to establish, enforce and collect child support and health insurance obligations; and enforcement of child support and health insurance orders through administrative, civil, interstate and criminal actions as necessary to collect court ordered support.

## **Circuit Court Judges**

The Jefferson County Circuit Court is a general jurisdiction, state-level trial court. It is part of Wisconsin's Third Judicial District. Jefferson County has four Circuit Court Branch Judges, each of whom is assigned to hear specific case types on a rotating, three-year case assignment system. Two Judges are assigned to hear criminal and traffic cases, one Judge hears civil and family cases and the remaining Judge hears juvenile, probate, small claims and other miscellaneous case types. One of the four judges is appointed to the position of presiding Judge, which is basically the administrative head of the Jefferson County Circuit Court. The Circuit Court Judges are staffed by four court reporters, three judicial assistants, the Clerk of Court's Office staff and the Register in Probate.

The judges are elected, non-partisan, State Constitutional Officers, serving staggered six-year terms. The Judges and their court reporters are state employees, as are the attorneys in the offices of the District Attorney and State Public Defender. Other Jefferson County Courthouse personnel are employees of Jefferson County. The Jefferson County Circuit Court Judges regularly speak to students about the legal system and host law-related, educational events for students in the Jefferson County Courthouse. All public and private schools are invited and encouraged to participate. Inquiry may be made to the Clerk of Court for details and registration information.

## **Clerk of Courts & Register of Probate**

The Clerk of Circuit Courts is a constitutional officer elected to a four year term on the same cycle as the governor. The Register in Probate/Juvenile Clerk are appointments made by the Circuit Court Judges. For efficiency and fiscally prudent reasons, the judges have appointed the Clerk of Circuit Court as the Register in Probate and Juvenile Clerk – forming one department head over all court related offices. The judges also agreed to bring the Family Court Commissioner's office under the umbrella of the Clerk of Circuit Court for budgetary and staffing issues. Thereby, all court related offices are under one budget, one department head.

Authorization for the Clerk of Court's office is listed under Wis. Stats. Secs. 59.40 and 753.30 and Supreme Court Rule Chapter 72. These require that the Clerk of Circuit Court maintain records of all documents filed with the courts, keep a record of court proceedings and collect various fees, fines and forfeitures ordered by the court or specified by statute. Attend court and take minutes of each hearing before the circuit court. The Clerk of Circuit Court also must establish and promote procedures for reasonable access to court records as well as maintain the confidentiality of records as set forth by the statute and court order. The Clerk of Circuit Court, assisted by deputies, keeps the records and performs the duties for civil, criminal, traffic, family and small claims matters in Circuit Court. Judgments, liens, and tax warrants are also filed in this office. By statute the Clerk is responsible for the administration of juries. All fines and forfeitures are paid through the Clerk of Court's office.

As the appointed Register in Probate/Juvenile Clerk, the Clerk is also responsible for keeping all records in those cases according to statutes and rules; assigning staff to manage the day to day

## **Corporation Counsel**

In 1959, the County Board created the position of the Corporation Counsel. Some of the specific areas of responsibilities are as follows. When authorized and directed by the County Administrator, act as Assistant County Administrator and provide direct supervision over certain County departments heads. Attend all meetings of the County Board and render legal advice and opinion to the County Board and various committees. Prepare resolutions, ordinances, and reports as requested by County Board members or County Administrator. Receive and answer requests for opinions and advice concerning powers and duties from County officers and employees. Assist the Planning and Zoning Department in the enforcement of zoning and sanitation laws, including the trial of contested matters. Acquire highway right of way through voluntary purchase and condemnation. Assist in the preparation of bids and contracts for public work projects or for services rendered to the County. Assist the County Administrator in labor negotiations, grievances and other personnel matters. Handle claims and suits against the County, including assisting the County's liability insurance carriers in the defense of claims and suits. Collect delinquent taxes and foreclosure of real estate tax liens. Legal counsel for County in mental commitments and guardianship proceedings, and provide legal services to the Child Support office.

