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### **MACOMB COUNTY CLERK TAKES SERVICES ON THE ROAD**

Macomb County Clerk / Register of Deeds Carmella Sabaugh today announced she will provide county clerk services on the road via a “mobile branch office.” Residents needing to conduct county clerk business may now do so close to home for the next two months. Sabaugh will be visiting various locations throughout the county to assist area residents with clerk services.

“My goal is to make county clerk services convenient to the public,” said Sabaugh. “It’s not always easy for working people to get to downtown Mount Clemens during the day, so the mobile office is one way we’re trying to make things easier.”

“This service is especially nice for those of us in the northern end of the county,” said Ray Drummond, a resident of Armada. “It’s nice to know that Carmella Sabaugh is working so hard to make services accessible.”

Sabaugh’s first “mobile office” will be on Friday, April 23, 2004 at the Richmond Public Library, 35200 Division, Richmond from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Mobile office hours will be from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at specified dates and locations so local residents can visit during lunchtime. Locations include public libraries, municipal buildings and community centers. Sabaugh will be conducting mobile office hours through June.

“In the spring we always see an increase in the number of marriage license applications,” said Sabaugh. “Not only will this service make getting a marriage license more convenient, but by letting people do business outside of the office it will reduce the wait for those who still prefer to come to my Mount Clemens office.”

Sabaugh plans to personally offer a wide variety of clerk services in her “mobile office,” including:

- taking requests for certified copies of vital records, such as birth certificates and death certificates
- accepting applications for a marriage license
- accepting applications for business registrations
- registering people to vote
- taking requests for real estate searches and requests for deed copies
- accepting applications for concealed weapons permits
- taking requests for public circuit court documents
- accepting applications for civil service commission

Sabaugh will also bring her mobile office to the following locations:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday, April 26	Washington-Romeo Public Library, 65821 Van Dyke, Washington
Friday, April 30	Shelby Township Public Library, 51680 Van Dyke, Shelby Township
Monday, May 3	Eastpointe Public Library, 15875 Oak Street, Eastpointe
Friday, May 7	Armada Public Library, 73930 Church Street, Armada
Monday, May 10	New Baltimore Public Library, 36480 Main Street, New Baltimore
Friday, May 14	Roseville Parks and Recreation Building, 18185 Sycamore, Roseville
Monday, May 17	Utica Public Library, 7530 Auburn Road, Utica
Friday, May 21	Macomb County Library, 16480 Hall Road, Clinton Township
Monday, May 24	Clinton-Macomb Library, 40900 Romeo Plank, Clinton Township
Friday, June 4	Sterling Heights Public Library, 40255 Dodge Park, Sterling Heights
Monday, June 7	Fraser Public Library, 16330 14 Mile Road, Fraser
Friday, June 11	Warren Parks and Recreation Building, 5460 Arden, Warren
Monday, June 14	St. Clair Shores Public Library, 22500 Eleven Mile, St. Clair Shores

An updated list of times and locations will be posted on Sabaugh’s web site at <http://www.macombcountymi.gov/clerksoffice>.

“There is no additional cost to the taxpayers to provide this higher level of service,” said Sabaugh. “If few people show up, it might simply mean that my evening office hours, 24-hour fax-on-demand system and web site have already made clerk services convenient enough.”

In addition to improving service at the register of deeds, Carmella Sabaugh:

- Last month became the first Michigan county clerk to offer evening hours. Sabaugh's office is open Wednesdays until 7pm letting people get personal service without having to miss work.
- In June will become the first Michigan clerk to offer free bus rides to and from the courthouse to people summoned for jury duty.
- Allows instant access to copies of real estate deeds and mortgages by putting all county public real estate records on the Internet. This reduces trips to the office.
- Was the first county clerk in Michigan to provide overnight delivery service for birth certificate requests and other vital records. You can now get your records in a hurry.
- Put Macomb County Circuit Court case names, numbers and judges on the Internet making it easy to look up whether or not cases were filed against someone and to find a case number.
- Was the first county clerk in Michigan to launch a toll-free 24-hour fax-on-demand system for forms and information. It even works on nights and weekends when the office is closed.
- Was the first county clerk in Michigan to provide assumed name business registrations and death records on the Internet.
- Enabled the public to initiate an automatic phone call from the clerk's web site.
- Enlisted local amateur radio operators as emergency backup to relay election results on election night.
- Ended potential favoritism by making sure all title companies pay the same fees as the public for real estate records.
- Was the first county clerk in Michigan to make paying easier by accepting credit cards.
- Ended potential "judge shopping" by computerizing random judge selection when lawsuits are filed.
- Stopped cash payments from being made in courtrooms by requiring all payments to be made and logged through the clerk's cashier window.
- Started a Personal Protection Order Assistance Center to help victims of abuse.