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Lake County Recorder Launches New Land Record Center

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, March 30, 2023 – Lake County Recorder, Becky Lynch reports the new Lake County Land Record Center is open to the public.

The new Land Record Center is compiled of 5,000 books previously stored in three locations on two floors. This new center benefits real estate agents, title examiners, attorneys and all residents of Lake County, and any looking to purchase real estate.

"It just took us a couple years, but we got everything together, brought the 1840 archives over to the new Records Room B and now these historic volumes are more accessible to the public. So far everyone has been appreciative of it," said Lake County Recorder, Becky Lynch.

While the County Recorder gave Commissioner John Plecnik the grand tour of the new Lake County Land Record Center, Commissioner Plecnik asked Recorder Lynch what her favorite book is from the center. Recorder Lynch's favorite book in the center is Deed Record 1(A), which includes the cursively written first deed of Lake County recorded April 16th 1840. The Deed was signed, sealed, acknowledged and delivered to Justice of the Peace A.G. Williams in August of 1837 in Geauga County. Then it became the very first Deed of Lake County. The first land owner by this Deed was Mr. William McDonald.



Recorder Becky Lynch and Commissioner John Plecnik

"The Recorder Department Land Records Center is a wonderful resource for our community. It is a great place to visit if you want to learn about the ancestry of your home, or any home you're looking to purchase. Thank you, Recorder Lynch, for your hard work on this," said Commission President John R. Hamercheck.

"I want to commend our Lake County Recorder, Becky Lynch, for taking the lead on bringing these important resources together in one place to facilitate all of the real estate transactions in Lake County and help our local economy. It was very far sighted of her and we needed her to shepherd the process. Now, to see it from the perspective of a resident, or a title searcher, it's wonderful to have our Land Records Center available as a resource," said Commissioner John Plecnik.

"We thank the Lake County Recorder, Becky Lynch, for all the incredible work done by her and her staff to complete this project and for making it accessible for our community and surrounding areas," said Commissioner Richard J. Regovich.