## **County Board of Supervisors**

The County legislating body is the County Board of Supervisors. The Board is made up of 30 supervisors elected from supervisory districts determined after the census conducted every ten years. Each district has relatively equal number of residents in an effort to maintain the doctrine of one-man one vote. Supervisors are appointed to committees by the County Board Chairman, and generally serve on at least two committees but no more than three, in addition to the monthly full Board meeting usually held on the second Tuesday evening of each month.

The general powers of the Board are many in number, Which shall be broadly and liberally construed and limited only by express language: In summary they are to: Manage, operate, sell, buy and maintain all county owned property; enact ordinances authorized by statute; set salaries of County employees, rules, and fringe benefits involved; develop a budget each year and provide for a tax levy; delegate the use of revenue for County Government costs; transfer funds during the year; borrow by bond issue or other means for construction of facilities and County needs deemed necessary; examine and settle all accounts of the County and all claims demands, or causes of action against the County; prescribe the form and manner of keeping the records in any County office and the accounts of County officers and designation of depositories; and join with the state other counties or municipalities in cooperative arrangements as provided by law.

## **County Clerk**

This department functions under the direction of the County Clerk who is an elected official. The County Clerk's office performs a variety of tasks, both statutorily required and not required, including: act as Clerk at all County Board meetings, apportion State and County taxes together with special charges to the municipal town/village/city clerks by December 1st of each year, prepare and distribute ballots and the canvass/return of votes in all elections, print elections notices in newspapers, provide services to 13 towns/village/cities under the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS), and program voting machines for both standard and handicapped accessible machines.

Other tasks of the Clerk's office are to issue marriage, domestic partnership, dog, and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) licenses including ATV, Snowmobile and Boat Registration, issue temporary auto/truck license plates, issue passports & passport photos, and issue property tax deeds and sign deeds transferring County property.

## **County Treasurer**

This department functions under the direction of the County Treasurer who is an elected official. Areas of responsibility include receiving moneys from all sources belonging to the County and all other moneys by statutes or county ordinances. Keep a true and correct account of the receipt and expenditure of all moneys, which come into his/her hands by virtue of his/her office in books kept therefore; deposit all money received from departments and all receipts collected on a daily basis; oversee the recording of real estate and personal property tax payments made to county municipalities; prepares and reviews tax rolls; post payments and prepares balance sheets for amounts due to tax levying jurisdictions; maintain records for professionals and the general public on back and current taxes; foreclose on tax delinquent property; perform all other duties required by law.

## **District Attorney**

The District Attorney administers prosecution on behalf of the State of Wisconsin and Jefferson County at all stages of criminal, traffic, juvenile delinquency, children in need of protection or services, conservation code violations, wage claims, county ordinance violations and forfeiture actions.

Other areas of responsibility include advising law enforcement officers on cases under investigation, deciding what charges shall be brought against accused persons and representing the state or county in court. The District Attorney is also the legal advisor to the Sheriff, municipal chiefs of police, officers serving this county, including the Wisconsin State Patrol and other government officials who periodically make inquiries of the District Attorney.

## **Economic Development Consortium**

The Jefferson County Economic Development Consortium (JCEDC) is Jefferson County's lead economic development agency. The organization's mission is to foster and encourage responsible economic development activities that result in job creation, job retention, increased tax base and an improved quality of life for the citizens of Jefferson County. The department reports its activities in its annual report to the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors and continues to meet monthly with its board of directors. The Director continues in implementing programs in furtherance of its goals which include: enhancing economic development activities in local communities including disaster recovery activities such as flood recovery; and fostering development of a physical infrastructure to support future economic development.

## **Emergency Management**

The Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management functions under the direction of the Jefferson County Sheriff, with policy guidance of the Jefferson County Board's Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee. The Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management provides a comprehensive and integrated emergency management program designed to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, recover from, and lessen the impact of the effects of natural and technological hazards. The office also implements and administers the planning and reporting requirements for hazardous substances used by business, industry and government under the auspices of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act. Planning, training, conducting drills, testing equipment and coordinating activities with communities and first responders are all necessary functions to protect the welfare, safety and health of all Jefferson County citizens.

