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Clerk of Courts Remits \$3 Million to County's General Fund

For a third time since 2011, the Clerk of Courts authorized its Auto Title Division to transfer \$3 million to the County's general fund. This transaction from the Certificate of Title Administration Fund (CTAF) to the County will take place at the Board of Commissioners General Session on December 15. Total receipts in the CTAF from January to November, 2015 were up approximately 3% compared to the fund's total for the same time frame in 2014.

"Because of the excellent work and continued focus on being the best choice for title work in Central Ohio, once again our office is able to give back to the County's general fund to support essential County services," stated Clerk Maryellen O'Shaughnessy. This year's transfer brings the Clerk's total of all transfers to \$7.1 million since taking office in 2009. In 2011, \$1.6 million was transferred; 2013 a total of \$2.6 million supplemental appropriation was authorized.

"Clerk O'Shaughnessy has long been a responsible steward of the taxpayers' money," said Franklin County Board of Commissioners President, Marilyn Brown. "She and the outstanding employees at the Clerk's Auto Title Division save the county money even as they provide excellent service for our residents, returning funds that we can then spend on other vital services."

Since 2009, nearly \$1 billion in total cash receipts have been managed through Franklin County's Auto Title Division. Currently, there are four auto title branches operating within Franklin County. Last year 583,267 titles were transacted through those branches.

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The Franklin County Clerk of Courts' functions include: receiving, receipting, managing and retaining all legal documents filed through the Court of Common Pleas; processing vehicular titles; processing U.S. Passport applications; and, recording notaries public's commissions. Staff goals are to be courteous, timely, and accurate in their daily responsibilities