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SANFORD – Seminole County’s Clerk’s office remains among the most frugal – and profitable– in the state, according to a county-by-county comparison released this week by Clerk of the Circuit Court Maryanne Morse.

Her office ranked 5th in raw dollars returned among Florida’s 47 fee-based clerks’ offices, and 8th in percentage profit. But only Indian River County (population 121,174), Volusia County (population 470,770) and “big sister” Orange County (population 983,165) spent less per capita than did Mrs. Morse. In all, the Seminole County Clerk’s Office generated \$2,163,580.00 in profits – or “excess fees” – in fiscal year 2004, on revenues of \$12,440,281.00. The return on investment was 17.3 percent; per capita expenditures, \$26.02.

The Orange County Clerk’s office led with the least: \$13.86 per capita; Volusia County finished second with \$25.06 and Indian River County third with \$25.43. In contrast, the Walton County Clerk’s Office was the most expensive in the state, with per capita expenses totaling \$59.71.

By law, fee-based clerks’ offices are required to transfer any excess fees to the local boards of county commissioners and the State of Florida at the end of fiscal year 2004. In 16 years in office, Mrs. Morse has generated \$11,891,701.81 in profits.

Mrs. Morse noted that the transfer came from funding several six-figure hardware and software enhancements, including on-line cashiering in traffic and internet access to Official Records Books of the County.

FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL REVENUE	TOTAL PROFITS	RETURN ON INVESTMENT
1989	\$4,969,794.98	\$157,223.31	3.2%
1990	\$5,472,126.31	\$274,023.62	5.0%
1991	\$5,782,539.18	\$257,200.88	4.5%
1992	\$6,383,184.81	\$829,270.70	13.0%
1993	\$6,744,577.34	\$884,756.64	13.2%
1994	\$7,149,125.33	\$1,027,520.17	14.4%
1995	\$6,930,869.20	\$353,723.48	5.1%
1996	\$7,456,844.00	\$448,691.69	6.1%
1997	\$7,595,920.53	\$474,952.59	6.3%
1998	\$8,244,217.13	\$1,076,657.71	13.1%
1999	\$8,948,479.67	\$893,959.74	9.9%
2000	\$8,787,092.16	\$465,215.09	5.3%
2001	\$9,449,391.79	\$425,714.56	4.5%
2002	\$10,304,781.00	\$555,394.00	5.4%
2003	\$11,516,156.42	\$1,603,817.63	13.9%
2004	\$12,440,281.00	\$2,163,580.00	17.3%
TOTAL	\$128,175,380.85	\$11,891,701.81	8.8%