## **Fair Park**

The Fair Park is a valuable resource for the people of Jefferson County for local events, fundraisers and as a regional meeting center. Between 4-H meetings, 32 Interdepartmental events and more than 170 paid events, the Fair Park is a busy place. Events bring in valuable dollars to the County in the form of sales tax revenues and customers for local businesses. The Fair Park objective is to provide a first-rate facility at a reasonable cost, with excellent service to its tenants.

The Jefferson County Fair remains a showcase for youth and adults of the county and this region's agricultural heritage. The Fair Park staff strives to provide quality entertainment at good value that will assure continued growth of this event to benefit county residents and visitors. Shows at the Fair Park bring in thousands of people from outside the area. The events fill many of the area hotels and motels and create valuable business traffic for stores and restaurants generating sales tax dollars and producing jobs for Jefferson County.

## **Family Court Commissioner & Services**

The Jefferson County Family Court Offices consist of one state employed Circuit Court Judge, court reporter, and the following county employed individuals: one full-time Family Court Commissioner, two part-time Family Court Commissioners, two full-time Court Counseling Services Counselors and Clerk of Court's office staff. These individuals serve the citizens of Jefferson County by providing prompt and effective family court related mediation, counseling and adjudication services.

## **Finance Department**

The variety of tasks performed by the Finance Department includes, but is not limited to: payroll check calculation/preparation and related general ledger postings; quarterly/annual payroll tax return preparation and employee W-2 issuance; issue 1099s for purchases throughout the entire County; preparation of required and/or requested fiscal reports (federal, state, county, and internal); preparation of annual financial informational return to Wisconsin Department of Revenue; advise and direct County Board, Administration, other departments, and other interested parties regarding financial records; internal auditing; monitor and interpret changes in Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, state/federal laws, and any other applicable laws/regulations. Also, this department serves to develop, monitor, direct, and modify the accounting system for all departments according to internal policies and Governmental Accounting Standards Board pronouncements; advise and consult with departments in coordination of achieving Administration budgetary goals; and oversee use of financial software including the following modules: general ledger, accounts payable, payroll, budgeting, fixed assets.



## **Health Department**

This department functions under the direction of the Director of Health/Health Officer, who is appointed by the County Administrator. Policy guidance is provided by the County Board of Health. The mission of Jefferson County Health Department is to protect and promote health for all citizens of Jefferson County through the primary prevention of disease, disability and death. Wisconsin's Local Health Departments are governed by Wisconsin Statutes 250 - 255 and Administrative Rules. Many other state statutes and administrative rules provide responsibility and authority for public health and environmental health services.

## **Highway Department**

The Jefferson County Highway Department's mission is to provide a safe and efficient transportation system within the County that promotes economic viability for commerce and travel. The Highway Department provides vital services including winter maintenance, summer maintenance, and emergency on-call operations on 180 miles of state and interstate highways, 258 miles of county highways, and 100 miles of town roads. One of the main objectives of the Highway Department is to safeguard the County's investment in \$86 million dollars of public infrastructure, including the roadways, drainage systems, bridges, and highway right-of-way. The Highway Department also provides support and technical assistance to other government agencies in Jefferson County to preserve and improve Jefferson County's infrastructure.

## **Human Resources**

The Human Resources Department performs a variety of functions affecting all Jefferson County employees and retirees, including employment services, position management, compensation and benefits administration, staff training and development, employment law compliance and employee relations for a population of over 550 employees. Maintains knowledge of current Federal and State laws regarding employment practices and ensures compliance. Attends seminars and training as needed to assure knowledge is up-to-date. The Human Resources Director is designated as the County's EEO Officer and the Benefits Administrator as the HIPAA Privacy Officer. Supervises and participates in recruitment, interviewing, testing, selection, orientation and evaluations of all employees, including advertising, reference checks and employment verifications. Develops and recommends changes to the County's Human Resources and general administrative policies. Attends and participates in committee meetings. Represents the County in Human Resource interests to outside agencies. Monitors the compensation plan through employee wage and salary surveys, schedules and reports, wage studies, and reclassification process. Prepares salary and fringe benefits portion of budgets for all departments in the Courthouse, Fair, Parks, UW Extension, MIS and the Sheriff's Office.

## **Human Services**

The Jefferson County Human Services Department serves county residents with a variety of needs. The department is organized into five divisions. The Economic Support Division provides resources for low income households and those experiencing financial loss. The Behavioral Health Division provides a full array of mental health and substance abuse services for consumers of all ages. The Child and Family Division provides a number of services for children and their families which include early intervention for children ages birth to three who may be experiencing delays; children's' long term waivers; juvenile justice programs, and child abuse and neglect investigations and ongoing support. The Aging and Disability Resource Center Division provides services for people who are elderly or disabled. Our Administrative Services Division provides all the maintenance, support and fiscal duties required to operate the department. We welcome the opportunity to discuss our programs.

## **Land & Water Conservation**

Since 1946, Jefferson County has been providing assistance to landowners to protect our soil and water quality. In 1982, the County officially established the Jefferson County Land and Water Conservation Department. The department has been charged with administering state statutes and county ordinances all leading to the conservation and protection of our natural resources. The department administers a multitude of programs including, but not limited to: Conservation Farm Planning; Livestock Siting; Farmland Preservation\Working Lands Initiative; Non-Metallic Mining; Tree Seedling Program; Animal Waste Ordinances; Habitat development; and a variety of educational programming.

## **Land Information Office**

The Land Information Office has three main areas of responsibility that include Real Property Listing, Land Records Modernization and Land Surveying. The Real Property Lister (RPL) is responsible for maintaining land title information on all properties in the County. The primary purpose of this ownership database is the production of assessment rolls, tax rolls and bills. Accurate information on land ownership is essential to sustain the property tax base and economic activity related to real estate.

The Land Records Modernization Program has propelled County investments in technology like Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Document Imaging, and Global Positioning Systems (GPS). GIS is used to organize, display and query land related data such as aerial photography, property ownership, automobile crashes, fire districts, voting districts and more. The Cartographer uses GIS to produce road maps and several other informational brochures on recreational opportunities. Paper based land records like deeds, mortgages, surveys and permits have been digitized and stored in the document imaging system creating efficiencies in storage, retrieval and archiving. Much of the land information maintained in these systems is available on the County website.

The County Land Surveyor utilizes high accuracy GPS in the maintenance of over 2,000 government survey monuments. These government survey monuments are the foundation of the land ownership boundary system. The Land Surveyor also performs road construction and boundary surveys for several other County departments.

## **Management Information Systems (MIS)**

The MIS Department is responsible for installation, upgrade, maintenance, support, networking and training on desktop computers, laptop computers, servers, telephones, voicemail boxes, and cell phones. The MIS Department serves Jefferson County's computing needs, including: One-on-One Technical Assistance; Computer Software Training Classes; On-site Hardware and Software support; 24/7 on-call support for Sheriff's Department; Needs Assessment; PC/Network Setup and Design; Web support; and Form Design. The MIS Department performs software maintenance and custom enhancements to the following: Oracle (JD Edwards), Land Records, Register of Deeds, Human Services, Zoning, UW-Extension, Highway, Treasurer, County Clerk, and Human Resources. The Central Duplication office of MIS is responsible for: maintaining inventory and stocking limited office supplies for all county departments; providing high speed, high volume printing for all county departments; and copying numerous court files for private attorneys for a fee. Copying and binding services are also provided to Jefferson County municipalities for a fee.

## **Medical Examiner**

In the State of Wisconsin, a Medical Examiner or Coroner is responsible for investigating deaths in the county of jurisdiction under Wisconsin State Statute 979. Counties may choose to operate as a "Medical Examiner system" or "Coroner system". Jefferson County operates as a "Medical Examiner system" in which a non-physician Medical Examiner is appointed by the County Board of Supervisors. The Medical Examiner has the specific responsibilities of investigating deaths pursuant to State Statute 979, ordering autopsies and/or further testing, determining cause and manner of death, providing expert witness testimony, maintaining statistics, and reporting deaths to appropriate agencies. Autopsies are conducted by a contracted board-certified forensic pathologist. Addi-

## **Parks Department**

The Jefferson County Parks Department's mission is to preserve natural resources for public use and conservation; to operate and maintain a parks system with resource oriented recreation, trails and specialty parks; and to expand the parks system for environmental and land use benefits and the health and enjoyment of Jefferson County residents. The parks range in size from very small, to well over 500 acres in size. The largest is Dorothy Carnes County Park located on Rose Lake, one mile from Fort Atkinson. Due to the amazing natural resources present at the site, the park is also designated as a Wisconsin State Natural Area. Specialty parks include the Garman Nature Preserve in Waterloo, Indian Mounds and Trail Park in the Town of Koshkonong, and the Jefferson County Dog Park, located just south of Johnson Creek. The dog park is the highest rated dog park in Wisconsin, and ranked in the top 40 in the United States.

## Planning & Zoning

The Planning and Zoning Department is responsible for the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan which includes the Jefferson County Agricultural and Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance, involving state regulations in Wisconsin Administrative Rules; Private Sewage System Ordinance; the Floodplain Ordinance; Shoreland/Wetland Ordinance; Land Division/Subdivision Ordinance; Clean Sweeps, with their educational component for the Solid Waste Program; and Wisconsin Fund Grant Program and Private On-Site Waste Treatment System (POWTS) maintenance. These programs are administered with a staff of six and the involvement of the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, Planning and Zoning Committee, Corporation Counsel and federal and state agencies including the Federal Emergency Management Agency, US Army Corps of Engineers, US Fish and Wildlife Service, State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Department of Commerce, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and Department of Administration. Most of these programs, plans and ordinances are mandated by the Federal and State governments.

## Register of Deeds

The office of the Register of Deeds (ROD) was established in 1836 to handle land registration. The 1848 Wisconsin constitution established the Register of Deeds as a permanent element of the county-level government structure. The department is charged with administering state statutes and county ordinances thus protecting the property rights and vital records of its county citizens.

The ROD files, records and issues instruments and documents of significance to both the community as a whole and to its individual citizens. The filing or recording of various legal documents with the ROD is a way of putting the world on notice that something important has happened or will happen. These functions are necessary for the issuance of deeds, home mortgages, business loans, and the sale of real estate. The ROD is the custodian and is responsible for the preservation of all recorded real estate records. It is an excellent place to research the history of a piece of property or for family heritage.

The office is also responsible for issuing vital records including birth, marriage, domestic partnership, death and DD214 military discharges. Other types of documents recorded in the office include, federal tax lien notices, security interests in person property, consisting of timber to be cut, index notices of hazardous waste disposal facilities, marital property agreements, mineral claims and non-profit articles of incorporation, etc.

## **Sheriff's Office**

The primary responsibility of the Sheriff and his deputies is the protection and preservation of life, liberty, and property. They will do this while enforcing the Constitution and Laws of the United States, The Constitution and Laws of the State of Wisconsin, and the laws of the County of Jefferson.

To accomplish these goals, the Sheriff has a varied force of sworn and non-sworn personnel. The Sheriff has a 9-1-1 Dispatch Center. There is a uniformed Patrol Division to answer calls for police service, either serious or minor. The Investigative Division handles investigations of crimes against persons or property and drug investigation. The Jail Division handles the persons incarcerated by the various court systems. The Support Services Division handles court security; transports of inmates between various institutions and the Circuit Courts; and is responsible for the service and enforcement of the judgments and documents of our court system. A support staff of secretaries, Clerks, Bookkeeper, Tele-Communicators, Cooks, Maintenance Personnel, Custodians and Mechanic keep the operation running smoothly. The Supervisory Staff of the Sheriff's Office consists of the Sheriff, Chief Deputy, Captains, Sergeants and Kitchen and Communications Supervisors. It is the responsibility of this staff to supervise all operations, manage resources and coordinate efforts of all services available within the Sheriff's Office to the general public.

## **UW- Extension**

The mission of University of Wisconsin (UW) Extension is to help the people of Wisconsin apply University research, knowledge and resources to meet their educational needs wherever they live and work. The UW-Extension, Jefferson County Office, as authorized by Wisconsin Statute 59.87, is a local source of research, knowledge and resources from the entire University of Wisconsin system. The professional staff consists of four agents who are University faculty members, jointly employed by Jefferson County and the State of Wisconsin. Each staff member possesses specific subject matter knowledge and training and provides educational programs and services. The salary of the agents is shared, with the county contributing 40 percent and the State and Federal governments providing 60 percent. UW-Extension is "The University of Wisconsin In Your Community!" The University Extension Education Committee, as a committee of the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, provides guidance for the development and evaluation of UW-Extension programs.

## **Veterans Services**

Chapter 45 of the WI Statutes requires each county to have a County Veterans Service Officer and establishes duties of the Veterans Service Officer. All Jefferson County resident veterans and their dependents may receive assistance through provided Veterans' Services. This office provides information on and processes applications for both state and federal benefits such as compensation, pension, hospitalization, vocational training, educational programs, insurance, hospital, domiciliary care and burial benefits. Veterans and dependents experiencing temporary financial emergencies are assisted with funds from the Veterans Service Commission. Limited transportation of veterans to VA Hospitals is provided through the Human Services Department.

# County Department Telephone Numbers

## (Area Code 920)

Administration	674-7101
Central Duplicating	674-7134
Central Services	674-7198
Child Support	414-615-2587
Clean Sweep Program	674-7430
Clerk of Courts	674-7150
Coroner	674-7119
Corporation Counsel	674-7135
County Clerk	674-7140
Custody & Mediation	674-8659
District Attorney	674-7220
Economic Dev. Cons. (864 Collins Rd)	674-8711
Emergency Mgmt (411 S. Center Ave)	674-7450
Fair Park (503 N. Jackson Ave)	674-7148
Family Court Commissioner	674-7192
Finance	674-7434
Health Department (1541 Annex Rd)	674-7275
Highway Office (141 W. Woolcock St)	674-7390
Highway Shop (141 W. Woolcock St)	674-7265
Human Resources	674-7102
Human Services (1541 Annex Rd)	674-3105
Judge Branch 1	674-7178
Judge Branch 11	674-7151
Judge Branch 111	674-7210
Judge Branch 1V	674-7217
Land & Water Conservation	674-7110
Land Information	674-7254
Management Info System (MIS)	674-2303
Parks	674-7260
Register of Deeds	674-7235

# County Department Telephone Numbers Continued... (Area Code 920)

Register in Probate	674-7245
Sheriff Emergency	911
Sheriff Non-Emergency (411 S Center Ave)	674-7310
Solid Waste	674-7430
State Patrol	674-7327
Surveyor	674-7147
Treasurer	674-7250
UW - Extension - Lower	674-7295
Veterans Services	674-7240
Victim Witness	674-7375
WIC (1541 Annex Rd)	674-7189
Workforce Development	674-7500
Zoning	674-7130
Probation & Parole (State Office) (163 W Rockwell)	674-7840
Public Defender (State Office) (110 W Linden Dr. Ste. B)	674-2800

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## Jefferson County Fair Park

[www.jeffersoncountyfairpark.com](http://www.jeffersoncountyfairpark.com)

# Important Facts About Jefferson County

- ⇒ Jefferson County consists of 583 square miles
- ⇒ Jefferson County Population = 84,352
- ⇒ Jefferson County has 35 Lakes
- ⇒ There are approximately 260 miles of highway that runs through Jefferson County
- ⇒ Jefferson County is home to 20 County Parks
- ⇒ There are 16 towns, 5 villages, and 6 cities in Jefferson County
- ⇒ Jefferson County has 10 major departments employing over 500 people

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